

PVNA General Meeting Minutes

August 18, 2025, 7:00-8:30 pm hybrid at Arte Soleil

Present: Chair, Vice Chair/Treasurer, Secretary, Land Use and 13 members

The Chair read aloud:

Our Agreement

1. **Raise your hand.** When you want to speak or respond to a point, raise your hand and wait for recognition from the meeting chair. This orderly process prevents interruptions and ensures everyone has a chance to speak.
2. **Respect speaking limits** (2 – 3 minutes). To prevent meetings from becoming chaotic, adhere to speaking time limits. Allow others to express their opinions and avoid monopolizing the conversation.
3. **Stay on topic.** Keep discussions relevant to the agenda items. Straying off-topic can prolong meetings unnecessarily and lead to confusion.
4. **Be respectful.** Even in passionate discussions, maintain a respectful tone. Avoid personal attacks or disrespectful language. Understand that differing viewpoints are natural and should be acknowledged respectfully.
5. **Listen actively.** Pay attention when others are speaking. This shows respect and can prevent misunderstandings. Acknowledge others' perspectives, even if you disagree.

Welcome District 1 Councilor Loretta Smith, whose new office opened August 15th at Gateway Discovery Park, 10520 NE Halsey Street

• Questions for Councilor Smith:

Q: With financial resources being depleted, two major concerns for our neighborhood are medical services and food shortages. Can you tell us what resources we might be able to advertise and/or assist with?

A: Councilor Smith shared that there is a Municipal Grocery Store in Chicago that was paid for with city funds. She said that Prosper Portland has \$65 to \$68 million left and maybe this could be allocated towards a similar concept. We discussed using our schools as food distribution points and Fred Meyer's departure from the Gateway area. Ideas tossed around include private equity groups, EPAP, Prosper Portland and others are supposed to be helping with market rate housing and livability issues. Also that we need a united business vision, perhaps there could be a study to determine where grocery stores are needed, and locate entrepreneurs to make it happen. The question was raised as to why these businesses are leaving the area. Councilor Smith said because of theft, lack of safety and homelessness making it difficult to attract customers and run a profitable business. It was also pointed out that the average household income in District 1 is \$60k, whereas Districts 2 and 3 have an average household income of \$90k.

Q: Are there any traveling medical facilities?

A: She mentioned CHAT, PDX Street Response and Multnomah County clinics. She will get back to us with more information about street medical facilities.

Treasurer's Report: \$3758 minus postcard expenses \$1654 leaves \$2103.93. PVNA was approved for a \$5000 Metro Refresh Grant to be used for our Dumpster Day on 9/13/25.

Land Use Report: a Type 2 proposal for 17094 SE Manley St says there are not enough windows for the corner lot. The Chair said that she never saw a permit pulled for putting a house on that lot. If PVNA comments to the City there are no fees added, whereas if an individual comments there are fees. Let's work together through the PVNA!

Annual Meeting: The next General Meeting will also be the Annual Meeting in which the Board is elected. Information will be sent out prior to the meeting on how to participate.

PBOT news - PBOT developed a comprehensive plan to improve safety along 122nd Avenue, and has several funded projects to address the plan recommendations (for more information, visit 122ndaveprojects@portlandoregon.gov).

Updates:

- *Postcard* sent to CNN for printing and mailing on August 4th, with QR code that links to the survey on Google, it is in English only for this first communication.
- *Website* - Dist 1 Coalition has a contractor who is helping us design a logo and website

Events debrief:

- *Johnson Creek Annual Cleanup* on August 16th had 168 people show up to help. The JC watershed is 26 square miles and other than the Willamette, is the most important watershed in Portland. One member who has participated in the cleanup for 4 years in a row wants our councilors to continue to steward this gem. The restoration of JC downstream of 82nd St. is not going well, as the worst problem is the number of houseless people who throw in tents, sleeping bags, grocery carts, batteries and tons of needles. Several people do not feel as if any headway is being made in the places where they have worked. They said that setbacks were needed to protect the creek.
- *Arts Alive* - Community Art Celebration on August 16 was delightful, a sweet, well-run neighborhood event with welcoming hosts and vendors that we would like to continue to support. PVNA had a table with the theme and activity, Weaving our Community Together. Jamie Dunphy came, made a red and gold weaving, shared some words with the crowd and met folks.

Upcoming Events:

- *PVNA Happy Hour at Golden Dynasty*, 11128 SE Foster Road, Thursday August 28th, 4 – 6 PM.

- *Dumpster Day*, Saturday September 13th at Chop Chop Food Pod Court @ SE 174th and SE Powell Blvd

Motion to adjourn meeting.