



The Bigelow Neighborhood Association

Minutes for October 14, 2025 BNA Meeting

Present:

Jennevieve Schlemmer, co-president
Peggy O'Keefe, co-president
Michelle Reynolds, vice president
Barb Laforge, treasurer
Robby McClellan, secretary
Debra Walter, member-at-large
Britt Madsen, member-at-large

Agenda:

1. Grants
2. Budget update
3. October Springs Cleanup
4. Website and Email
5. Neighborhood concerns/public works
6. Partner organizations
7. Scheduling next meeting

Meeting began at **6:16 pm**

Black text indicates existing agenda item prior to meeting, **Red text indicates new items, updates or information**

1. Matching grant update

1. Survey on NMG process from the city
 - Submission date has passed but BNA will submit feedback for survey

2. Budget update

1. Update from the treasurer
 - Account is in good standing with over 1k balance
 - Suggested that another BNA board member is added to the account

3. October Springs cleanup

1. Flyers
 - Jenn has flyer design prepared
 - Britt to print on bright paper, put in the plastic folders, and put around the neighborhood
2. Email
 - Robby to send out email ASAP about the cleanup
3. Listed on website already

4. Website & Email

1. BLOG:
 - Entry added with august picnic pics
 - Future blog entries: Fall cleanup pics, holiday home tour pics
2. WEBSITE:
 - Old events removed from "upcoming events" page
 - Continue to work on acknowledgement of land/people sections for future
3. Folks from picnic email signup added to mailing list
 - Add Suzanne to mailing list

5. Neighborhood Concerns & Public Works:

1. New curbs, yay!
2. Monitor potential issues with garbage cans
3. Possible new mural on Olympia ave?

6. News from Partner Organizations

1. CNA meeting to review grant

7. Next Meeting

1. 11-11-25 (Veteran's Day)

8. Bonus:

1. Debrief of picnic?

- What could be improved?

1. More advance notice
2. Leaf the entire neighborhood, could do black and white quarter sheets
3. Big yard sign (could retrofit a political type sign) and put it in the yard
4. Announcements earlier in the event, though dependent on when both the neighbors and the city reps show up
5. Add games, cornhole, giant jenga, chalk?
6. Raffle for those who pay dues
7. Hot dogs next year!!!!!!
8. Badges for BNA members that stand out
9. Table with crafts?
10. Better promotion of event in general

- What worked well?

1. Everyone was very engaged with the city and department reps who showed up, so keeping it on National Night Out was probably a net positive (first tuesday in august)
2. Good amount of food, good quality of food
3. Nametags worked well, though we could get ones for BNA board members that stand out more

2. Holiday home tour and/or caroling

- Tour is December 14 from 12-4. Opportunity to do caroling at the same time? Carolers start at bigelow house, down quince, up olympia ave? Or could follow people moving tour to tour.
- Debra and Jenn to reach out to Greg about potential caroling.
- Cookie exchange on a separate day? Could do caroling that day instead?
- Debra et al to consider options ahead of next meeting

Meeting adjourned at 7:42pm

Proposed next meeting: 11-11-25 (Veteran's Day)