



The Bigelow Neighborhood Association

Minutes for April 14, 2026 BNA Meeting

Present:

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

Agenda:

1. Grants
2. Budget
3. Springs Cleanup
4. Website & Email
5. Neighborhood Concerns & Public Works
6. News from Partner Orgs
7. Parking lot

Meeting began at **6:05pm**

1. Matching grant update

1. Grant awarded to BNA by city! Award goes toward:
 - 10 reusable yard signs: 5 for Bigelow Springs biannual work party, 5 for annual block party. Robby to draft design and send for feedback.
 - A tri-fold newsletter (printed using city machines) to mail to every resident in the neighborhood to apprise them of the neighborhood association, upcoming events such as the block party, and more. To be mailed out in July.
 - A 12-page zine about local emergency preparedness awareness with a centerfold specific to BNA but available to other RNAs. To be printed and mailed through minuteman and mailed after the block party. Grant subcommittee to research more content.

2. Budget update

1. Barb submitted annual finance report.
2. Account balance of ~\$1200 is unchanged from previous budget report.
3. Jennevieve proposed and BNA voted on making dues donation-based for 2026 onward.

3. Bigelow Springs

1. May 23. Ten to noon. Jennifer and parks dept to assist and let us know what to work on. City will bring supplies but we could let folks know to bring gloves.

4. Website & Email

1. EMAIL: Robby to build May email update with:
 - Info about May springs cleanup
 - Upcoming events in neighborhood area (bigelow house, Roosevelt elem, procession)
 - Co-pres Jennevieve recommends plug for eufy home camera system
 - Save the date for block party/National Night Out
2. WEBSITE: Remove old events from "upcoming events" page

5. Neighborhood Concerns & Public Works:

1. New neighborhood signs for next year's grant cycle. Advised to ask Greg Rollin if we pursue this in the future, as he spearheaded previous efforts.
2. Increased squatter and trash activity at houses near east bay - Peggy provided an update. The activity has been an ongoing issue but future residential development in that area is likely to change this.

6. News from Partner Organizations

1. Jennevieve saw sidewalk survey presentation at CNA meeting

2. She will try to send out Zoom links for BNA board for future meetings
7. **Parking lot:** Digitizing records, Bigelow house picnic, Movie night, possible talk from Steve's contact at the port, charitable or volunteer event for BNA residents

Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm

Next Meeting - Tuesday, June 16th, 2026