# The Bigelow Neighborhood Association

**Minutes for May 6, 2025 BNA Meeting**

**Present:**
Jennevieve Schlemmer, co-president
Michelle Reynolds, vice president
Robby McClellan, secretary
Barb LaForge, treasurer

**Agenda:**
1. Matching grants
2. Website update
3. Springs cleanup
4. Annual Meeting/Block Party
5. Partner organizations
6. Public Works

**Meeting began at 6:00 pm**

1. **Matching grant update**
    1. Grant not funded: what are our next steps?
        1. Letter of complaint?
            Robby to learn more and draft letter, have Peggy review
        2. Provide feedback at council meeting?
2. **Website update**
    1. Heritage commission currently reviewing our FAQ/restoration/preservation pages
    2. Request sent to Squaxin and Nisqually tribes regarding history pages
    3. Blog entry about Springs cleanup for News page, feature in next email newsletter
    4. Safety page information still needed
        1. Info or phone numbers needed for: liaison officer, police dispatch, code enforcement, graffiti, CRU, mental health supports/resources, substance/rehab support
            Michelle to gather extra information about mental health info/resources to add
            Barb to send along downtown pamphlet numbers for local safety
        2. New construction map, Olympia crime map?
    5. Goal is to publish by late spring/early summer
3. **Springs cleanup**
    1. Debrief - what went well/didn't work well?
            Archeology/artifact/privy talk was interesting
            Cleanup was well-attended, some helpers were from outside the neighborhood
            BNA has a good partnership with Jennifer
            Schedule a second one for fall? Peggy could reach out as she has a relationship with them
            Clarify for the next one that it's only 10-12pm
4. **Annual Meeting/block party planning - Aug 5, National Night Out**
    1. Board business, collect member dues, collect emails, advertise website
            Police presence prob only necessary if we have a liaison officer
            PIPE (prevention education) – outreach representative could also possibly attend
            Jennevieve will make account to apply for permit to close street in the city portal
            No elections required, but great opportunity to potentially recruit members-at-large

5. **Partner Orgs:**
    1. Discuss ONNA: What level of participation do we have bandwidth for?
        ONNA appears to be more about driving big change and boots on the ground
        BNA's goal currently is outreach, getting back to the level of engagement we had before Covid.
        Limited bandwidth for current board/community members to pursue additional projects
        Michelle to invite Peter from ONNA to a future meeting to talk about projects
        ONNA could offer some advice or resources for a smaller association
    2. Bigelow House:
        Get photos from school visit May 16, stay in touch with Greg for future collaboration
    3. CNA, City Council - next meeting date?
        Jennevieve to check in to see date of next CNA meeting
6. **Public Works:**
    1. Graffiti cleanup - does graffiti on Olympia ave constitute code violation?
        Yes, but without cooperation or interest in removing from nearby residents, we will not report
        Have spray paint available to address small instances of graffiti around the neighborhood
        Continue to log graffiti (include photo/date) by using city email

**Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm**

**Proposed next meeting: July 8 or 15**

**Possible future meeting topics:**
- Zoning concerns, caroling, historic signage, street banners, bulk mailing to residents, garden and park improvements, orchard, murals, traffic improvements