

BAYSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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The Bayside Neighborhood Association (BNA) brings members of the Bayside community together. BNA brings conversations about Bayside to Bayside and to the greater community in a way that organizes, informs, and empowers residents, social service and other organizations, local businesses, and city representatives to form meaningful and long-term partnerships. BNA preserves and promotes safety, multi-cultural diversity, housing, and carefully planned social, economic, and physical development in this unique urban community.

BNA Monthly Board Meeting

Date: April 1, 2025

Location: In person at Steve Hirshon Community Room, 24 Stone St

Board members present:

Colette Bouchard

Jim Hall

Alex Landry

Susan McCloskey

Rob Sylvain

Deborah Van Hoewyk

Present

Sarah Michniewicz

(Immediate Past President)

Ex-Officio members present

Betsy Boyd – Portland Downtown

Ex-Officio members not present:

Board members not present: (None)

(None)

Other attendees:

Dan Knight (Sr. Lead Officer,
Portland Police Department)

Jen Rogers (Community Policing
Coordinator)

Henry Myer (Director Preble Street
Wellness Shelter & Outreach
Collaborative)

Amelia Labreck (chair,
Developments Team)

Tom Blackburn (Bayside resident
and former BNA Treasurer)

Handouts: Agenda, BNA March meeting minutes, “Live Nation Statement,” “BNA Teams Reports 4.1.25,” “BNA Membership Policy,” “Nominating and Election Procedures – proposed changes 4.1.25,” “BNA Bylaws – Final Proposal 4.1.25,”

Topic	Discussion	Action Items
Meeting minutes (Rob Sylvain)	March meeting minutes were accepted.	
Letter re new proposed music venue (Rob Sylvain)	BNA was mentioned in the packet to Planning Board, and it said that the developers went to BNA, and people were “excited.” There has been some pressure for BNA make a statement about the new proposed 3,300-seat Portland Music Hall by Live Nation and Mile Marker Investments at the corner of Cumberland Ave and Myrtle St. Rob asked Amelia Labreck, chair of Developments Team, to write something that reflects different viewpoints while reinforcing BNA’s core principles.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rob will revise letter and send to Todd Goldenfarb and post it on BNA website.

	<p>Amelia's letter says that Bayside residents and business owners are concerned about traffic congestion and dwindling street parking.</p> <p>Board voted to approve the letter with amendment to revise first sentence to read, "The Bayside Neighborhood Association is committed to responsible development in our neighborhood." Sarah abstained in the vote.</p> <p>Rob will send the revised letter to Todd Goldenfarb of Mile Marker Investments and put it on BNA website.</p> <p>Jim said there will be another Planning Board workshop on the project, and then it will be up for a vote.</p>	
217-unit building proposed (Amelia Labreck)	<p>Port Property wants to demolish the brick building (includes mental health crisis space at 62 Elm St and Health Care for the Homeless, 63 Preble St) behind the parking garage and build 10-story building with 217 residential units and ground-level retail. Neighborhood meeting is now. A lot of people were not aware of the meeting.</p>	
Teams Report (Rob Sylvain)	<p>Board approved March Teams Report.</p>	
Social Services update (Henry Myer)	<p>A person who was in Elena's Way moved into housing about a week ago. The area has been sometimes very busy and sometimes not. Housing vouchers are not available. Hope House has \$1 million deficit and Elena's Way has \$1.4 million deficit. Funding cuts seem to be coming. Preble Street and other agencies do depend a lot on federal funding.</p>	
Community Policing update (Dan Knight)	<p>Things seem to be picking up a little bit. Police try to move people along.</p> <p>Community Policing Office is expanding its space!</p>	
Membership Policy (Jim Hall)	<p>We didn't have a policy so we cobbled one together, mostly from what has been in Bylaws. We just want it to comply with requirement. It's a work in progress.</p> <p>Board approved Membership Policy.</p>	

<p>Amendments to Bylaws (Jim Hall)</p>	<p>We would like to amend Bylaws. One main change is revised election process (individual candidates must receive a majority of “yes” votes from valid ballots cast, and are elected to open seats from most to least votes until seats are filled). Other main changes are to have Board elect President and Organization seats, insert new mission statement, and shift some detailed requirements and processes from bylaws into a policy document (board residency requirements, board size, schedule for alternating board slates, handling of ties, etc.).</p> <p>Alex said he thinks that 2/3 residents on Board is a high bar. He suggested that one-half plus one is more realistic. Sarah said 2/3 residents requirement is needed because residents’ point of view has been ignored too much in Bayside. Other Board members expressed that 2/3 ratio is fine for now.</p> <p>We need to publish the wording of amendments and announce Annual Meeting.</p> <p>Board voted in favor of Bylaws Amendments.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Colette will reserve an ad that announces Annual Meeting and gives link to amended Bylaws document</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Final vote on amended Bylaws at May 6th Board Meeting</p>
<p>Nominating and Election Procedures - changes (Jim Hall)</p>	<p>Jim said printouts distributed at tonight’s meeting are not the latest version. Jim or Rob will re-send document. Rob suggested that we move forward as though these changes will go forward. The changes won’t go into effect until amended Bylaws are voted on.</p> <p>Board voted to have 5 open Board seats for the next annual election.</p> <p>Board voted to permit Nominating Committee to try to fill all seats.</p> <p>BNA is seeking people who are interested in being a Board member. Tom Blackburn, a former Board member, said he reluctantly agreed to be considered for Board seat. Amelia Labreck is happy with her current role in BNA, chair of Developments Team.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jim or Rob will re-send “Nominating and Election Procedures” with final proposed changes.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Vote on Nominating and Election Procedures at May 6th board meeting</p>

Samosa Social (Deb Van Hoewyk)	BNA's Welcome Team put this event together. A number of organizations are participating. All are invited to bring a favorite snack to share or just come and enjoy.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Attend Samosa Social on Sat, April 3, 4pm, at Greater Portland Immigrant Welcome Center, 24 Preble St.
Parris St project (Jim Hall)	At next Community Meeting, which is April 14, they will be gathering community priorities. RSVP is required.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Attend 72 Parris St Community Priorities Meeting, Mon, Apr 14, 4:30-7:30pm at USM McGoldrick Center in Portland

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, May 6 via Zoom