

Ashcreek-Crestwood Neighborhood Association
Draft Membership Meeting Notes Monday March 10, 2025 meeting via Zoom

Marianne called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

Introductions and welcome.

Ashcreek-Crestwood NA Board of Directors present (quorum determined): Marianne Fitzgerald, Dave Manville, Leslie Baird, Bruce Koester

Members and Guests Rhona Feldman, Ed McVicker, Greg Bielowicz, Marguex Gala, Mark Dustan, Mary DeBauche, Kai Pannu

SW Hope and Food Security in SW Portland

Rhona Feldman of Positive Charge PDX described how they established “TwoCan Tuesday” as a way for volunteers to pick up non-perishable food and other goods in eight neighborhoods in SW Portland and deliver them to Neighborhood House to distribute to people in need. They are seeking more volunteer drivers so they can expand their services. Rhoda provides training and support for about a one-hour a week commitment. See <https://www.positivechargepdx.org/two-can-tuesday> for more information.

Mary DeBauche of Neighborhood House described some of the many services they provide, including a free food pantry, senior center, Head Start programs, after school programs, and others. The free food market serves over 12,000 people in need each year. Neighborhood House recently began remodeling a new headquarters on SW Barbur Blvd which will have expanded services beginning next year. Besides the support they get from TwoCan Tuesdays and others, the annual SW Hope campaign offers community-building events to raise funds for their food pantry. See <https://nhpdx.org/sw-hope/> for a list of events in March and April as well as ways to make cash and other donations for Neighborhood House’s many programs. They also accept donations of produce from home and community gardens in season.

Neighborhood Watch and crime prevention. We discussed recent mailbox tampering issues in our neighborhood and a vacant distressed property. You can report non-emergency issues at <https://www.portland.gov/police/cor>.

Priorities for City of Portland Budgets. The City of Portland released a very complicated set of budget proposals on 2/28/2025 (<https://www.portland.gov/budget/2025-2026> budget/development/preliminary). The city administrator proposed major cuts in the Bureaus of Transportation and Portland Parks and Recreation, which are important priorities for our neighborhood, and other potential cuts in many other programs.

Priorities for Ashcreek-Crestwood include transportation safety, parks operations and maintenance, and support for community building events in our neighborhood. We want the city to find ways to consolidate administrative services rather than making cuts to

public safety and homelessness response. We support actions to reduce carbon emissions and mitigate climate change, especially supporting the needed infrastructure that enables us to walk, bike and take transit and reduce dependence on cars. Top three needed transportation projects include the Outer Taylors Ferry Road pedestrian/bicycle project, the Garden Home Road/Multnomah Blvd. Intersection Safety Project, and the SW 64th and Barbur to SW 62nd and Pasadena pedestrian/bicycle project. Bruce moved, and Leslie seconded, and all approved a motion to submit budget comments and advocate for funding the de-funded Multnomah Blvd and Garden Home Road intersection safety project.

Status of Merging Neighborhood Associations. We continue to work on setting up our communications system (Website, Emails) and plan for future meeting formats. Marguex offered to help Dave and Leslie set these up. Marianne will work with the District 4 Coalition and Office of Community and Civic Life staff to update their websites.

Partner Updates: District 4 Coalition, WPUMC, Southwest Equity Coalition, CEI Hub

Ashcreek-Crestwood NA Secretary Report: Approve Minutes of 2/10/2025 A-CNA Meeting. Motion to approve by Dave, Second by Bruce, approved with Ed, Mark and Kai abstaining.

Ashcreek-Crestwood NA Treasurers Report, 02/28/2025 OnPoint Business Accounts:

- a) Checking (for General and Community Events): \$3,948.41
 - We wrote two checks for \$50 each to the Oregon Secretary of State to cover the cost of dissolving Ashcreek NA and amending Crestwood NA for the merger in January. These actions were approved by the Secretary of State on Feb. 6, 2025.
 - Last fall we received an Ashcreek NA Communications Stipend from District 4 Coalition for \$500 that is set aside until we modify Crestwood's bank account.
- b) Savings (for Dickinson Park and Ash Creek Natural Area restricted accounts):
 - \$12,087.13 a) CNA Dickinson Park: \$ 7,377.37 (no change)
- b) CNA Ash Creek Natural Area: \$ 4,700.00 (no change) c) January Interest \$0.93 d) YTD interest \$1.96

8:30 Adjourn

Prepared by Dave Manville and Marianne Fitzgerald