

Ashcreek-Crestwood Neighborhood Association

Membership Meeting Notes, Monday October 13, 2025 meeting via Zoom

President Marianne Fitzgerald called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm via Zoom. The agenda was approved unanimously.

Introductions and welcome.

Ashcreek-Crestwood NA Board of Directors present (quorum determined): Marianne Fitzgerald, Dave Manville, Leslie Baird, Eden Rodruiguez, Garrett Thompson, Ben Donora, Marguex Gala

Invited Guests: Corrine McQueen, Portland Bureau of Transportation; Claire Carder, Chair, Maplewood Neighborhood Association; Joyce Del Rosario, Chair, SWHRL

Attendees (please note that it was challenging to determine precise attendance via Zoom): Ken Stephens and Hannah Powell, Peggy Samolinski, Peter Carew, Judy and Rick Russel, Pamela Clark, Michael and Maggie Zack, Dan Woodward, Mara Hook, Ann and Chris Poteet, Nathalie and Joe Michiels, Sherilyn Teeter, Anthony, Ken Zeidman, Kacey iPhone, Mary, David, Jessica, David DeDeionisio, State Representative Dacia Graber, Tiffany and Garrett Vann Sprecher, Kristin B, Kristin Freitag, Cathy and Jean Andres, Ed and Kelly Wright, Jen Minarik, Marlene Howell, Janet Brittle, Robin, Maia and Corey Hook, Peter Auv, Robert Sherman, Garret

SW Multnomah Blvd/SW Garden Home Road Safety Project Update

Corinne McQueen, Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) went through some slides summarizing the history of the project. PBOT had \$2.2 million budgeted for the safety improvements in 2018/19. but PBOT determined the cost estimates were closer to \$5.5 million. In 2020, “due to an unanticipated reduction in Transportation System Charge revenue, the project budget was cut by \$1 million, and in 2021 another \$1 million from Washington County was reallocated to other priorities, leaving only \$200,000 in the budget remaining.” PBOT is now looking at two phases: Phase 1 where PBOT improves the southern half of the intersection with curbs and more clarity about turning movements for drivers while making it compatible with Phase 2, a future traffic signal. During the meeting a lot of people offered suggestions and comments about how to reduce speeds and improve safety that PBOT will now be evaluating. Our neighborhood Board of Directors supported writing to the City of Portland and Washington County (Public Works Director Priya Dhanapal, Portland City Council and Washington County Commissioner Nafisa Fai) and others to try to secure full funding for both phases of the project. Please check the project website (<https://www.portland.gov/transportation/pbot-projects/construction/sw-multnomah-blvd-garden-home-road-intersection-safety>) to sign up for updates.

Ashcreek-Crestwood Committee and Partner Reports

Transportation: We were pleased to learn that PBOT will fund a crosswalk on SW Taylors Ferry Road at SW 55th. We need an additional crosswalk and safety improvements at SW 62nd. Our neighborhood board ok'd working with PBOT to get another crosswalk at SW 62nd.

Trails and Parks: Dave has not heard back yet on his wish list to Portland Parks and Recreation staff that includes two improvements to Dickinson Park: a gravel trail to connect to the playground, and a safer bridge over the ditch on SW 57th at the north end of the park. The next Woods Park volunteer event is Saturday, October 25. Marianne reminded attendees to read their voters pamphlet and vote on the parks bond measure by November 4.

Land Use and Safety: A big concern is the amount of infill in our neighborhood without off-street parking, which can create unsafe conditions on our streets. If you see cars parked where they are blocking the street or corners, the City of Portland has set up options for reporting safety issues at PDX Reporter (<https://pdxreporter.org/#Login>) or the former 823-SAFE hotline (<https://www.portland.gov/transportation/823-safe>).

District 4 Coalition: We recently learned that City Councilor Olivia Clark has donated funds to the District 4 Coalition to support the D4C newsletter as well as additional funds to support D4C neighborhood associations. Unfortunately, District 4 deducted \$300- from Ashcreek-Crestwood's \$2000 donation as a charge for using the District 4 mailing list system we set up last year. We were not notified that District 4 was going to charge for services that were free until this month. We will be exploring options for using communications tools such as email lists, website hosting, and other needs that are necessary for our neighborhood association to communicate with our neighbors and discuss them at our next meeting. We are not sure who authorized the deduction and might look at filing a public records request. If D4C/Councilor Clark funds are not made whole, we may file a grievance with D4C

Other Partners: Hillsdale neighborhood Association requested our help in preserving the Hillsdale Farmers Market and trails while Wells High School is under construction. We agreed to use their suggested email language to reach out to Portland Public Schools regarding the importance of the Farmers Market and Trails in our community.

The Bureau of Planning and Sustainability recently issued a Discussion Draft regarding future land use options for the Critical Energy Hub area in NW Portland, with comments due Oct. 17. Multnomah Neighborhood Association is requesting that BPS not re-zone the Sears Armory site for a safe rest village because it would result in the loss of a future westside emergency center.

Ashcreek-Crestwood NA Secretary Report: The minutes of the September 8, 2025 meeting were approved with Dave abstaining.

Ashcreek-Crestwood NA Treasurers Report:

Marianne submitted an application for Recognition of Exemption under Section 501(c)(3) of IRS code on September 25 but we have not heard whether it has been approved yet. We need to prepare CT-12 and 990's, with \$1500 Communications stipend income in FY 2024-2025.

September 30, 2025 OnPoint business account funds report

Marianne noted that we need to separate tracking for Communications Stipend expenses

Checking (for General and Community Events): \$4,074.16

Withdrew \$275 for IRS 501(c)(3) Application Fee

Savings (for Dickinson Park and Ash Creek Natural Area restricted accounts): \$12,094.22

CNA Dickinson Park:	\$ 7,377.37 (no change)
CNA Ash Creek Natural Area:	\$ 4,700.00 (no change)
September Interest	\$0.99
YTD interest	\$9.05

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Marianne Fitzgerald