

Ashcreek-Crestwood Neighborhood Association

Membership Meeting Notes, Monday November 10, 2025 meeting via Zoom

President Marianne Fitzgerald called the meeting to order at 7:03 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, Bruce Koester

Attendees: Christy McMurtry, Chris McMurtry, Carl Carlson, Mahesh, Rob Sherman, Marlene Howell

Ashcreek-Crestwood NA Secretary Report: The minutes of the October 13, 2025 meeting were approved with Bruce abstaining.

Ashcreek-Crestwood Committee and Partner Reports

Transportation:

- SW Garden Home Road/SW Multnomah Blvd intersection: Marianne and Ben described their meeting with several PBOT and BES staff on-site after our last meeting. Several close calls while we were standing in front of Old Market Pub and several bus drivers begging for a signal there. Ben stopped by the Old Market Pub and they are concerned about impacts on their parking lot, and he encouraged them to discuss with us. We didn't have a good design layout to share but we discussed installing a traffic signal, and sidewalks on the south side.
- SW Taylors Ferry Road Crosswalks: Marianne described Sam Hughes' successful efforts to get a crosswalk at SW 55th into the PBOT pipeline. Marianne will advocate for a speed reader board and another crosswalk at SW 62nd, which PBOT denied so far. Marlene noted there's a lot of dog walkers that cross in the mornings (~7:30-8:30) and afternoons (~4:00-6:00 pm). Marianne mentioned that SW Brugger Street is a safer alternative to SW Taylors Ferry identified in the city's Safe Routes to Schools and Southwest in Motion plans.

Trails and Parks:

- Woods Park: Dave reported that Friends of Woods Park has a stewardship agreement with Portland Parks and Recreation and they will be discussing upcoming maintenance needs, so send suggestions to him before November 16.
- Dickinson Park: PP&R and SW Trails organized a work party on November 6 in Dickinson Park to cut in a 300-foot trail to connect the existing trail with the playground, and about 15 volunteers helped out. There's more work to be done to finish this trail, and build a safer bridge over the ditch on SW 57th at the north end of the park.
- Trails and other maintenance: Dave mentioned that during leaf season we could use help raking leaves off the trails. Dave also responded to John Prouty's request for volunteers to help maintain the dip/broken fence pathway on SW Taylors Ferry Road near Walgreens. Marianne mentioned that the City of Portland now owns that property and needs to maintain it like every other property owner. Marlene reminded people to clean leaves from the surface of storm drains so they drain properly.

District 4 Coalition:

- Marianne noted that we received our full \$2000 donation from Councilor Clark through the District 4 Coalition office. D4C may soon be charging us for communications services.
- District 4 Coalition is conducting a search for a new Executive Director.
- The City of Portland Office of Community and Civic Life will be preparing a Request for Proposals for district coalition services in the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

Ashcreek-Crestwood NA Communications and Budget Discussions:

- Eden developed a draft budget to track income and expenses for services our neighborhood association will need to pay for over the next 5 years.
- Some of the expenses include our Zoom account, insurance (currently paid by District 4 Coalition), corporate reports, events and supplies.
- District 4 Coalition is migrating our SimpleList email groups to Google Workspace.
- Ben will modify our sandwich board signs, and he and Bruce will place some of them in the neighborhood to remind people of upcoming meetings and events. We approved a \$150 budget for them to create signs that we could post around the neighborhood and flyers in businesses i.e. Old Market Pub, Barbur World Foods and the Southwest Community Center.
- Dave suggested using our neighborhood parks funds to improve trails leading to the parks.
- There was enthusiastic support for getting a third-party payment processor such as Venmo, Zelle, Paypal or Square to facilitate online donations and donations at our events. Eden and Garrett will follow-up on this.
- We need to re-activate Ashcreek's old Bottle Drop account.
- Eden and others would like to organize more neighborhood events. We brainstormed walks, trash pick-up, trails work parties, indoor events at Old Market Pub, recycling events, etc.
- Marianne asked about getting a restroom in Dickinson Park. Several people expressed concerns about who might use it and that it might be difficult to maintain.
- We discussed the email lists and how to minimize the "reply all" emails. Dave will look into this when our accounts are migrated to Google.

Ashcreek-Crestwood NA Treasurers Report:

Marianne reported that the IRS approved our neighborhood's Recognition of Exemption under Section 501(c)(3) of IRS code. Marianne will prepare our CT-12 and 990's.

October 31, 2025 OnPoint business account funds report

- Checking (for General and Community Events): \$3,938.66
- Savings (for temporarily restricted accounts): \$14,095.26
 - CNA Dickinson Park: \$ 7,377.37 (no change)
 - CNA Ash Creek Natural Area: \$ 4,700.00 (no change)
 - Donation for Community Engagement \$2000.00 (new)
 - October Interest \$1.04
 - YTD interest \$10.09

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm. Respectfully submitted, Marianne Fitzgerald