

## **Ashcreek-Crestwood Neighborhood Association**

### **Membership Meeting Notes, Monday January 12, 2026 meeting via Zoom**

President Marianne Fitzgerald called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm via Zoom. The agenda was approved unanimously.

#### **Introductions and welcome** (about 23 participants on Zoom)

Ashcreek-Crestwood NA Board of Directors present (quorum determined): Marianne Fitzgerald, Dave Manville, Leslie Baird, Eden Rodriguez, Garrett Thompson, Ben Donora, Bruce Koester, Marguex Gala  
Attendees Portland: Ken Stephens, Shelly Bigley, Robert Sherman, Evan Poirson, David Stone, Dixie, Representative Dacia Grayber, Kai Pannu

Attendees Washington County or unknown: Maia Hoffman, Sean Woods, Aaron Williamson, Maia Hoffman, Dominique Lucia, Randy McCourt, Bruce Coopender, David DeDionisio, Xander Yz, Joseph Wonderlick

Guest Speaker: Corrine McQueen, Portland Bureau of Transportation

**SW Multnomah Blvd/SW Garden Home Road Safety Project Update.** Corinne McQueen, Portland Bureau of Transportation, brought slides to continue our discussion of the proposed intersection design concept and funding. The proposal signalizes the intersection at SW 69<sup>th</sup> (north. The sidewalk on SW Multnomah in front of the Old Market Pub (OMP) would become a multi-use path that pedestrians and bicyclists would share. The driveway entrance into Old Market Pub would remain on SW Multnomah but cars would exit on to SW 69<sup>th</sup> to take advantage of the new signal. Corrine said she did not have detailed cost estimates but it might be in “millions of dollars” and PBOT is looking at ways to break down the project into manageable phases. Randy advocated for a roundabout but PBOT is not pursuing that option. Marianne noted the funding proposal should include advocating for public funds from the City of Portland and Washington County. Rep. Grayber said there is not likely to be funding available from the State of Oregon because the legislature is facing a \$750 million shortfall this session, with transportation funding frozen due to the upcoming ballot measure.

**Neighborhood Transportation Priorities, including traffic calming and crosswalks.** Corinne McQueen noted there is about \$126,000 available through Fixing Our Streets funding for crosswalks. PBOT wants to install speed bumps on Garden Home Road between SW 69<sup>th</sup> and SW Capitol Highway, and then evaluate a crosswalk at SW 47<sup>th</sup>. Neighbors asked if PBOT could install speed feedback signs which have similar costs and effectiveness. Neighbors preferred speed reader feedback signs over speed bumps. Neighbors then discussed SW Brugger as a possible candidate for a neighborhood greenway, and crosswalks across SW Taylors Ferry at SW 55<sup>th</sup> and SW 62<sup>nd</sup>. At this time only a crosswalk at SW 55<sup>th</sup> has been approved for future construction.

**Proposed TriMet Service Changes and Cuts.** Marianne shared TriMet’s proposed service cuts that would severely affect Bus #45 that runs through our neighborhood. The proposal would gut service to downtown Portland. Dave moved, Marguex seconded, and the Board approved a motion to write a letter to Trimet sharing our concerns about the proposed cuts: people in our neighborhood will no longer be able to depend on TriMet to get to destinations and the proposal doesn’t support our city and state housing goals or climate goals. Marianne mentioned that a volunteer from the Pearl District

Neighborhood Association has drafted a letter opposed to the cuts and asked all neighborhoods to sign on; the Board approved having Marianne sign this letter. Marianne encouraged everyone to attend TriMet’s upcoming open houses, and submit comments.

**Ashcreek-Crestwood Summer Picnic and Bottle Drop Fundraiser (Ben Donora, A-CNA)**

- We agreed on July 13, 2026 as the date for the summer picnic. Ben will contact Mojo Holler and Verde Cucina to see if they can help with the picnic again this year.
- Regarding BottleDrop, Ben and Leslie added information about this program to the neighborhood website, [www.ashcreekcrestwoodna.org](http://www.ashcreekcrestwoodna.org). Ben can deliver blue bags and stickers if people need them (the old bags and stickers still work). Marianne noted another option, that our neighborhood is listed as one of many organizations people can donate to from their account balances.

**Ashcreek-Crestwood Committee and Partner Reports**

- Transportation and Land Use (Marianne): Nothing else to report.
- Parks and Trails (Dave Manville): Dave displayed a photo of the recently completed platform that facilitates stroller access to Dickinson Park from SW 57th. The Board approved reimbursement of up to \$700 for the cost of materials Dave used to build the platform. People offered other suggestions such as bark chips or gravel to help people negotiate through the mud, adding handrails, and adding gravel to fix the parking area up near the playground. TBD.
- District 4 Coalition (Marianne): The D4C President and Officers are running the organization while they recruit for a new Executive Director. D4C has 2 staff to support neighborhoods.
- Southwest Equity Coalition (Marianne). Neighborhood House may be moving to its new SW Barbur location soon. SWEC is exploring locating a pop-up Multicultural Center in the old building until it is sold.

**Ashcreek-Crestwood NA Secretary Report:** The November 10, 2025 meeting notes were approved.

**Ashcreek-Crestwood NA Treasurers Report:**

Marianne reported that the \$20 filing fee for the ODOJ CT-12 was reimbursed by the District 4 Coalition.

December 31, 2025 OnPoint business account funds report

- Checking (for General and Community Events): \$3,938.66
  - \$20 for ODOJ CT-12 reimbursed by D4C
- Savings (for temporarily restricted accounts): \$14,097.62
  - CNA Dickinson Park: \$ 7,377.37 (no change)
  - CNA Ash Creek Natural Area: \$ 4,700.00 (no change)
  - Donation for Community Engagement \$2000.00 (no change)
- December Interest \$1.20
- YTD interest \$12.45

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Marianne Fitzgerald