

Ashcreek-Crestwood Neighborhood Association

Draft Membership Meeting Notes, Monday February 9, 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 19 participants on Zoom)

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

Attendees Portland: Carl Carlson, Elmer Struh, Joe Wonderlick, Jane Yates, Peter Carew, Marlene Howell, Dominique Lucia, Joyce deMonnin

Guest Speaker: Portland City Councilor Eric Zimmerman, and Portland Bureau of Transportation staff Geren Shankar

City Councilor Eric Zimmerman gave us an overview of his priority issues and we discussed neighborhood topics of interest. He is currently chair of city council's finance committee and they are designing a budget process for new form of government. His priorities include livability/public safety and cleanups. We discussed neighborhood needs for the not-yet-funded Sidewalk Infrastructure and Paving Program, including many of the projects identified in the Southwest in Motion Plan. Councilor Zimmerman asked us to propose some good pilot projects to illustrate how the program can work. He highly recommended we use the reporting hotlines, 823-SAFE or 311 (PDX Reporter), to report non-emergency safety issues in our neighborhood, including potholes.

SW 45th Drive & SW Orchid Street Landslide Abatement Project. Geren Shankar, Portland Bureau of Transportation said the design is nearly complete for this upcoming project in our neighborhood and the next steps include getting easements from nearby property owners. One of those property owners that attended the meeting stressed the importance of this safety project.

Portland Bureau of Transportation Proposed New Alternative Transportation Funding and Fixing Our Streets Reports: Marianne gave an overview of the City of Portland's latest proposal to raise new revenue to fund the Bureau of Transportation and encouraged people to attend in-person open houses beginning February 19.

Ashcreek-Crestwood Committee and Partner Reports

Transportation and Land Use: Marianne did not have an update on the SW Garden Home Road/SW Multnomah Blvd Intersection Safety Project (our top priority project), but Corrine McQueen of PBOT asked us (via email) for feedback on a number of "quick build" projects in our neighborhood. Options included two crosswalks on SW Garden Home Road or a "neighborhood greenway" on SW Brugger Street that would accommodate people walking and biking. After much discussion about traffic calming and other needs, we agreed that we still prefer speed feedback signs and sent the following note to PBOT:

- We need traffic calming on SW Garden Home Road, SW 45/48th and SW Taylors Ferry, but

prefer speed feedback cameras over speed humps

- Crosswalks on Garden Home Road are lower priority
- The SW Brugger Greenway project would give a safe alternative street for people to walk and bike to avoid SW Taylors Ferry Road, and it was higher priority
- A new crosswalk on SW 48th at Brugger is not on the list but is needed (volunteers have placed orange flags there to facilitate crossing)
- We still need a traffic signal and walk/bike improvements at SW Multnomah Blvd/SW Garden Home Road in Garden Home (a commercial district which is in our neighborhood in Portland)
- A formal Brugger Greenway with crosswalks would help build a network with the SW Trails network to enable people to walk more safely through our neighborhood.

Parks and Trails: Dave Manville did not have any updates to report.

District 4 Coalition Marianne noted that D4C recently hired a new Executive Director.

Southwest Equity Coalition: Marianne noted that Neighborhood House is getting ready to move into their new headquarters on SW Barbur and has offered to make their old space available for a Multicultural Hub as a temporary use until the old building is sold.

Ashcreek-Crestwood Summer Picnic: Ben Donora reported that Mojo Holler is confirmed for the picnic. He's set out 4 A Frame signs for our monthly meetings and they seem to help encourage participation based on number of people that recently subscribed to our email lists.

Ashcreek-Crestwood NA Secretary Report: The January 12, 2026 meeting notes were approved.

Ashcreek-Crestwood NA Treasurers Report:

Upcoming Expenditures: Zoom Workplace Pro subscription renewal is due March 21, 2026 (\$159.90); Oregon Secretary of State annual renewal is due March 29, 2026 (\$50); District 4 Coalition is no longer reimbursing corporate reporting expenses (Feb 2, 2026); and we need to reimburse members for recent improvements in Dickinson Park, A-Frames, and picnic expenses.

Upcoming Revenue: Donations via Bottle Drop Account, Venmo or other electronic donation collection system, and other miscellaneous donations. There is uncertainty regarding FY 2026-27 funding for the Office of Community and Civic Life budget. Our neighborhood needs liability and directors and officer's insurance plus some funding to cover expenses in FY 2026-27.

January 31, 2026 OnPoint business account funds report

- Checking (for General and Community Events): **\$3,938.66**
- Savings (for temporarily restricted accounts): **\$14,098.82**
- 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)
- January Interest \$1.20
- Fiscal YTD interest (July-June) \$12.45 + 1.20 = \$13.65

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 pm. Respectfully submitted, Marianne Fitzgerald