

## **Ashcreek-Crestwood Neighborhood Association**

### **Draft Membership Meeting Notes, Monday March 9, 2026 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** (about 12 participants on Zoom)

Ashcreek-Crestwood NA Board of Directors present: Marianne Fitzgerald, Dave Manville, Ben Donora, Bruce Koester (we did not have a quorum at the beginning of the meeting). Leslie Baird joined at approximately 8:00 pm.

Attendees Portland, Marlene Howell, Felice and Paul Koons, Claire Elliott, Amy Buckley, Michelene Wilcox, Joyce deMonnin

Guest Speaker: Portland City Councilor Mitch Green and Chief of Staff Maria Sipin

**City Councilor Mitch Green** gave us an overview of his priority issues and we discussed neighborhood topics of interest. He asked for our feedback on Portland's budgets and in particular the recently proposed Portland Bureau of Transportation's (PBOT) proposed new transportation funding options, including a Transportation Utility Fee (TUF) and Street Damage Restoration Fee. Projected cost of the TUF would be about \$9-12 per month per household and would raise about \$30-\$40 million a year for PBOT. These funds could be used to support the Sidewalk Improvement and Paving Program projects that have not yet moved forward. He will be serving on the new Housing and Permitting Committee as well as the new Public Works Committee. We discussed different types of sidewalk designs might be funded as well as various tax structures being proposed. We also mentioned that having the city trim blackberries would go a long way to making streets more walkable. Councilor Green mentioned that two areas of the general fund that are big cost centers includes Portland Solutions and Public Safety, and City Council will face challenges in balancing its budget this year. Homelessness and shelter proposals are also challenging. He encouraged us to weigh in on budget priorities with him and other city council members.

**City of Portland Budget Tools:** Marianne noted that we can comment on the City of Portland's budget priorities through their website (<https://www.portland.gov/budget/join>).

#### **Ashcreek-Crestwood Committee and Partner Reports**

Transportation and Land Use: Marianne Fitzgerald did not have any other updates to report.

Parks and Trails: Dave Manville mentioned that SW Trails is fixing up trails in Maricara Park. Ben Donora mentioned a work party in Woods Park on March 28 and that people now need to sign up on the Portland Parks and Rec website (not SOLVE).

District 4 Coalition Marianne said that the new President of D4C recently issued a white paper with his ideas of how the Coalition should be run. Marianne offered written comments and there was some discussion at D4C's March 2 Board meeting. The new Executive Director proposed revising the D4C Mission Statement. Stay tuned.

**Ashcreek-Crestwood Summer Picnic:** Ben Donora reported that Mojo Holler is confirmed for the picnic, as well as Kirstin Bosnak for face painting. Ben moved, and Dave seconded, and the Board approved a motion to authorize a \$1500 budget for picnic expenses. Ben and his volunteers will work out the details. He will solicit donations with our new IRS exempt status.

Ben has been setting out 5 A Frame signs for our monthly meetings and we now have over 300 people on our email list. We can thank City Councilor Olivia Clark for her communications stipend funds that helped spread the word about our meetings.

**Ashcreek-Crestwood NA Secretary Report:** The February 9, 2026 meeting notes were approved.

**Ashcreek-Crestwood NA Treasurers Report:**

February 28, 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)
- February Interest \$1.08
- Fiscal YTD interest (July-June) \$12.45 + 2.28 = \$14.73

Upcoming Expenditures:

Zoom Workplace Pro subscription renewal due March 21, 2026 (\$169.90) (price increase)

Oregon Secretary of State annual renewal due March 29, 2026 (\$50)

- District 4 Coalition will now reimburse corporate reporting expenses (March 2, 2026)

Reimbursement for improvements in Dickinson Park, A-Frames, Picnic

Upcoming Revenue:

Donations via Bottle Drop Account

Donations via Venmo or other electronic donation collection system

Miscellaneous donations

Uncertainty regarding City of Portland Office of Community and Civic Life FY 2026-2027. Need to order bank checks to reimburse volunteers for expenses above.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marianne Fitzgerald