

Ashcreek-Crestwood Neighborhood Association

Draft Membership Meeting Notes, Monday April 13, 2026 meeting via Zoom

President Marianne Fitzgerald called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm via Zoom. The agenda was approved by acclimation.

Introductions and welcome (about 12 participants on Zoom)

Ashcreek-Crestwood NA Board of Directors present: Marianne Fitzgerald, Dave Manville, Ben Donora, Bruce Koester, Leslie Baird

Attendees: Marlene Howell, Karli Barish, Michael Pickering, Miss Sin, Suzanne Warninghoff, John Graeter

Guest Speaker: Matt Zmura, MultNoMo initiative

MultNoMo: Matt Zmura described the citizen-led initiative to consolidate Multnomah County and the City of Portland into a single, accountable, and effective government, which has more detail at www.multnomo.org. There are a lot of overlapping services that cause confusion that could be streamlined through this initiative. The City/County Act of 1971, ORS 199.715 creates a pathway for consolidation. He needs to collect 22,000 signatures on the petition by July 20 to initiate proceedings. It would create a new charter for the county and cities that are consolidated. Benefits include more accountability, challenges include establishing the new charter, tax rates and budgets.

City of Portland Budget Update: Ben Donora attended the April 4 District 4 Budget Open House while Marianne Fitzgerald attended the April 8 District 3 Budget Open House. Both noted the unusual budget survey tool that asked for people's comments on seven topic areas in 25 characters or less, meaning one or two words per topic area. The biggest benefit was the opportunity to interact with city staff and elected officials at the meetings.

Elections: Leslie Baird declined to run for re-election. She would like someone to take over the website. Bruce Koester said he will continue until we get new directors. By acclimation, Leslie is removed but Bruce will be re-elected to the Board of Directors. Later in the meeting, John Graeter joined the meeting and expressed interest in joining the Board because he likes the neighborhood's strong sense of community. He was elected unanimously.

Banking: Dave moved, Sue seconded, to remove Leslie Baird as a signatory on the OnPoint Bank Accounts. Ben Donora agreed to be a second signatory, so we amended the motion to add Ben Donora to the bank accounts. The motion carried unanimously.

Ashcreek-Crestwood Committee and Partner Reports

Transportation and Land Use: Marianne Fitzgerald described the proposals before City Council to adopt a Street Damage Fee and Transportation Utility Fee. She noted that 75% of the TUF funds would be dedicated to maintenance and Vision Zero and there was no mention of the city's un-funded SIPP program that could benefit our neighborhood.

Parks and Trails: Dave Manville mentioned a work party in Woods Park on April 25. People who want to volunteer for the work party now need to sign up on the Portland Parks and Rec website. Dave then

described a SW Trails proposal to construct a new trail connecting SW Brugger with SW Florence Lane near the Tualatin Valley Water District tanks property that would be sponsored by SW Trails. Dave moved that Ashcreek Crestwood Neighborhood Association submit a letter of support for this trail concept. Suzanne seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

District 4 Coalition and Office of Community and Civic Life: Marianne said she recently learned that the Office of Community and Civic Life is postponing updates to the "ONI Standards" and coalition system and that the current four coalitions will continue to be funded in FY 2026-2027. Karli said the Coalition Directors met with Civic Engagement Officer Amanda Garcia Snell with concerns to modify the language on the Civic Life website because Civic Life had not had dialogue with Civic Life as Civic Life stated on their website. Neither Karli nor Marianne knows what might be proposed. Stay tuned.

Ashcreek-Crestwood Summer Picnic: Ben Donora reported that he will begin outreach for the picnic in May. We will invite Portland Public Schools and our elected officials.

Ashcreek-Crestwood NA Secretary Report: The March 9, 2026 meeting notes were approved by acclimation. Several people who were not at the March 9 meeting abstained.

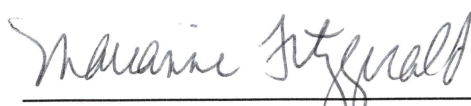
Ashcreek-Crestwood NA Treasurers Report:

March 31, 2026 OnPoint business account funds report

- Checking (for General and Community Events): \$3,718.76
- Savings (for temporarily restricted accounts): \$14,101.10
 - 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)
- March Interest \$1.20
- Fiscal YTD interest (July-June) \$12.45 + 3.48 = \$15.93
- Zoom Workplace Pro subscription renewal \$169.90 (March 2026 through March 2027)
- Oregon Secretary of State annual renewal \$50. District 4 Coalition has not yet reimbursed corporate reporting expenses.
- Need to reimburse Ben and Dave for expenditures related to improvements in Dickinson Park and A-Frame signs. Picnic expenses coming soon.
- Need to order bank checks to reimburse volunteers for expenses.
- Marianne described some options for accepting electronic donations but all agreed more research was needed. Marianne would like something in place by our May meeting. District 4 Coalition uses GiveLively and Stripe, and they can help us with this.

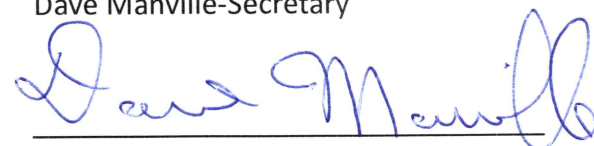
The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Marianne Fitzgerald-President



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Dave Manville-Secretary



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