

## **Ashcreek-Crestwood Neighborhood Association**

### **Draft Membership Meeting Notes, Monday May 11, 2026 meeting via Zoom**

President Marianne Fitzgerald called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm via Zoom.

#### **Introductions and welcome** (about 12 participants on Zoom)

Ashcreek-Crestwood NA Board of Directors present: Marianne Fitzgerald, Ben Donora, Bruce Koester, John Graeter

Attendees: Marlene Howell, Leslie Baird, Suzanne Warninghoff, Suzanne Lietz, Ethan, Amlal, Claire Coleman-Evans

Guest Speaker: City Councilor Olivia Clark and staff Devyn Melnychuk

Note regarding the Ashcreek-Crestwood NA Board of Directors. On May 10, 2026, Garrett Thompson and Eden Rodrigues emailed a Notice of Resignation the Board of Directors. Marianne noted that we now have six directors so a quorum (majority) would be four directors. Officers include a President and Secretary, but we need to fill the Treasurer and Vice President positions. Marianne suggested we wait until September to take time to recruit members.

**City Councilor Olivia Clark:** Councilor Clark told us a little about herself and we discussed a range of issues relating to Portland and the current budget proposals and options. This week is the deadline for city councilors to propose budget amendments. There will be one more public hearing on May 18, then City Council deliberations until City Council approves a budget by June 9. Marianne asked about the new Transportation Utility Fee and Street Damage Restoration Fees to support the Portland Bureau of Transportation, and SIPP funding for sidewalks and other improvements in Districts 1 and 4. Councilor Clark noted the funds are focused on maintenance. She also pointed out that stormwater improvements are required with sidewalks and that adds to the cost, so the improvements will likely include alternative pathways. Councilor Clark described her focus on safety and her proposal to borrow unspent funds from police accountability commission funds to restore cuts to police and fire bureaus. Marlene asked about Urban Alchemy and the Multnomah Safe Rest Village and mentioned the trauma homeless people are experiencing. We also discussed possible future uses for Smith School and future funding for the Moda Center. Councilor Clark asked whether we are pursuing meeting space in Neighborhood House in SW Portland (we are) and suggested that we organize a meeting with City Administrator Raymond Lee to discuss issues in SW Portland.

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

Transportation and Land Use: no updates beyond the discussions with Councilor Clark above.

Parks and Trails: No updates.

District 4 Coalition (D4C) and Office of Community and Civic Life: Marianne said she recently learned that the District 4 Coalition is reconsidering whether it will provide liability and directors and officers insurance for groups that are not Board members. Marianne received a memo that afternoon from D4C President Todd Zarnitz to the D4C Executive Committee (EC) recommending that D4C provide insurance to Ashcreek-Crestwood NA. The EC meets May 19 and we won't know the outcome of that discussion

until then. Marianne recommends we stay “non-subscribing members” which is in the D4C bylaws, due to liability concerns associated with Board membership. John moved, and Bruce seconded, that Ashcreek-Crestwood NA remain a non-subscribing member of D4C unless we need to become a subscribing member to get insurance for our neighborhood. The motion carried unanimously.

Ashcreek-Crestwood Summer Picnic: Ben Donora reported that we are in good shape: Verde Cocina is sponsoring the main meal again, Mojo Holler will provide music, a neighbor will provide face painting, and he’s working on other logistics and potential sponsors. Ben set up an Ashcreek-Crestwood Paypal/Venmo Account and QR code for accepting donations.

**Ashcreek-Crestwood NA Secretary Report:** The April 13, 2026 minutes were approved by acclamation.

**Ashcreek-Crestwood NA May 2026 Treasurers Report**

April 30, 2026 OnPoint business account funds report

- Checking (for General and Community Events): \$3,578.76
- Savings (for temporarily restricted accounts): \$14,102.26
  - CNA Dickinson Park: \$ 7,377.37 (no change)
  - CNA Ash Creek Natural Area: \$ 4,700.00 (no change)
  - Donation for Community Engagement \$2000.00 (no change)
- April Interest \$1.16
- Fiscal YTD interest (July-June) \$12.45 + 4.64 = \$17.09

Expenditures:

Reimbursed Ben Donora for A-Frame sign printing (\$140).

Marianne and Ben updated bank signers and received new check stock from OnPoint 4/29/2026.

District 4 Coalition has not yet reimbursed corporate reporting expenses from March.

Upcoming Revenue:

As noted above, Ben successfully set up a Paypal/Venmo account for accepting donations. Ben reported we have about \$70 in the neighborhood Bottle Drop Account.

Banking Motion: Marianne moved, and Ben seconded, and it was unanimously approved that we remove former treasurer Eden Rodriguez from OnPoint Business Accounts due to her resignation from the Ashcreek-Crestwood NA Board of Directors. Ethan may consider volunteering for Treasurer.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marianne Fitzgerald