

Ashcreek-Crestwood Neighborhood Association

Draft Membership Meeting Notes, Monday June 8, 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, Bruce Koester, John Graeter, Marguex Gala

Attendees: Suzanne Warninghoff, Evan Poirson, Noah Levinson, Suzanne Lietz, Hillary

Neighborhood Picnic! Ben Donora has things organized but could use some help, especially with setting up and tearing down. See the website for his contact information. We should also encourage people to bring a dish to share.

Communications Update: John Graeter has ideas to re-imagine the website. It functions well but needs a tune-up, and he wants to incorporate some of the beauty of the neighborhood into the website with more photos. Noah and Marguex offered to help out with this and we may re-convene the neighborhood “communications committee” to refresh. Marianne noted that the membership form has some legal implications because people who are eligible must “consent to be a member” and can remove the consent at any time, according to our bylaws.

John prepared a questionnaire about “Smith School Community Vision” with a QR code to gather input regarding four questions and an open-ended option. We discussed some of the ideas for the building, athletic fields and play area. Sue and Marianne mentioned some of the history of the school building, which had about 200 students when Portland Public Schools closed it around 2005. Lots of people are enthusiastic about this visioning survey effort.

Marianne mentioned that we’ve had a few people who were informal Smith School Stewards in the past (Jack Klinker, Taylor Von Ahlfeld). John volunteered to do this as well. We have also had parks stewards for Dickinson and Woods Parks. Evan, Susanne and Noah volunteered to help.

Ashcreek-Crestwood Committee and Partner Reports

- Transportation and Land Use (Marianne): Transportation System Plan 2045, PBOT Request for Neighborhood Projects to include in TSP. Marianne had drafted a letter to PBOT to submit our pending transportation project needs for consideration in the 2045 TSP update. Bruce moved, Sue and John seconded, to approve sending the letter to PBOT. It was approved unanimously.
- Parks and Trails (Dave Manville): no report
- District 4 Coalition (Marianne): We received Insurance for our neighborhood in May. We learned that micro-grants are available and we applied for a grant to help with the picnic.
- Southwest Equity Coalition (Marianne). SWEC has decided not to pursue further funding so they will no longer meet after June 30.

Ashcreek-Crestwood NA Secretary Report: Bruce moved, Marguex seconded, approval of draft 05/11/2026 minutes. They were approved unanimously.

Ashcreek-Crestwood NA Treasurers Report June 2026:

May 31, 2026 OnPoint business account funds report

- Checking (for General and Community Events): \$3,578.76 (no change)
- Savings (for temporarily restricted accounts): \$14,103.46
 - 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)
- May Interest \$1.20
- Fiscal YTD interest (July-June) $\$12.45 + 5.84 = \18.29

Upcoming Revenue:

- Resubmitted request to District 4 Coalition to reimburse corporate reporting expenses (\$50)
- Applied for District 4 Coalition micro-grant to cover July 13, 2026 Neighborhood Picnic expenses. Requested up to \$561 for expenses that must be purchased by June 30; if we get the grant we must request reimbursement from D4C by June 30, 2026.
- District 4 Coalition Board of Directors authorized \$241 payment to each D4C neighborhood to spend down their FY 2025-2026 grant before June 30, 2026.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Marianne Fitzgerald