Ashcreek-Crestwood
Neighborhood Association

Smith School Committee Report

Membership Meeting · Monday, November 9, 2026

Presented by Jen Kelly on behalf of John Graeter, Chair

Committee Update

The Smith School Committee met on November 2. Evan Poirson, John Graeter and I attended, and we invited Jack Klinker to join us. Jack is a neighbor who has been looking after the Smith School site for years. He gave us helpful history on the property, plus the current PPS facilities contact who manages the site.

We also got a copy of a 1956 deed for part of the property. It is a standard warranty deed transferring eight lots to PPS, with no restrictions on how the land can be used. The site was put together from several purchases over time, so we are looking into the remaining deeds to get the full picture.

Our next step is building a list of stakeholders, including Portland Public Schools, Portland Parks & Recreation, City Council District 4, and community groups who use the site. Committee members are each taking on outreach to specific contacts. We will report back as those conversations happen. Please reach out if you would like to get involved.

Under Article VII, the Board needs to define the committee's scope, which wasn't done in September. We'll bring a motion for that during board action items.

Motion to Define Committee Scope

Under Bylaws Article VII, when the Board establishes a committee it shall identify the scope of the committee's responsibility. The Smith School Committee was established at the September 14 meeting, but its scope was not defined. We ask the Board to define it now.

> **Motion:** To define the scope of the Smith School Committee, as required by Bylaws Article VII: to gather information and community input on the Smith School site; to build a stakeholder list and meet with Portland Public Schools, Portland Parks & Recreation, City of Portland, and community partners on behalf of the Ashcreek-Crestwood Neighborhood Association; to coordinate with PPS on volunteer stewardship of the site; and to bring recommendations to the Board. Any on-site projects, public positions, or expenditures will come to the Board for approval.