

**NWNW Board Meeting**  
**Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> 5:30 pm**  
**DRAFT Minutes**  
**Virtual Meeting via Zoom**



**In Attendance**

**NWNW Review Board:**

Kristi Wuttig, Arlington Heights  
Walter Weyler, Downtown  
Les Blaize, Forest Park  
Tracy Prince, Goose Hollow  
Gary Berger, Hillside  
Richard Barker, Linnton  
Steve Pinger, NWDA  
Brian Harvey, OTCA (President)  
Stan Penkin, Pearl District  
Kristin Shorey, Sylvan Highlands

**NWNW Staff:**

Mark Sieber, Executive Director  
Anastasia Zurcher, Program  
Manager  
Rhys Ornstein-Hawes,  
Communications Specialist

**Guests:**

Allan Classen, NW Examiner  
Story Swett, Downtown  
Eric Simon, Goose Hollow  
Carol Chesarek, Forest Park  
Darlene Urban Garrett, Downtown  
Kristine C.  
Jeremy Van Keuren, PBEM  
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Jerry Powell, GHFL  
Syhanna Myrie

**5:32 Introductions**

**5:38 Urban Wildfire Interface**

- **Local and Regional Programs—Jeremy Van Keuren, Portland Bureau of Emergency Management**

Van Keuren began to introduce PBEMs work on evacuation plans and regional collaboration. PBEM missions: 1. continuity of operations planning, helping bureaus prepare for disaster. 2. ECC, emergency coordination center, for major city events (Rose Festival, etc.) coordination. 3. Community Resilience mission, which is where NET comes in.

Pinger: What is the risk in this area? Specifically, for fire in Forest Park. Are there any risk mitigation efforts in place?

Yes, there is risk. Increasingly so with climate change effects. Portland Fire would have additional options for training around residential property preparedness.

Concern was raised around emergency alert systems.


Van Keuren offered to follow up with the actual policy regarding alerts. He then explained the levels of warning. The first level of alert is a WEA (wireless emergency alerts) is bounced off of the cell phone towers and all cell phones within range of the tower will receive notice. No sign-up required. Secondary evacuation warning is for public officials to knock on doors in the danger area. For more general warnings, sign up for Public Alerts which will also send out lower level awareness alerts (environmental threats, and others) not only the high level evacuation order

Evac plan: <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/pbem/article/668061>

Public alerts: <https://www.publicalerts.org/>

Follow up information from Van Keuren received Thursday:

"Below is a joint statement from PF&R and PBEM in response to questions around when residents in your communities are notified of urban interface fire incidents. It came from Katy Wolf, the PBEM Ops Manager.



PBEM, BOEC and PF&R work together closely to respond to emergencies and alert residents if they need to take any action. This summer, due to the heightened risk of wildland-urban interface fires, we maintained a close watch on Forest Park, as well as other forested areas throughout the city, with particular focus on our unhoused residents. If there is a life threatening fire situation requiring immediate evacuation, Unified Command (PF&R and Law Enforcement) will request an emergency alert be sent out to nearby residents via the Community Emergency Notification System. Command will notify BOEC on the radio (which you may hear if you monitor the radio on an app like PulsePoint), who pages PBEM. PBEM then sends out an alert. Other methods of alert may include the Emergency Alert System, wireless emergency alerts, the news media, social media, vehicle drive-bys with PA announcements, and door to door or other in person notifications.

There are many day-to-day fires and other public safety responses that do not require any type of alerts to residents. It is always a good idea, as you and your neighbors have done, to have evacuation plans and backup alerting methods (like car honking) in place, and to stay up to date on wildfire safety information including monitoring the PF&R Twitter feed. We also encourage you to continue going through the process to become a FireWise community, as you have begun to do.”

Hawes presented the “**8 tips for Becoming More Wildfire Wise**”.

#### **6:07 Approval of Minutes of October 14, 2020**

***Motion 1: Blaize moved, Weyler seconded to approve the minutes from October 14, with corrections from Pinger. All in favor.***

#### **6:11 Financial Update—Sieber**

Annual State and Federal forms are nearly ready to be submitted for NWNW and Neighborhoods. 990s will be available for Board view next month as required by law.

Sieber provided an overview of the NWNW Financial Procedures. Full document available for review upon request. Includes process for intake, tracking, deposit, check writing, approval, and data entry review, with tasks distributed among staff and bookkeepers. Treasurers role would be to review the reconciliation report from bookkeeper for a 3<sup>rd</sup> “check” level. Any volunteers to take on Treasurer role and increase our financial oversight process? Approxiamtely 2-4 hours monthly.

#### **6:15 Election of Officers**

The following nominations have been made. Barker, President – Penkin, Vice – Blaize, Secretary.

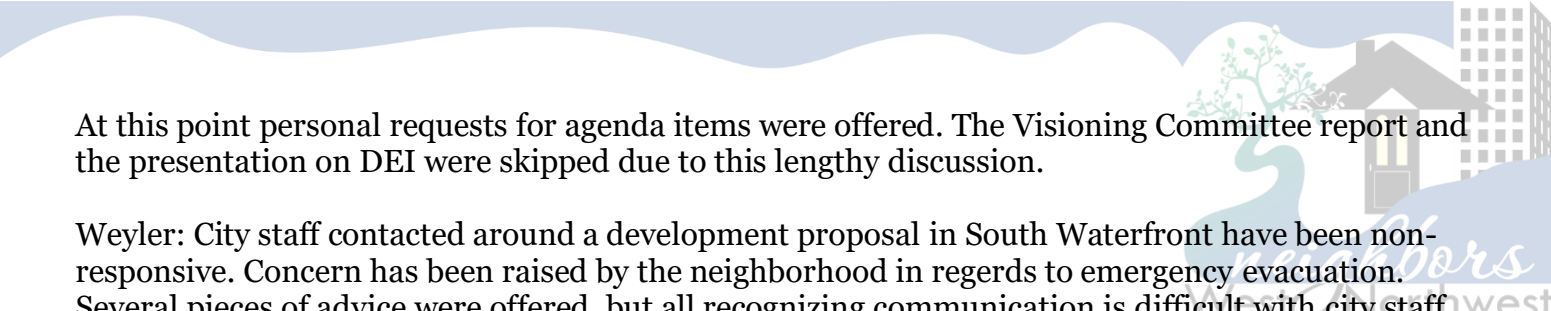
***Motion 2: Pinger moved and Weyler seconded for the nominations to be accepted as proposed. Unanimous approval.***

#### **6:20 Other Board Business (Harvey)**

***Motion 3: Weyler moved not to meet in December. Blaize seconded (20 minutes later). Berger in favor. Wuttig, Pinger, Penkin, Shorey, Barker, Harvey opposed. Motion failed. A meeting will be held December 9<sup>th</sup>.***

Discussion around possible agenda items. Homelessness issues, and City staff communications.

Motion 4: Blaize moved to hold a December meeting in order to hear from Don Mazziotti and Homer Williams about homelessness in Portland. And talk about City of Portland communication issues. No second provided.



At this point personal requests for agenda items were offered. The Visioning Committee report and the presentation on DEI were skipped due to this lengthy discussion.

Weyler: City staff contacted around a development proposal in South Waterfront have been non-responsive. Concern has been raised by the neighborhood in regards to emergency evacuation. Several pieces of advice were offered, but all recognizing communication is difficult with city staff, particularly PBOT. This topic is of interest for further discussion.

### **6:53 Public Comment**

Classen, has been waiting to see topic of neighborhood centrality discussed at coalition.

### **6:54 Neighborhood Reports**

Downtown: Board election and annual membership meeting. Chief Lovell presented and took questions. Frog Ferry presentation.

Pearl: highlighted importance of including additional guests and presenters.

AHNA: Connect with Neighbors project, street by street level outreach.

Goose Hollow: MAC parking project.

### **7:05 Adjourn**