

And What's Your Problem?

your neighborhood association the Northwest District Association may have a solution!

In fact, you could improve the neighborhood for yourself and others **in just one hour!**

You don't need to make a career of it; it's amazing how much you can learn and network about what matters to you by attending one short meeting.

Call or email the chair in advance to get your topic aired, and find others who share your concern or know of remedies. Portlanders have unusual access to their local officials, and neighborhood associations funnel and refine neighbors' input. The NWDA is one of the most active groups, and has a rich history that includes stopping the St Helens Freeway and the further intrusion of Good Samaritan Hospital into our historic neighborhood fabric.

More recently, the NWDA convinced Con-Way Inc. that building a new part of the neighborhood that fit in with the old part made more sense than building a bunch of high rise towers; and presto: Slabtown!

Because of our standing and ongoing dialogue with the city, you can make a difference as simply as by emailing or showing up at city council. Anyone can have a voice, and the neighborhood association can help you identify resources and present your issue effectively.

Commíttees

Our committees address the following topics, and they are chaired and attended by neighbors just like you:

- Transportation
- Planning
- Parks
- Safety and Livability

Check the calendar on our website for meeting times and locations: <u>www.northwestdistrictassociation.org</u>

Membership

Membership has its privileges, but costs nothing and you only sign up once for life. You only need live within our boundaries, or represent a business within them.

Our Track Record

What have we done for you lately?

- Lobbied industry and the DEQ to reduce toxins in our air;
- Secured grants for local causes, like Chapman Elementary School, and Friendly House;
- The Northwest District Plan began to provide incentives for affordable housing way back in 2003;
- And has reviewed and helped to shape the creation of more than 3,000 new places to call home in just the last few years.

So, please join us! It's pretty easy to fit in.