



## Vernon Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes

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| Date & Time        | Wednesday, March 16, 2022  |
| Board Members      | Christine Laliberte, Allan Whiting, Lauren Ross, Brooks Barth, Sam Yerke |
| Neighbors          |  |
| Speakers or Guests | Greg Bourget (Portland Clean Air)  |

### ACTION ITEMS

| Person responsible | Notes   |
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| CL                 | Share Portland Clean air letters once received (3/22)               |
| CL                 | Share NECN Grant Status once received (3/25)                        |
| CL                 | Contact Jed about movie in the park selections & number of tables   |
| BB                 | Working on PPF Small Grant application, submit by April 15          |
| SY                 | Connect with 1800JUNK about trash removal if we organize a clean up |
| CL                 | Contact Portland Parks & Rec about Alberta volunteering this spring |

### AGENDA

- Small grant status from Brooks
- Portland Clean Air info (Greg)
- Woodlawn Native Planting Event Saturday 3/19 9-12p, RSVP required, posted to FB/IG - put on by City of Portland Bureau of Environmental Services
- Sam/Nikki community outreach
- NECN grant announcement delay to 3/25
- NECN liaison update
- T-shirts 50 shirts S/M/L/XL \$12 per shirt 3-4 weeks
- Pick a movie - any ideas/thoughts?
- Planning for April Community meeting

## MEETING SUMMARY

### Portland Clean Air (Greg Bourget)

Updates: 35 years of DEQ data to graph - they wrote a program to collect purple air data in Portland area & can monitor/compare purple airs anywhere in the city. GPS mounted monitors using Purple Air sensors with EPA correction & auto mapper. Bike around and automatically maps the ride particulates. Same with VOC measuring. Using \$5k grants to test/analyze 56 VOCs at lab in CA. Want to do the same for diesel particulate (\$36k, have \$18k). Can look at pm 0.2 & 0.1.

First source testing in Portland: Owens Brockway releasing 192lbs arsenic 597lbs lead annually. - Columbia Steel N.Portland 2409lbs of ?? Both illegal

Linton NA wrote one of the letters for endorsement: 90% of tanks on fill - will fail with cascadia earthquake releasing tons of VOCs since they are not sealed - trying to get DEQ to take measurements vs. some formula (which has been banned in ME/MA). Want to move tanks to safe bay areas on bedrock. DEQ meeting with Linton's board, but not getting a good response. Linton NA is asking that their letter is endorsed by VNA and others. There will be about 12 different issues with corresponding letters. Will send package on 3/22 with all the letters to endorse other NA efforts. [portlandcleanair.org](http://portlandcleanair.org)  
gregbourget@hotmail.com

### PPF Small Grant Status

Brooks just started writing up the proposal w/Portland Parks - April 15th

Nikki Ricks is voted in as the VNA board secretary

Alberta Park Volunteering 2022 - Reach out to Portland Parks & Rec (Christine)

- Put up sign about volunteering & 'join us'
- Can put up flyers to promote
- Connect with person who does naturescapes

Outreach update - have made some contacts. Nikki attended Alberta Coop board meeting. Will work on trying to figure out minority owned businesses and businesses that have been in Vernon a long time.

NECN liaison meeting

New metrics coming out from the city to meet requirements to meet diversity and inclusion benchmarks. Financial reporting.

Future VNA May work meeting in person - meet @the park or grab a beer somewhere together

Fundraising Ideas for Movie in the Park:

- Logo'd koozies, t-shirts, hats, stickers, temporary tattoos
- work with SOLVE - could weigh garbage & have businesses sponsor \$\$ & it all goes toward movie in the park. With a max amount per business.
- SOLVE will reimburse for bringing trash to the dump. Last Vernon clean up McMenamin's volunteered their trash bins for the picked up waste.
- Adopt-a-Block is connected w/1800JUNK and they will pick it up (Sam to reach out)

Tabling @Movie in the Park: Do tiers of sponsorship

From running club:

\$500 tent/table

\$250 mentioned in a newsletter, log on t-shirt & website

For VNA:

\$100 ask (but can work with the vendor)

Christine to confirm how many tables we have

Movie ideas - post to FB/IG to poll what people want to see:

Cruella

Black Panther

En Canto

Goonies

Ratatouille

Ask Jed if those are on any other lists. (Christine)

VNA April Newsletter/VNA Community meeting ideas/agenda - April 20,2022

- 10min to Oregon Coalition for Criminal Justice Reform
- Justen executive director from NECN meet & greet
- Movie in the Park this summer
- See about Alberta Park volunteering - in May? One big event?
- Kim Kasch (City Commissioner #3) requested to speak
- Leave space for organizations to join & talk about what they need
- Suggestion from Ryan is to host our commissioner, who he believes is Susheela Jayapal. But I also agree and support the idea of having one of the other orgs in our neighborhood come!