
Piedmont Neighborhood Association General Meeting

Date: **November 16, 2023**

Time: **7:00 - 8:30 pm**

Location: **In Person: at Trinity Academy 7424 N Mississippi Ave, Portland**

Via Zoom: <https://us0Gweb.zoom.us/i/82836139307>

Minutes

I. Welcome and Introductions (Don)

In person were board members Don and Deanne, presenters Trell, Ray, Fred, and Lory, and 21 neighbors. Via Zoom were 7 neighbors + our vice chair Ben

II. Trell Anderson from Northwest Housing Alternatives to give update on the fate of Rosemont Court (597 N Dekum St), an apartment complex for low-income seniors

Trell gave a very comprehensive history of the Legionnaires outbreak at Rosemont including the measures they went to trying to combat it. Funding that they had lined up for upgrades was lost due to the outbreak. What is needed now is 6 million dollars to replace the entire water system and make other needed upgrades that would take up to one year to complete, at which point all 99 units would again be available. It was clear that nobody wants to sell Rosemont, but without the necessary funding they may have no other choice. They have an application for funds pending with the Portland Housing Bureau. Their pleas to the City, County, and State for help have fallen on deaf ears. A neighbor suggested folks show up to advocate for funding at the weekly commissioner meetings. A neighbor asked about security and the porta potty on site. It was explained that there have been 2 waterline breaks so there are workmen working on fixing those. Additionally, a manager is on site 8 hours a week, there is a full-time maintenance worker, and security makes rounds 3 times a night. There was great concern for those who have been displaced, but the situation has no clear way forward at this point in time.

III. Fred Neal and Lory Hefele, Transition Engagement Coordinators from the City of Portland to discuss the City's transition in 2025 to: ranked-choice voting, a 12-member city council elected by district and a citywide-elected mayor to oversee a city administrator.

Fred gave an informative power point presentation on all things transition related. For those wanting more detailed information the website Portland.gov/transition is a wonderful resource.

IV. New Communications Committee formed to work through organizing/enhancing our communication platforms (Don)

- Current members: Don, Ben, Deanne, Gwennie, Axle, Brian
- Thanks to Gwennie and Axle for their help configuring/testing
- Thanks to Mary Jaron Kelley for loaning equipment to us

An invitation was extended to join us, however no one accepted.

V. Summary of recent North Portland Chairs Meeting (Don)

A presentation was given on the Interstate Bridge Replacement Project. They could present at a general meeting as well, if people were interested. Interstatebridge.org is also a great place to get information, or to sign up for their newsletter.

December 4th is a potluck open to all 11 neighborhoods. 6:30 at the Kenton Firehouse.

Don also attended a meeting at the Fire Station by Fred Meyer with Commissioner Renee Gonzalez. While no commitments or decisions were made, Don was impressed with the commissioner's positivity and fairness, though a cautionary tale was shared regarding running for public office.

**VI. December 21st Meeting is a Holiday gathering at Vic's and Jude's
Further Details will be shared as the date gets closer.**

Meeting adjourned at 9:03.