Piedmont Neighborhood Association
General Meeting

PNA General Meetings are held the third Thursday of most months, 7:00-9:00pm.

Date: Thursday, May 21, 2026
Time: 7:00-9:00pm
Location: Peninsula Park Community Ctr, 700 N Rosa Parks Way, Portland, Fireside Room
Via Zoom: Zoom Recording

Minutes

1. **Welcome** and **Introductions (**Raziah Roushan, PNA Chair)
    a. Rhett Lawrence (Vice Chair), Don Robinson, (Secretary), Deanne Gomez (Treasurer), Ben Meyer-Crosby (Member-At-Large), Brian Borrello (Member-At-Large), Vic Vencill (Member-At-Large)
    b. **18 Attendees**: 6 members & 7 Board members in person; 5 members online

2. **Guest Speaker**
    a. **Friends of Peninsula Park Rose Garden, Christine Slapik** (chrisslapkic@gmail.com)
        i. For more information: https://www.penrosefriends.org
        ii. Chris mentioned their **need for volunteers to dead-head roses** (which is cutting off the old roses that have gone by) every **Mon, Wed, Fri from 9 to Noon**.
            1. They provide the pruning supplies, including gloves and provide instructions for newbies. Volunteers should wear long sleeves and pants.
            2. You don't have to sign-up ahead of time; you can just come and go at any time from 9 to noon.
            3. You have to be able to negotiate going over the low-lying boxwood bush hedges to get into some of the garden area
        iii. **Rose Care class, June 7th, 1:00p-2:30p**, open to the Public at the Rose Garden
            1. Meet on the corner of Kirby and Ainsworth

3. **Committee and Community Updates**
    a. **Saving Rosemont Court** (Don)
        i. Trell Anderson, the NWHA Exec Dir, said they are still anticipating the final signing and starting renovations in July
            1. A recent Land-use permit was obtained through the City to install a new, larger HVAC system on the roof. Trell said they had secured Portland clean energy funds for that kind of an upgrade.
        ii. Jennifer Brinkman, a near-by neighbor of RC, was concerned about an overflowing small garbage can near her fence that's loaded mainly with dog poop, and she said it looks like the grounds haven't been mowed or tended recently.
            1. Don will provide her with the RC contact email addresses where she can email her concerns
    b. **N Bryant Street Pedestrian/Bike Bridge-Earth Day Clean-up and Arts** Report (Brian)
        i. Brian thanked the many volunteers who helped at our Annual event as well as the weed suppression and hardscape preparation efforts at the near-by N Missouri Greenspace.
        ii. PNA is still looking for near-by residents of the N Missouri Greenspace to step up and lead the weed suppression and especially watering efforts to keep newly planted trees/shrubs watered through the summer

1. Water-hauling containers and water from a hose are available at near-by Molly's house through the dry summer months

c. **Rosa Parks Way Sign Topper Reception, happening June 20, 10:00am-Noon at Peninsula Park Gazebo** (Raziah)
   i. Plans continue to fall in place
   ii. Come take a trolley ride and meet the Artist, Arvie Smith
   iii. Guest speakers benign lined up
   iv. Live music
   v. Noise Variance Notice was completed for the event

d. **Piedmont History Project update** (Ben)
   i. A beta shell of a Piedmont History website has been created by Ben (ben@piedmontneighborhood.com) with the following sections:
      1. **The Origins of Piedmont**: A history of Piedmont from the PNA website
      2. **Historic Buildings and Homes**: Includes an interactive map, mansion images and each site's description from the Piedmont Walking History Map brochure that was created in the early 1990's.
      3. **Peninsula Park and Rose Garden**: Their history
      4. **Rosemont Commons**: History of Rosemont Court and Commons

4. **Community Announcements**

a. **Piedmont Neighborhood Yard & Makers' Sale Saturday, May 30, 9:00am-3:00pm**
   i. Interactive map link and more info on PNA Events page.
   ii. 35 Sale sites!
   iii. Buyers and Sellers can scan a unique QR code at each Sale to get entered into a raffle for $50 gift certificate to Mi Burrito restaurant in Piedmont

b. **2026 Willamette Regional PNW-ISA Tree Climbing competition, June 6 and 7, 7a-9p each day** at Farragut Park in Piedmont
   i. Sponsored by the Pacific Northwest Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture
   ii. Contacts: Terry Flanagan terry@teragan.com (509) 391-7541; Kyle Thomas Kyle.Thomas@portlandoregon.gov

c. Check that you're receiving the new PNA eNewsletters. It includes more community announcements each month. Some are reporting it's going to their spam folder.

d. Noise Variance Notice for the Hyland-Fitzpatrick Wedding Reception at Peninsula Park, Picnic Area A on July 25, 4:00-9:00pm. Contact the City's Noise Control Office at variances@portlandoregon.gov, or please call the event hosts Lindsay Hyland and Julien Fitzpatrick 248-971-8832 or 347-881-5743 for an immediate response to any of your concerns during the event. Visit www.portland.gov/ppd/noisevariance for more information or to appeal.