

10/3/16 BNA General Meeting

7-9 pm

Q Center

**Attendees:**

Board: David de la Rocha, Kay Newell, Katy Wolf, JP Castiaux (4/6 members = quorum)

Non-Board: Eve Naño (Peloton, Madrona Ridge LLC), Katie Meckes (EMSWCD), Michael Hoffman, Kimberly Stafford, Ryan Boyd, Howard Patterson, Diane Chaplin, Andrine de la Rocha

**Agenda:**

7:00 Introductions

7:05 Chair Comments

7:10 (20 min plus Q&A) Katie Meckes from the East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District. She will highlight their program offerings and how they benefit the community. Upcoming classes will include Naturescaping Basics, Rain Gardens, and Beneficial Insects.

7:30 Board Business - 10 min - Approval of Minutes, announcements, etc.

7:40 Open Comment (20 min)

8:00 Committee Reports (30 min) - Land Use, Communications, Treasurer

8:30 (5 min plus Q&A) The Property Manager for Peloton (the development at Williams-Skidmore-Vancouver) will present on the new public space they've developed in the alleyway, as well as details of a public event for the neighborhood they will be having to dedicate that space.

7:15 Eve, Peloton Apartments

- 265 units with retail at Mason and Skidmore, just moved in first floor of residents last weekend. Studio starts at \$1,480. Smallest home is at \$1302. Townhomes (2 BR) facing neighborhood homes, at \$3,140.
- Portland's first Woonerf - alley public space for neighbors. They were planning a big outdoor party but construction delays have put it off til spring time. Landscaped, stormwater drains, courtyard feel, seating, tables, retail-facing. Potentially shops out of artist studios. Restaurant space has outdoor seating on alley.
- Fencing is now down and sidewalk is open. Put in regional artwork on woonerf. Peloton plan to move into their leasing office in mid-Oct.

7:24 Katie, EMSWCD

- Serve Multnomah County, east of the Willamette River. Non-regulatory, not part of the county. Resource for landowners and non-landowners. Mission is to help people care for land and water.
- Urban Lands Program - Help you learn about sustainable gardening practices. Free workshops on evenings and weekends. Naturescaping, rain gardens, native plants, urban weeds, beneficial insects, pollinators. Fall and Spring season classes.
- Native plant sale starts in January for pre-order. Pickup at office on Williams between Alberta and Killingsworth.

- Property is a living demonstration garden. Pervious pathways and pavement, ecoroof, rain barrels. Can organize a tour.
- Stormwater - rainfall that doesn't soak into the ground. Comes with urban development. Water picks up pollutants and it travels quickly to waterways, untreated. Add a rain garden, which is a sunken garden bed where you can direct runoff. Add mulch to prevent erosion.
- Two kinds of grants: SPACE - monthly grants up to \$1,500, and PIC - annual grants from \$5,000-\$100,000. Learn more at [www.emswcd.org/grants](http://www.emswcd.org/grants)
- Will start planning spring workshops next month.

#### 7:48 Board business

- Reminder to get BNA updates on Nextdoor, Facebook, sign up for newsletter on bnapdx.com
- David moves to approve the July minutes, Kay seconds. All in favor, motion passes.

#### 7:57 Public Comment

- What do you do about people who may be removing trees without permit? Suggestion to use portlandmaps.com to find permit and call the City Public Works Hotline.
- Question about what's happening with the Machine mural on Williams and Shaver? Looking at nextportland.com, update from this week about being in Design Review. BNA will ask the developer William Kaven to present at the next LUTC meeting.

#### 8:15 Adjourn