

Northwest Neighborhood Association Board Meeting

February 23, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. It was held at Panera Bread. Chris, Kat, John, Barb, and Tricia were present.

Kat said we have been offered some roses to plant a rose garden at Bella Vista Park. We are wondering what variety they are, and how much maintenance they would need. After some discussion we decided that we would rather introduce a native plant garden to the park that would not need as much maintenance.

Kat said she and Mary are going to get together to work on the Matching Grant Completion Report. She said if anyone has any receipts that need to be included to get them to them.

Alex wasn't able to attend the meeting. Kat said she would like to continue the discussion about trees in the neighborhood — planting trees and preventing trees from being removed, when possible. John suggested the tree committee become involved in the middle housing discussion, especially because so many trees have been lost due to clear cutting properties for development.

Kat said a large amount of soap was dumped on the street on 7th. She said a van from “Your Dirty Dog” was seen in the area, which makes sense that they were the ones who dumped. Some children who were playing outside told Kat which house the van was parked in front of. Kat sent photos to the city and they said they will follow up.

Our next general meeting is on May 11. Kat suggested Backyard Habitat come to make a presentation. Fire Chief Jeff Hairston would like to come to provide an update on the fire department. Kat suggested that we also firm up our picnic date. Our tentative date right now is July 30.

A neighbor has offered a \$1,000 donation to be used for park enhancements. We need to talk more about how we might put the money to good use. One suggestion is a new bench, or a native planting area.

Our next board meeting will be on Monday, March 30 at 7:00 p.m. at Panera Bread.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.