



**Hosford-Abernethy Neighborhood Association Board  
HAND General Meeting  
May 13, 2025**

**Attendees:**

| <b>HAND Board members</b> |                                |                 |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Name</b>               | <b>Title</b>                   | <b>Present?</b> |
| Chris Eykamp              | Chair                          | X               |
| Mark Linehan              | Treasurer                      | X               |
| Michelle Sprague          | Communications chair           | X               |
| Karen Girard              | Secretary                      | X               |
| Bruce Bikle               | SE Uplift Board representative | X               |
| Jill Riebesehl            | SE Examiner liaison            | X               |
| Phil Cox                  |                                | X               |
| Kim Nurmi                 |                                | X               |
| Peggy McDaniel            |                                |                 |
| Barbara Stross            |                                | X               |

Guests: Ruth Campbell, Alex Cherin (SEUL), Jen Eykamp, Allen Field (Richmond NA), Mike Girard, Gary Granger (PDX Crow Roost), Paul Keltner (PF&R CHAT), Kayla Kennett, Carolyn MacMurray, Jim MacMurray, Andre Miller (Commissioner Morillo’s Office), Linda Nettekoven, Carl Nurmi, Jack Spadano, Linda Steinle, Injoong Yoon

Chris opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

**Approval of April HAND Board Meeting minutes and April treasurer’s report**

- Phil moved to approve the April HAND Board Meeting minutes and the April treasurer’s reports. Mark seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Crows (Gary Granger, PDX Crow Roost)**

- Gary Granger of [PDX Crow Roost](#) joined the HAND meeting to share information about crows and their success in the human environment.

- ~45 species of crows worldwide; in North America, we have 2-3 species of crows (American Crow is the crow we have here, Fish Crow is back east, Northwest Crow is above Puget Sound)
- More crows now due to more people; as people built and changed the landscape, we created a better habitat for crows. Urban environment - crows came to cities in the 1970's due to eradication efforts in rural areas and fewer predators (raptors).
- Portland's crow roost is about 22,000; in 2017 the roost was about 5,000.
- Crows do well in an urban environment for several reasons - heat island effect, fewer owls, lighter in city (crows don't see well at night), food sources all winter
- Benefits of crows: crows control insects, grubs, and carrion. Part of the ecological avian balance.

### **Portland Fire & Rescue Community Health Assess and Treat (CHAT) - Paul Keltner, RN**

- Paul Keltner of the Portland Fire & Rescue's [Community Health Assess and Treat \(CHAT\) Team](#) joined the HAND meeting to share information about CHAT.
- CHAT has been functioning about 3.5 years; attend low-acuity medical problems; dispatched through 911
- CHAT response teams - goal is to help people figure out where they can get help
  - has EMTs and paramedics; small team - not available 24/7 right now; M-Th 8:00-6:00; dispatched through 911
  - assess person on the scene and recommend where they can get treatment;
  - may prevent unnecessary ambulance rides (minimum of \$1,800)
- CHAT does a lot of work that fire crews and ambulance crews don't have time to attend to
- Vast majority of the population served are unhoused people - CHAT assesses and provides linkages to medical, behavioral health, social services. CHAT also provides after-care follow-up.
- Pilot program - can get opioid treatment medication started, get them shelter, connecting to follow-up visits and services (25 people enrolled in program in 2024)
- CHAT is not part of permanent budget; year-to-year funding; most funding comes from CareOregon and HealthShare
- Portland Street Response - function is to primarily respond to behavioral and mental health crises that used to go to armed police response; CHAT has some crossover with PSR. CHAT focuses on medical issues with some behavioral health as well.
- Crews are mobile and flexible - not based out of a fire station; they are assigned to regions. Crews are 2 people; do not transport people. If someone needs to be transported, they call an ambulance or a cab.
- Usually have 4 response units with 2 people each, 3 people on follow-up team (~20 people); usually attend 5-10 calls in a 10 hour shift; follow-up team does up to 20 encounters/day.

### **Request to fund Movies in the Park 2025**

- Allen Field of the Richmond Neighborhood Association joined the meeting to request HAND’s support for this year’s [Movies in the Park](#) at Sewallcrest Park. The Richmond, Sunnyside and HAND neighborhood associations have partnered in the past to put on the movie. Allen requested \$300 from HAND to match what the Sunnyside Neighborhood Association contributed.
- Michelle moved that HAND contribute \$300 from the Communications Fund to support Movies in the Park at Sewallcrest Park. Barbara seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Event details:
  - Saturday, August 16th
  - Event starts at 7:30, movie will be shown at dusk
  - Movie: Goonies (40th anniversary)
  - Sewallcrest Park

**SE Uplift (SEUL) - Alex Cherin - District 3 Coalition**

- Alex Cherin, the SEUL liaison for HAND, shared a presentation about [SE Uplift District 3](#)
- District 3 - highest density coalition office; board is comprised of 19 neighborhood associations, 2 business associations, 7 non-profits, 7 at-large directors
  - Bruce Bikle is the HAND representative to SE Uplift

**May General Meeting elections**

- In preparation for the HAND Board elections, Chris provided an overview of the HAND board and encouraged HAND members to join the board.
  - There are 20 seats on the HAND board; current HAND board has 10 board members
  - The following HAND Board members’ terms are ending in May 2025:

| Name             | Title                | Elected             | Term expires |
|------------------|----------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| Chris Eykamp     | Chair                | 5/16/2023           | 5/1/2025     |
| Josie Kressner   | Vice chair           | 5/16/2023           | 5/1/2025     |
| Mark Linehan     | Treasurer            | 5/16/2023           | 5/1/2025     |
| Michelle Sprague | Communications chair | 5/16/2023           | 5/1/2025     |
| Barbara Stross   |                      | 9/10/24 (appointed) | 5/1/2025     |

- HAND Board members running for reelection this year:
  - Barbara Stross
  - Michelle Sprague
  - Mark Linehan
  - Chris Eykamp

- Of those attending the meeting, Kayla Kennett indicated she is interested in joining the HAND Board. If anyone else is interested in joining the board later, they can be appointed through a different process.
  - Kayla Kennett - came to PDX in 2016; 1st generation college student; works at City Club of Portland; communications expertise; does not have a car and loves the walkability of HAND, loves living in the neighborhood
- All candidates shared information about themselves and made a statement about why they are interested in serving on the HAND Board.
- Michelle made a motion to elect the nominees as a slate. Phil seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Michelle made a motion to adopt the slate of candidates. Mark seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Public comment**

- All attendees are invited to participate in discussions at HAND Board meetings. If you have a general comment to share, just let the chair know and time will be made available for you.
- To join the HAND listserv to receive information about HAND meetings and general announcements, sign up [here](#). It is not a high-volume listserv and there are usually only 1-3 announcements per month.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

*Minutes submitted by Karen Girard*

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#### **Neighborhood issues monitoring list**

- HAND will maintain a list of ongoing issues that HAND is monitoring.
- Email entries and updates to secretary (Karen)