



Hayden Island Neighborhood Network

Board Meeting Thursday, November 13, 2025– 6-7:30 PM

Call to Order: Presiding Officer, Pam Ferguson, Chair

Zoom host: Ellen Churchill

Secretary: Ellen Churchill

Purpose of HINooN:

“To enhance the livability of the Hayden Island neighborhood by establishing and maintaining an open line of communications and liaison between members of HINooN, other neighborhood associations and government agencies.” (HINooN Bylaws, Effective June 9, 2011)

Board Member Roll Call: [P] Present, [A] Absent.

1	Manufactured Homeowners &, Inc.	Pam Ferguson	Chair	P
2	Island Cove Floating Home Community	Patti Marcellus	Treasurer	A
3	Lotus Isle Homeowner’s Association	Cheryl Bertanyi		A
4	Columbia Point	Janet Mack		P
5	Hayden Bay Marina Homes	Rob Lewis	Land Use Chair	P
6	Marina River House HOA	EC Mathews		P
7	Non-Profit Hayden Island - CSI	Gary Clark		P
8	Hi, Manufactured Homeowners &, Inc.	Jan Roxburgh		P
9	Association of Unit Owners of Riverhouse	Martin Slapikas		A
10	Tomahawk Floating Homes	Victoria Grace		A
11	At Large	Sam Churchill		P
12	At Large	Tom Dana		P
13	At Large	Ellen Churchill	Secretary	P

Guests:

1	Richard Brounstein	The Waterside HOA
2	Kimberly Haslett	Hayden Bay Homes
3	Kevin Bond	City of Portland Planner
4	Bob Ortblad	Seattle area – Engineer
5	Robert Wallis	Vancouver - Engineer
6	Latricia Tillman	IBRP Administration Equity Team Member
7	Nathan Potter	IBRP Construction Resident Engineer
8	Meghan Hodges	IBR Community & Government Relations Manager
9	Tom Foeller	The Waterside HOA
10	Tammy Vanzen	Unknown
11	Amanda Cabrera	Tri Met

Ten guests attended the meeting.

Establish a quorum A minimum of Seven Board members in attendance is necessary at any Board meeting to make binding decisions. Nine Board members attended the meeting.

Quick recap

The meeting began with introductions and technical setup, followed by discussion regarding a new Hayden Island welcome sign design that was approved by the Board and will be sponsored by HINooN and Columbia Crossing. The meeting then addressed the Interstate Bridge Replacement project, including soil stabilization methods and ongoing environmental reviews, while also discussing concerns about project communication and funding. The conversation ended with discussions about vehicle camping issues, and media coverage of the bridge project, with participants expressing frustration about the current communication approach with the IBRP project team.

Next steps

- [Kimberly: Forward the sign design to Chevron contact for approval](#)
- [Kimberly: Get pricing from sign company once design is approved and report back to HINooN](#)
- [Kimberly: Report back to HINooN on sign costs and sponsorship breakdown](#)
- [Latricia \[IBR\]: Forward the letter from HINooN to Nathan and Meghan regarding Hayden Island concerns](#)
- [Meghan/Nathan \[IBRP\]: Review HINooN's letter and compare with draft SEIS comments to determine what can be responded to in writing](#)

- [Meghan/Nathan \[IBRP\]: Send email with tentative testing schedule, hotline information, and Nathan's contact information to HINooN for distribution to residents](#)
- [Meghan/Nathan \[IBRP\]: Communicate ahead of time when barge work will occur in Columbia River](#)
- [Meghan \[IBRP\]: Send email compiling all IBR resources including bridge visualization links and videos to HINooN](#)
- [Ellen: Add Patti's name to bottle drop account](#)
- [Pam: Send Walmart receipt to Patti to get reimbursed for school supplies](#)
- [Ellen: Present community event ideas list at December meeting for discussion](#)
- [Ellen: Send meeting video to John Ley for potential article/write-up](#)
- [Victoria: Present emergency preparedness plan at next HINooN meeting, including potential meeting with fire department contact](#)

Summary

Agenda Adjustments

The meeting began with some brief technical difficulties followed by the introductions, and establishing a quorum of 9 members. Pam Ferguson, the chair of HINooN, welcomed attendees and outlined the adjusted agenda which would be followed for the evening. The Board discussed the importance of a recent letter written by Kimberly, which was praised for its clarity and effectiveness. Latricia [IBRP] mentioned she had only recently seen the email containing the letter and had forwarded it to Nathan and Meghan, who had not yet responded. The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m., and attendees were reminded to introduce themselves before speaking.

Hayden Island Welcome Sign Design

Kimberly presented a design concept for a new Hayden Island welcome sign, which features boats, kayakers, a blue heron, and with Mount Hood in the background. The design, which aims to celebrate the island's natural beauty and recreational spirit, was approved by the board, who agreed it was a significant improvement over the old sign. Kimberly will now seek approval of the design from Chevron before requesting pricing estimates from the sign company. The sign will be placed on Chevron's private property due to ODOT regulations.

The next steps involve working with a sign designer to bring the concept to life, with the final cost still to be determined. HINooN and Columbia Crossing have agreed to sponsor the sign, with Columbia Crossing also handling installation. Kimberly said that Columbia Crossing has also offered to help with maintenance and landscaping.

Note: Kimberly explained that the current HINooN blue flag logo would not be included in the design as it was deemed unnecessary since the website address is already present.

I-5 Bridge Environmental Review Update

The ongoing environmental review process for the I-5 bridge replacement project was discussed. The IBRP is hoping to receive federal approval in early 2026. Meghan explained that while construction is planned for 2026, they are still determining the bridge configuration. The Coast Guard will still have to review their proposal for a 116 feet high fixed bridge.

The IBR is conducting soil testing on ODOT property on Hayden Island, which will require a temporary detour for pedestrians and cyclists.

Interstate Bridge Soil Stabilization

Nathan Potter explained three techniques being tested: jet grouting, deep soil mixing, and vibro-stone columns, with the aim of hardening soils on Hayden Island to support proposed future bridge construction.

Meghan Hodges announced plans for additional sampling work in the Columbia River in 2026. The IBR team answered questions about noise, vibration, and air pollution from testing, saying there will be minimal impact due to contained work areas and daytime operations. The IBRP team also discussed environmental monitoring and the public availability of testing results,

There was a lively discussion between the IBRP representatives and both Bob Ortblad and Robert Wallis. There was disagreement with IBRP and the seismic vulnerability of the existing bridge, prompting Meghan to offer that people come to the IBRP office during hours for further discussion.

Columbia River Crossing [CRC] Project Cost and Alternatives

Bob Ortblad raised concerns about misleading references in the IBRP website to wooden piles in the river in relation to the CRC bridge project and highlighted that over 50% of the structure across Hayden Island would be elevated on piers, making soil stabilization unnecessary. He criticized the project's cost, emphasizing that the existing bridge could be maintained or replaced with a tunnel, and questioned the exaggerated risk of collapse used

to justify the new bridge. Meghan [IBRP] noted that the project aims to address multiple issues, including earthquake vulnerability, freight movement, and transit options, and clarified that the program is proposing solutions for these problems.

Interstate Bridge Testing Update

The meeting focused on the Interstate Bridge Replacement Program's ground testing activities, with Nathan [IBRP] explaining that sample coring is currently underway and columns are scheduled to begin the first week of December, followed by DSM deep soil mixing and jet grout testing in the week of the 15th of November. Nathan confirmed he would be the main point of contact for community questions and concerns about the testing, which will include noise levels and disturbances. Meghan shared that detailed visualizations and videos of the proposed bridge designs are available on the project website.

Note: for the IBR project the terms “jet grouting”, “Columns” and “deep soil fixing” refer to methods used to test and strength the ground beneath the proposed bridge. These ground improvement studies mitigate seismic risks and ensure the new bridge is stable and safe.

Rob raised concerns about the lack of government funding for the project and the need for a complete earthquake risk assessment, while Tom expressed frustration about the lack of detailed drawings and images being shared with the community.

IBR Project Communication Challenges

The meeting focused on communication strategies and concerns regarding the IBR project, particularly its impact on Hayden Island residents. Meghan and Nathan discussed the availability of project information, including a hotline for noise complaints and a tentative schedule, which Kimberly requested to be shared via email. The board expressed frustration with the current IBRP communication methods, highlighting difficulties in accessing information and the need for more detailed and timely updates. Nathan agreed to respond to specific questions and forward non-project-related inquiries to the appropriate team.

The conversation ended with a discussion about the upcoming leadership changes at IBR and the need to address resident concerns, with Pam promising to forward a letter outlining these issues.

HINooN Administrative Business Board Meeting:

Updates and Planning

The board approved the October 14th meeting minutes and received a treasurer's report showing total cash reserves of \$16,597.71.

Gary reported an increase in vehicle camping issues on ODOT property, with all camps having been tagged and ticketed.

Board discussion regarding the concerns about the CEI Hub was put on hold until the next meeting since Marty was unable to attend the November board meeting.

Ellen noted that she had coordinated a meeting with the Community Events Committee. The committee's report was tabled until the next board meeting.

Ellen is working on adding Patti Marcellus's name to the bottle drop account.

ICE Concerns and Community Events

The Board discussed concerns about ICE activity on the island, with Gary explaining that while ICE has the right to operate like a police force, they don't have a significant presence and emphasized that tracking ICE activities could lead to legal issues. Pam reported low turnout at the Mexican Independence Day event in the manufactured home community, attributing it to ICE-related fears, and mentioned that Sam Churchill will be Santa Claus at the upcoming Christmas event. The Board also explored the possibility of organizing a Hayden Island Shindig event in spring or summer at Pals, which could include live music and food, though they decided to postpone detailed event planning for the December agenda.

Bridge Project Concerns Discussed

The Board discussed concerns about a proposed IBRP bridge, expressing frustration that key details remain unknown despite ongoing meetings. E.C. suggested trying a different approach rather than continuing to criticize the project team, while others agreed that the current strategy wasn't effective. The conversation ended with discussion about media coverage, noting that while John Ley couldn't attend due to a dinner commitment, the meeting was recorded and would be shared with him for potential media coverage.

Pam Ferguson adjourned the meeting at 8pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Ellen Churchill