

Boise Neighborhood Association Meeting

Monday, Oct 13. @ Q Center (Mississippi and Mason), 7 - 9pm

7:00 -- Introductions

Non-Board Attendees:

- Kari Hetlestad and Dan Dutch Van Dehey - PSU Honors College students studying Ethnography of Boise neighborhood for Urban Social Science class.
- Jon, Albina and Fremont
- Nathan, Failing and Mississippi - student at Pacific NW College of Art. Collecting stories from people that live or have lived in the neighborhood. Reinterpreting their stories into handpainted signs and prints to visually express stories and emotions from the neighborhood. Thesis for school. Some will be in thesis show. Exploring the ways to show them publicly. Will be website. Community discussion around stories.
- JP Castiaux, Kerby and Shaver
- Robin, pastor
- Shane, Mississippi and Shaver
- Judith, Mississippi and Michigan

Board Attendees: (no quorum)

1. Ted Buehler, Chair
2. Noah Lauerma, At Large
3. Katy Wolf, Secretary, Safety and Livability Chair, Communications Chair
4. Kay Newell, Vice Secretary
5. Stephen Gomez, Land Use and Transportation Chair
6. Karis Stoudamire-Phillips, Treasurer

7:05 -- approval of September minutes

- Board cannot approve because we do not have quorum.

7:08 -- public comment

- Noah: There's been some armed muggings near Mississippi on Saturday nights around midnight - 2 am. Information has been shared on Nextdoor.com.
- Jon: Jon lost his 4 month old black kitten Archie last Saturday. He has yellow eyes and a red collar, and a microchip. Jon's number is 503-724-4052.
- Ted: Interested in doing a project to paint curbs around driveways, which anyone is allowed to do per PBOT standards. We could do it as a neighborhood fundraiser/get to know your neighbors, for about \$5 a pop. This would draw attention to the points where people cannot park. Ted and Noah are also both interested in trying to lower the speed limit on Fremont because of the increase in speeders.

- Judith: At the last LUTC meeting, people discussing the Winkler project were unaware that Michigan was not a dead end street. So she passed out maps to show that the street goes all the way to Cook.

7:15 -- police report and safety

- Officer Matthew Tobey checked in to see if he could answer any questions, although he is normally in St. Johns, so isn't familiar with the issues in this neighborhood.
- Ted asks what to do when he catches people going over the speed limit on Fremont. Officer Tobey says we should send a request through the traffic division (find on the website) to have an officer come out for an hour. We can also try to request an electronic sign with radar gun built in for the street.

7:25 -- NECN update (Lupin Morgan)

- Lupin is absent.
- Ted reports that several NECN board members have resigned this week. We do not know a whole lot more at this time.

7:30 Communications and Safety/Livability report (Katy Wolf)

- Victor Salinas with the City Office of Neighborhood Involvement is providing facilitation for people to organize a **2015 Community Summit** on Sat January 31 at the Lloyd DoubleTree Hotel. Anyone can get involved. Planning meetings will occur several times a month and there are many subcommittees needing volunteers. The Community Summit will be open to community organizers, non-profit members, and neighborhood associations, just as the planning committees are open to them. The goal is receive training in workshops and come away with tools to make change happen.
- **Oct 31 Mississippi Ave Trick or Treat** - This is an annual event the businesses put on for neighborhood children. HMBA needs help fliering ahead of the event, starting this weekend. Those that want to help can contact Stephanie Ryan (HMBA Marketing) at marketing@mississippiave.com. You can find more information on the Mississippi Ave. Facebook event: [facebook.com/events/967751493240458/](https://www.facebook.com/events/967751493240458/)
- Livability: The **Mississippi Ave Graffiti Cleanup** is now Sat October 25. You can find all the information on the Sustainable Mississippi Facebook event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1438943629693719/>
- Safety: There is a new ONI Crime Prevention coordinator and a new structure to the **Crime Prevention Program**. Restructuring the program, moving staff. Larger neighborhood areas, but with fewer responsibilities. Mary Tompkins is taking over the entire NECN area (which includes us) as our new Crime Prevention Coordinator. Other new staffing:
 - Enhanced Safety Properties, Mike Boyer - for residential rental property, mostly apartment bldgs. Train landlord and tenants, make improvements to property.
 - Community Building, Brad Taylor 503-823-2781- foot patrols
 - Communications, Stefanie Adams - newsletters, print materials, crime alerts

If there's a drug house and a neighbor wants to start a neighborhood watch, Mary would help with the drug house, and Brad would help with the watch. We should always start with Mary though and she will decide how to funnel it.

- Communications: For the board members that are interested in getting trained on how to use MailChimp, and discussing how to use it, Katy will schedule a **MailChimp training session**. Separately, Cameron Herrington who does Communications and Outreach for NECN will offer an **email best practices training on Weds November 19**.
 - **Follow up:** Ted, Ed, and Noah are interested. Katy will schedule.

7:50 Land Use and Transportation updates (Stephen Gomez)

- **Next LU&T meeting is Oct 27.** The volume of things coming through is such that the people are having to meet outside of the main meeting, and meet with developers.
Agenda for Oct LU&T Meeting
- Updates:
 - Marathon Development: Willmore project at Williams and Skidmore. Now looking at 4 properties in our neighborhood. Also across from Flavour Spot, and one behind Grand Central, and two on Vancouver and Shaver on both sides of Shaver. Stephen and three others were able to meet with Marathon. All projects will top out at 55'. The LUTC is pushing Marathon to have retail on the ground floor to keep the street active. Stephen wants to invite Marathon to the Nov 10 BNA meeting because we need to get information to create our response for the public comment period. It is interesting and promising to note that Marathon buys and manages their own properties instead of flipping them.
 - "Wenkler project" is going into Design Advice Request phase. We will probably want to offer an official comment on the massing of the proposed projects and how they impact the surrounding neighborhood. We want to get that comment into the City in the next month.
 - N/NE Portland Affordable Housing Forum: Stephen attended the meeting on Oct 11 about this issue. We need to engage with the process to add our voice for Boise. PDC-run and the Mayor was there. 125 people there. Most people at the meeting wanted apartments or stabilization of current home ownership. Others including Stephen put forward the thought of a land bank. A group of people self-identified as "middle class" and felt they were going to be left out because that they do not qualify for the cutoff for affordable housing. Recommendation coming from PDC in January to City Council.
- Updates on Williams and Rodney safety improvements
 - Curb extensions will be done by Nov.
 - Nov will be the new islands between Beech and Skidmore.
- Proposal to put LU&T development agenda items on the Nov 2014 Neighborhood Meeting agenda due to schedule conflicts with the LU&T dates. (Note that this is

just a quick summary, discussion of these items occurs at the LU&T meetings, 4th Monday of the month).

- Parking
 - There's a subcommittee doing some work on this. There's a committee charged with looking at handling parking in fast developing neighborhoods. Boise was selected as one of five study group and a representative will come to the Oct LU&T meeting. Their goal is to create a toolbox for each community to choose which tools will work best for their neighborhood.

8:05 -- 2014-2015 Proposed Budget (Karis Stoudamire-Phillips, treasurer) & approve proposed Communications budget

Votes needed:

- Pay for Movies in the Park (\$650) out of General budget
- Approve allocations for Communications budget

2014 Communications Funds - \$1,000

Expenses: \$200.70 already spent on swag

Remaining Budget:

- May 2015 Neighborhood Clean Up flier printing cost estimate: \$300
- August 2015 National Night Out flier printing cost estimate: \$300
- (remainder) Yard signs, additional printing costs, miscellaneous supplies, graphic design or other: \$199.30

Board could not vote without a quorum, so votes are deferred until next month.

8:15 -- Our United Villages/The Rebuilding Center Presentation (Shane Endicott, Executive Director)

- The Rebuilding Center is a fixture in our neighborhood, most know it as a resource for affordable used building supplies. Shane will tell us about the other elements of TRC's mission and activities, and we can discuss any ways the BNA and TRC may be able to work together.
- More info on OUV/TRC: <http://www.ourunitedvillages.org>
- Video link
<https://www.dropbox.com/s/st2374hwsc5fztg/City%20of%20Portland%20Waste%20to%20Asset.mp4?dl=0>
- 1999 opening date. support existing resources to strengthen social networks and make communities better. Took 2 years of volunteering to open the Rebuilding Center. Now have 35 full time employees, over 80% which live in this zipcode. Do On the Job training, offer benefits.
- The Rebuilding Center provides the financial support for Community Legacy Program. Provides free resources, tools and facilitation for people who want to do anything in their community like starting a tool library, community garden, learn the history of their neighborhood. They are behind the scenes of the organizations they support. They help people get over the barriers to connection. Most recently they have worked with

Eliot Neighborhood Association who are working on being more inclusive. They have given them a toolkit such as flier template and messaging help.

- Re: demolitions - They bid out like any other construction or deconstruction company, so anyone can hire them. In Overlook, the neighborhood association gave a developer a list of desired outcomes, which included a wish that they use the Rebuilding Center to do the deconstruction, which they did. It takes longer to do it their way, and it costs a little bit more, but sometimes they are the lowest bidder. They also create 7 or 8 jobs more than a traditional demo company. TRC can do a light touch “skim” to a “gut” (down to the studs). They can also do a free pickup service if someone else does the work of pulling it out. They can also do a free consultation. About 2,000 volunteers a year. Everything donated to TRC is tax deductible.
- **Follow up action:** Ted will draft a letter to homeowners considering demolition to encourage them to choose TRC to do a deconstruction.

8:40 Board Business (Ted Buehler)

- Further discussion on whether we need to re-vote in our bylaws report from Katy on what Holly and Katy Asher found in their notes.
 - **Follow up action:** Ted will do this investigation. We’ll follow up via email on next steps for the bylaws.
- Representative to the Boise-Eliot/Humboldt School re-imagining process.
 - **Follow up action:** Karis is going to get more information that we can share on Facebook.
- November Neighborhood Meeting -- proposal to have Marathon Development come and present due to scheduling issues with the LU&T meeting time slots. Everyone is fine with this.

8:50- adjourn