



BOISE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

May 12, 2014

'Q' Center, 4115 N. Mississippi Ave.

7:00 - 8:45 P.M.

In Attendance:

Caroline Dao, Kay Newell, Holly Blakeslee, Katy Wolf, Sarah Cantine, Noah Lauerman, Richard Nudelman, Brad Nelson, Theresa Therrien, Stephanie Ryan

Agenda:

7:10 Introductions and Agenda Overview

7:12 Approve April Meeting Minutes

7:15 Public Comment

7:45 Committee Updates

8:00 Mississippi Street Fair w/ HMBA

8:40 Board Elections and Visioning

8:45 Graffiti

8:55 Adjourn

7:10 P.M. Introductions

Introductions are made.

7:12 P.M. April Meeting Minutes

Holly moves that minutes from last meeting be approved.

Katy seconds.

Motion passed.

7:15 P.M. Public Comment: Food Project

Richard Nudelman introduces the Portland Food Project. PortlandFoodProject.org

Founded February 2012. Began in Ashland. At this time they have about 800 volunteers. Main volunteer position would be Neighborhood Coordinator. Every other month the neighborhood coordinator collects food bags from designated donors which are then donated to food pantry(ies). The donors put approximately one item of unperishable foods in their bag every time they shop. Fliers are distributed. People encouraged to volunteer. Some business are involved and contribute also.

7:30 P.M. Additional Public Comment: Historical Landmarks Commission

Caroline discusses. Notifies BNA there will be a public comment phase in June during City Council. Chance for advocates to speak up about infill, asks for ideas or person? Sarah suggests Ted Buehler as a good advocate. Ted not at meeting tonight. In past has been mostly businesses that attend. Talk regarding new projects coming to neighborhood. On slate for demolition: 4133 N Kerby. Sarah googles it. 1951 700sq 2 bed/1 bath house.

The BNA can request a 120 day delay before demolition. [Portland City Code Section 24.55.200](#) - need to complete form by June 11, 2014.

There is also a National Preservation 'umbrella policy' must meet criteria (architecture, materials) under umbrella can protect multiple sites. Eliot NA has used it. Someone mentions that Eliot neighborhood *is* a conservation district.

7:45 P.M. Committee Updates

Communications: BNA Sandwich Boards! Caroline set four out tonight. One outside 'Q' center, one corner of Williams, throughout neighborhood. Discuss other sites with lots of foot traffic. Discuss keeping one board permanently on corner outside 'Q' Center, cable locks, how to secure.

Communications Chair Katy Wolf discusses the trash cans/recycling receptacles along Mississippi, progress, etc. She has spoken with the Williams Business Association for research purposes, options such as type of cans, metal work, artistry, etc.

Boise Neighborhood Spring Clean-Up **Saturday, May 31st 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

8:00 P.M. Mississippi Street Fair - July 12, 2014

13th annual Mississippi Street Fair. Website for information: [Mississippi Ave](#)

Brad Nelson, Event Director. His 4th year, he is also a Boise resident. The street fair has the biggest impact on the neighborhood each year. Brad works for a private company. Multiple aspects to oversee: businesses, the community, and safety. They have added more security over the years, esp. beer area, they work with Portland police. Goal is to keep fair viable, sustainable, profitable. Put monetary profit back into the neighborhood, purpose of beer garden. Last year profit \$500 from beer garden. Donate to non-profits such as the Boise Business Youth Unity Project (BBYUP) and SEI (Self-Enhancement Inc.)

Water/sewage concerns. ATM fees. No plastic water bottles provided/encouraged. Use event hotline for concerns during fair. We need volunteers. They are working with Katy Wolf to help make Fair more sustainable.

General issues discussed. Bring back Grandfather's BBQ Cook-Off. The Dunk Tank. Asked what is the 'definitive' end time of Street Fair? Brad says there is a cumulative end to fair, people not to stay late, vendors pack up and leave, final acts on stage. Fair officially ends at 9 p.m. but takes about an hour to get everyone off the street. Maybe we should have ending ceremony? "Crown" a community member 'mayor' - someone who has contributed and active with community? Clean-up takes until midnight. There is an emergency response plan in place.

New businesses briefly discussed.

8:40 P.M. Board Elections and Visioning

Board elections in June. Board Visioning on June 19th. Plan to have follow-up conversations, streamline certain procedures.

8:45 P.M. Graffiti

Most businesses/residents clean up their own spots/areas. Police are upping night patrols. Best practice or deterrent is to remove the graffiti as soon as possible.

8:55 P.M. Adjourn