



GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
BOISE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

March 7, 2014

'Q' Center, 4115 N. Mississippi Ave.
6:50 - 8:50 P.M.

In Attendance:

Caroline Dao, Kay Newell, Stephen Gomez, Holly Blakeslee, Katy Wolf, Sarah Cantine, Noah Lauerman, Ted Buehler, Robin Franklin, Stephanie Ryan, Karis Stoudamire-Phillips, Stacey Wion, Don Minnerly, Huey Martin

6:50 P.M. Board Meeting

Brief BNA Board meeting. Discuss: Guest property requirements. Good Neighbor letter.

Stephen and Caroline will work on the letter. Rest of discussion tabled.

7:05 P.M. Introductions

During introductions, it is brought to attention that the BNA should have HMBA and Williams Business Association (WBA) representatives attend/be invited to attend the monthly BNA meetings.

7:10 P.M. Minutes

No February meeting minutes were submitted. The February monthly BNA meeting was combined with the February LUTC meeting as the BNA meeting had been called for snow (!) at the beginning of the month.

Even without minutes, some discussion ensued regarding the last vote during the January meeting regarding the One North project and the Nature in Neighborhoods grant request.

To recap (excerpted from the approved January 2014 BNA Minutes):

-The following are the reasons for opposition to the Nature in the Neighborhoods grant as voiced by nearly one-half of the BNA board:

Belief that this appears as public funds being used for a well-funded for-profit enterprise, and could affect more worthy projects not getting grant funding. Looks an awful lot like money from the public to the pockets of developers once again.

Uncomfortable about the grant applicant not being named (some non-profit that they couldn't disclose).

Uncomfortable that the letter was pre-written by the project to be rubber stamped by the board. (we did later add some verbiage, but the whole thing seemed odd to Noah and others).

Questions about how a paved courtyard supports the spirit of the 2006 bond measure/nature in neighborhoods grant.

Discussion: Both Stephen Gomez and Ted Buehler have now visited the 'Nature in Neighborhoods' Metro website and read over their guidelines. They found many concerns between the guidelines of the grant and One North's proposal. Website: [OREGON METRO](#)

7:20 p.m. Officer Jose Jimenez from the Bureau of Police

Before Office Jimenez speaks, there is a small amount of public comment. Neighbor Huey Martin expounds at length about the increase in traffic and vehicles and loss of parking due to the exponential increase in population in our area in the past decade. Some of his concerns are addressed by those present.

Officer Jimenez lets us know that police presence is important, as is feedback from the neighborhood, meaning to report whenever there is a crime committed. Members present mention increase in car break-ins and the increase in broken glass in the neighborhood. Officer stresses that the BNA needs to collaborate with the HMBA and the WBA in

terms of noting incidents, etc., that both should address the issues. Calls do make a difference. With the right input, area checks can increase. **Police non-emergency # 503-823-3333.**

7:30 p.m. Communications

Caroline asks for help with communications. Sandwich boards, logo, collaboration discussed.

7:35 p.m. SALT

SALT information posted on the BNA website. Katy Wolf shares information, discusses SALT blog. The March 22nd Litter Pick Up which will originate at Triangle Park. May 31st the date for Spring Clean-up this year, held at Unthank Park. Katy will announce. Also please check page on Facebook.

SALT has also requested a grant through NECN for community plantings along Mississippi Avenue. Pistils is involved; planters/plantings will include native plants, some edible, some evergreen, mostly hardy type plants. Katy has a 'welcome' form letter template she can give to BNA, BNA can use, insert business address, include an invitation to join.

7:45 p.m. LUTC

Discussion of project on Williams. Look for posts on the BNA website - links will be added. Also article(s) in Oregonian, Hollywood Star.

7:50 p.m. Food Project

Katy Wolf discusses. They need volunteers. The concept is that people donate a bag every two months, distributed to those in need.

7:55 p.m. HMBA Events

2nd Thursday - Businesses host events along Mississippi the 2nd Thursday of each month.

Mississippi Street Fair: 2nd Saturday of July - (July 12, 2014)

No details yet. Working on effective recycle/garbage program for Fair. Caroline offers BNA for help. Discussion of the Street Fair. How it was, how it began - a big swap meet, really. Many of the businesses along Mississippi lose money during the Street Fair because they are not right on the street, what about promoting businesses? Food and drink purveyors create a trash problem. HMBA needs to rally together to get better control of this, also reviving the older venues and type of fair, getting rid of commercialism. Work (as in past) with Boise/Eliot School, AYOS, Boise Youth Community Project.

Rider Appreciation Day. Williams hosted last year..HMBA to host? Riders rewarded? Involvement of Bicycle Transportation Alliance (BTA) [Bicycle Transportation](#) Get the bike shops involved, make it a collaborative effort. Caroline Dao: What can the BNA do to help the HMBA? Communication?

8:15 p.m. Williams Business Association (WBA) Communication

WBA would like collaboration with the BNA. Representative from WBA - Stacey - states there are now about 60 members in the WBA with all the growth in the past decade. Brand new board, formed last year, the WBA website: [Williams District](#) The owner of Myoptic is the president of the WBA. Discussion of N. Williams becoming one lane in September, adding bigger bike lane, information is coming, the WBA will get it to the BNA and the LUTC. Karis also has information regarding this change.

8:25 p.m. Recap of Last Meeting

-Affordable housing - questions, statistics, gentrification. Involve NECN and PALF. Refer to Sabin community letter.
-Trader Joe's
-BNA 'Welcome to Neighborhood' letter. Process/grassroots/advocacy.

Kay motions for Stephen to draft a letter regarding affordable housing based on Sabin letter. Caroline seconds. Motion passed.

8:50 p.m. Meeting Adjourned