

Boise Neighborhood Association Meeting

7-9 pm January 12, 2015, Q Center

ATTENDEES:

Board: Katy, Ed, Jessie, Ed, Ted, Stephen, Sarah, Kay

Non-Board: Rebecca Brown (Communications Team), JP Castiaux (Social Committee), Chris Densmore,

Guests/Presenters: Jes Larson, Cameron Herrington

AGENDA

7:00 – Introductions

7:05 – Public Comment

7:10 – Police Report and General Safety

No police representative was present. Stephen thinks that having a police officer come to our meetings that don't work in our area and aren't familiar with it. We don't have any control over who comes to our meetings. However, it might be beneficial in the future to work with the police to create a community policing initiative similar to what other neighborhoods have requested. We can make this a topic at a future neighborhood meeting. If we do, we should coordinate and communicate with the business associations.

ACTION: Stephen will contact the North Precinct to let them know that we don't want just anyone to come, we'd rather have the officers in our area come to our meetings.

7:15 – Committee updates:

- Social (Ed):
 - The January “Last Wednesday Boise Happy Hour” will be at Tesoaria on Weds the 28th at 7pm.. 10% of the night's proceeds will go to BNA.

ACTION: Ed will send out a reminder to everyone with a dry erase yard sign to write an announcement for the event.
- Safety & Livability:
 - The next cleanup event is next Saturday at 9 am at Lot 13.
 - Next SALT Meeting is about Noise - Jan 26
- Communications:
 - Survey completed.
 - Website updates made recently.
 - Following up with people by phone - Ted, Ed and Katy will divvy this up.
- Land Use & Transportation:
 - Winkler project on lot on Mississippi/Fremont, with oak tree and swing - In the next few months, we'll have a presentation from them (Holst Architecture). It will be one of the largest projects we've seen.
 - Lot just south of Livingscape will be developed by Solterra, and their projects tend to have very unusual styles.
 - Basically Stephen anticipates a high level of engagement with these two projects. Right now there's a bit of a lull. The LUTC is looking at adjusting the Design Guidelines right now.

7:40 – Housing Affordability working group dialogue - Jes Larson and Cameron Herrington with “North/Northeast Neighbors for Housing Affordability”

This group is a grassroots volunteer organization formed a year ago comprised of N/NE residents and handful of professionals who work in the housing/social justice sectors. Jes and Cameron are the co-chairs

of this group. Jes and Cameron will tell us about the scope of the housing affordability group, the successes they've achieved in the last year, current challenges, and future goals. Jes is with Welcome Home Coalition (<http://welcomehomecoalition.org/>) and Cameron Herrington is with Living Cully (& formerly of NECN).

Jes has worked for eight years with NW Pilot Project which provides direct services to seniors who are in the midst of a housing crisis. She started leading up Welcome Home Coalition six months ago. She is gathering up region-wide housing advocacy efforts to focus on new ongoing revenue for affordable housing. We are short 23,000 needed units of affordable housing in Portland, or 40,000 in this region. They are likely gearing up toward a ballot measure in 2016. They have a fiscal sponsor under Oregon Opportunity Network and have a steering committee with members from regional non-profits.

Priority policies for this year will be inclusionary housing and ICURA (Interstate Corridor Urban Renewal Area) commitment to affordable housing (Portland Housing Bureau has set aside \$20M). They are advocating for what they think the best use of that money will be, tracking implementation, and further goals of that area. NNNHA is recommending that they spend the money on land, rather than subsidizing affordable housing right now. The land would be made available to developers as they get resources. This is an opportunity we can't pass up to make equitable and inclusive neighborhoods. It is a longer game strategy, recognizing gentrification displacement patterns.

Stephen notes that we know that there is still land in this area, since Marathon has just bought land in Boise neighborhood in the past six months. The more that you can locate affordable housing in a central location near services, the better it is for those people.

Kay notes that we have a lot of affordable housing already, and it doesn't always "look" like it. She recommends land banking this affordable housing now, we can maintain what we have. Livability comes from a balanced mix of affordable housing and other housing. We can use the mix as leverage to maintain a healthy and viable community.

NNNHA will be delivering a letter to the Housing Bureau later this week. They presented a draft letter to the board to pass a vote in favor. Just about all of the housing related non-profits in Portland have signed onto this letter, showing a strong consensus. They anticipate push-back from the Portland Housing Bureau, which has never considered this kind of solution before.

Another priority to work on repeal the ban on inclusionary zoning. We and Texas are the two states where this is legal. Inclusionary zoning is where a city can decide that when housing goes in, a certain percentage of units have to be made into affordable housing in that building. The immediate issue is to gain access to that tool, since now we cannot implement or enforce it. There needs to be a subsidy to make the units affordable. If we had inclusionary zoning, then many of the new units we're seeing in our neighborhood could include affordable units. A bill will be introduced in the legislature and Portland City Council has endorsed it. NNNHA will advocate for it and drum up endorsements. If the ban gets repealed, NNNHA hopes to be part of the conversation about how to implement it.

Anyone can join this advocacy group. They meet the first Wednesday of the month, at 7 pm at Northeast Coalition of Neighborhood's office. And on February 5, the City Council will be discussing this issue, so having in-person advocates there. March 11 and May 13 (second Weds), the group will be travelling by bus to Salem to advocate for a suite of policies, the topmost being inclusionary housing and increasing budgets for affordable housing.

BOARD MOTION: Stephen moves that the BNA approve a motion in favor of the letter, Jessie seconds. All in favor, none opposed, motion passes.

8:30 – Board discussion:

- Vote to approve communication funds
2014 Communications Funds (from Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods)- \$1,000
Expenses: \$200.70 already spent on swag, \$40 already spent on yard signs
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, graphic design or other: \$159.30.
 - Katy makes motion to approve funds, Stephen seconds, all in favor, motion passes.
- Vote to approve Nov and Dec minutes
 - Stephen makes motion to approve both sets of meeting minutes, Sarah seconds, all in favor, motion passes
 - Katy asked if we could start posting our meeting minutes as draft before they're approved, and no one disagreed.
- Acceptance of resignations from Noah and Lupin
 - In November, Noah sent an email to Ted that he was resigning at the end of the year. Lupin also made a statement on an email chain that she was resigning.
 - **MOTION:** Kay makes a motion to approve the resignation of both members, Stephen seconds, all in favor, none opposed.
 - **ACTION:** Ted will remove both of these people from the bnaboard@googlegroups.com email list.
 - Note: Lupin was our NECN board representative, which means we no longer have a rep, and Lupin is no longer our Boise rep. Neighborhood NECN Reps are by default a board member of NECN.
 - **ACTION:** Ted will suggest to the NECN interim Executive Director that we share the responsibility as board members, to attend on a rotating basis. He will find out when the NECN board meetings are and share it out with the board in case anyone is interested.
- Jan 18 Board retreat
 - Ted will keep us on track during the retreat, though Liz will be facilitating.
 - **ACTION:** Katy will send out another reminder email with agenda and homework. Katy will adjust the time for 2.5 hours and add a break in the middle. Everyone can bring some snacks to share.

8:55 – Adjourn