

Boise Neighborhood Association Meeting

7-9 pm March 9, 2015, Q Center

ATTENDEES:

Board: Ted, Kay, Katy, Karis, Jesse, Ed

Non-Board: Robin (Hughes Memorial Church), Rebecca Brown, Will Dixon, Annie Daniels, Ross Daniels, Vanessa, Sergeant Leo Besner, Jason Mercury, Dave, Justin, Alan (NECN)

Agenda:

7:00 – Introductions

7:05 – Public Comment

7:10 – Police Report and General Safety

7:20 – Committee reports

- Social committee update -- Ed Shiang
- Budget update -- Karis Stoudamire
- Land Use & Transportation Update -- Sarah Cantine and Ted Buehler
 - N Williams Ave reconfig, report from LU&T committee on development guideline component of design guidelines.
- Communications and Safety & Livability Updates -- Katy Wolf
 - Mississippi/Williams Trash Can Project, Alleyway Project, Spring Cleanup
- Report from ONI Summit - Katy

8:00 - Draft "Neighborhood Parking Ticket" project -- Ted Buehler and Peggy Alter

8:10 - Update: "Tire Swing Shrine" proposal for Mississippi/Fremont -- Kelly Peyton

8:20 - Vote on changes in bylaws

8:30: Discussion: Neighborhood Talent Show -- Ed Shiang

8:40: BNA Project Brainstorming, Ed Shiang, Co-chair

9:00 -- Adjourn

7:00 – Introductions

7:05 – Public Comment

- Ross introduced Latin Friday at AJ Java Cafe on Albina
- Ross and Annie from the Lodge on Mississippi and Fremont (last Black-owned business on Mississippi) - interactions with the city feel like harassment, would like someone from BNA to investigate, or to consider joining with them in a letter to the city to possibly be presented at the next meeting, or to create a committee (invitation to be involved); will have an agenda item next month (Will will help, Ted suggest presenting land use meeting)
- Dave about Boise Eliot Community Garden. It is private land and the owner plans to develop it as it is only on loan to Portland Parks and Rec. Portland Bureau of

Transportation owns land at Gantenbien & Ivy with cul de sac, could partner for alternative land use.

- Ted delivers public comment on his roommates behalf. Not enough garbage cans in the community. It's on the #4 bus line and TriMet is supposed to add trash cans to any bus stops as requested.

7:10 – Police Report and General Safety

- Sergeant Leo responded to email that he received - 4024 n Commercial man with warrant recently served for arrest; be aware, drug use and nuisance crime, but no concern of violence.
- Annie Daniels complimented Portland police on interactions with her kids over the years.
- Sgt Leo will bring new N/NE precinct NRT officer to next month's meeting.

7:20 – Committee reports

- Social
 - Last social was at Mississippi Pizza.
 - Recommendations for this month's social? Perhaps Bridgetown Beerhouse. Somewhere with outdoor seating. Next will occur last Wednesday March 25.
- Budget
 - \$4,713.86 is current balance.
 - Last debit were reimbursement for land use supplies and fee to OR to keep non-profit status (not a 501c3).
 - Received 1k communications grant from NECN.
 - Submitted recommendations for Movies in the Park to Portland Parks & Rec.
- Land Use and Transportation
 - Discussed at last meeting: development by Marathon on Williams and Skidmore. Making request to add affordable housing. Talked about planning policy about affordable housing.
- Parking
 - Parking study from city: currently collecting ideas to understand what communities are seeing. Next step is observation.
 - Sometime next year we should be able to get to choose what kind of parking plans we want in our neighborhood.
- Safety and Livability
 - Community Service Rewards Program - In the past year, finding volunteers for cleanups and events has been difficult. So to give people a reward and incentive to volunteer a couple hours here and there, Katy came up with an idea for a community service rewards program. Katy has asked JP to make calls during the day to the four breweries and three bottle shops in the neighborhood to see if they are interested in being part of a new community service rewards program. Volunteers would get \$5 off a beer for 2 hours of community service, which would be tracked on their personal "punch card".

Katy has gotten the graphic artist who did our swag last summer, Lilly Oaks, to draft the card. We just need the locations to say yes and we can roll this out.

- Alleyways -
 - Project Managers - Garlynn Woodsong (Concordia Neighborhood Association - Land Use Chair), Katy Wolf (Boise Neighborhood Association - Safety and Livability Chair)
 - Goals
 - Create new neighborhood traditions
 - Create sense of place in neighborhoods
 - Engage and empower neighbors to do projects together
 - Draw attention to and enhance common space (alleys) that neighbors share
 - Educate people on they can do with that space; what improvements can be made, events can be held, etc.
 - We just hired our intern, Cheryl Leontina, a PSU architecture graduate student with a background in grant management, artist cooperative and gallery management, and cobb house construction. The intern will work 12-15 hours a week for 11 weeks, on alleyway projects in both Concordia and Boise neighborhood. Responsibilities will be to create a website, a volunteer framework, identify alleys for projects, reach out to neighbors to garner interest, write grants for native plants and art, and organize events like planting and cleanup parties.
- Trash Cans - Sent out draft plan to BNA, LUTC, HMBA and WVBA a few weeks ago. Got a couple people interested. Have a call with person at PDC next Friday to talk about funding. There are a couple other grant opportunities to investigate. If funding was found, then the next step would be to engage design schools and design firms in town to see if it could be a project.
- Spring Cleanup -
 - Volunteers have dropped off fliers have to half the neighborhood; Katy still needs help fliering the other half of the neighborhood.
 - We need more people to help on the day of the event, unloading items from cars and sorting, and loading into dumpsters.
- National Night Out - Katy would like someone else to organize the event this year. Are there any suggestions on how to let neighbors know they can organize it? Katy will draft an email for Karis to pass along to the churches.
- Friends of Trees - Katy recently met with two members of Friends of Trees and neighbor Ana Maria about starting a weekly neighborhood walking program with rotating monthly themes. An OHSU Community Health intern will be putting it together and Ana Maria will lead some of the first walks. They will

create a framework for people to join in, and we'll be reaching out to other neighborhood associations to connect our walks with their neighborhoods as well.

- Report on the Office of Neighborhood Involvement Community Summit
 - Katy attended the event all day on Saturday Feb 28 at the Ambridge Center. There were hundreds of people from neighborhood associations and community organizations, and about 30 sessions. Katy attended grant writing, Mayor Hales Q&A and neighborhood resilience.
 - Katy wants to get a Neighborhood Emergency Team going, and coordinate emergency planning efforts with the business owners. She is seeing if Portland Bureau of Emergency Management can offer a workshop at a future BNA meeting similar to the kind they did at the Summit. Deborah Petricek of Gumbo Gifts is interested in this too, but in general, HMBA participation amongst business owners is pretty low right now. Hopefully offering this workshop will get some interest going amongst business owners and residents. There will be a NET training at King School in April sometime.

8:00 - NECN Update (Alan)

- After departure of board and most staff, NECN just hired a new executive director and plans to fill staff positions by 5/15, working on strategic planning in the next 6 months, can always use help from Boise.

8:10 - Board Recruitment

- We need neighborhood members that are interested in serving on the board.
- Ted does not want to be the board chair next year.
- Term is June to June.
- Communications committee will help get the word out.

8:20 - Vote on changes in bylaws:

Article 6: Quorum

General Meetings (Current)

A quorum for any General Meeting of Boise Neighborhood Association shall be the number of Board Members equal to 50%, plus two (2).

General Meetings (Proposed)

A quorum for any General Meeting of Boise Neighborhood Association for purposes of electing Directors of the Board and/or amendments to the Bylaws shall be the number of Board Members equal to 50%, plus two (2) of the general membership.

Article 8: Board of Directors

Eligibility for Board Service (Current)

Only persons eligible for Boise Neighborhood Association Membership shall be qualified to hold an elected or appointed position.

Eligibility for Board Service (Proposed)

Only persons eligible for Boise Neighborhood Association Membership shall be qualified to hold an elected or appointed position. Prospective Board of Director candidates must have attended at least two (2) neighborhood association meetings (general or board or land use & transportation) in the twelve months prior to the meeting at which their candidacy is decided by election or appointment.

Both modifications pass with no opposition.

8:40: BNA Project Brainstorming, Ed Shiang, Co-chair

Ed led discussion and breakouts to help us move forward on projects both old and new.

Projects discussed:

- Talent Show - Ed Shiang brainstorms what talent show could look like, prizes from businesses, inclusion of all ages.
- Tire Swing Shrine and Party - UPDATE: Kelly Payton would like feedback on what a party at the tire swing should be and how it can come together (food, entertainment, etc.); projected early May
- Community Garden Space - Jason Mercury began discussion to start a project to reclaim the land between Borthwick and Kerby on Fargo. Graffiti wall, sound barrier.

9:00 -- Adjourn