

**Boise Neighborhood Association Meeting**  
**7-9 pm July 13, 2015, Q Center**

**ATTENDEES:**

**Board:**

Stephen Gomez, Katy Wolf, Vanessa Wilson, Kay Newell, David de la Rocha, Sarah Cantine, Karis Stoudamire-Phillips, Garner Moody

**Non-Board:**

Robin Franklin, Chris Davies, Charlie Tso, Sarah Long (Eliot), Arna Carlson, Danielle Moody

**Agenda**

- Assignment of new board officers (Open positions: Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Safety & Livability Chair, NECN Representative)
- National Night Out planning
- Public Comment/Discussion
  - Discussion about garbage trucks making noise at night (Chris Davis)

7:00 Introductions

7:04 Robin Franklin announcement - Unity Jam 3 2015 Sat July 18 11-4

One of our neighborhood churches is having their annual Unity Jam this Saturday, July 18, from 11-4 pm. Their goal is to reduce crime and foster a more sustainable neighborhood. They'll have free hot dogs, live music and live DJ, fun and crafts for the kids, community speakers, and information booths from their programs. For more info: (503) 281-2332 Hughes Memorial UMC, Robin Franklin, pastor. There may be goats there from their neighbors too!

7:09 Public Comment

- Ted Buehler - The City is putting in a greenway on Rodney. A lot of people showed up to a public informational event tonight because they're concerned about the cement diverter going in. Many neighbors are up in arms because they have to drive a block out of the way because of the greenway now. Ted thinks it's wonderful that the PBOT can send out 4 or 5 employees to hear the neighborhood concerns, every couple of months, but wishes they'd just get on with it.
  - Stephen notes that the LUTC took a position opposing the new design with the Rodney diverter. It may not be "over", but we may need to monitor the area to see how it goes, or ask the City to monitor it. We'll have to advocate after the fact.
- Sarah Long (Eliot neighbor) - why can't Boise and Eliot be more united in our efforts?
  - It would be nice if the Eliot and Boise meetings didn't happen on the same nights.
  - Stephen notes that Eliot took a formal position endorsing the diverter - meaning the two neighborhoods took opposite positions. And that both decisions were not unanimous..

- Sarah notes that we could do a better job coordinating our decisions which affect both neighborhoods. To begin with, we could rearrange the meeting nights so they don't overlap. Then beyond that we could develop a subcommittee that talks about mutual issues such as parking.

#### 7:19 Board business

Meeting minute approval is postponed to September. Katy will re-send the June meeting minutes with the July meeting minutes to the board for review prior to the September meeting, and bring one copy of each to the meeting.

#### 7:20 Committee Updates

##### Land Use & Transportation - Stephen Gomez

- July 27th is the next LUTC meeting. Agenda topics:
  - New development project proposed for Vancouver and Failing by Livinscape. ~50 unit, 55' tall by Solterra. (*Note: this presentation was later postponed to September*)
  - Nan Stark from BPS, follow up from the previous meeting on Mixed Use Zones Project. Williams, Vancouver and Mississippi have two different mixed used zones. The City is evolving 9 zones to 4, so there will be impact to us. She will bring zoning maps, better understand how the changes will affect us. City Council will vote in the fall.
  - Demolitions - new demolition code started in April. One change shortened time for neighborhood to respond, and created set of standards to delay demolition- you have to show a plan, and financial capacity to intervene. Brandon from Restore Oregon will present.
- At the June LUTC meeting, Grant Morehead presented the parking study results; spoiler alert: parking is full. His meeting presentation is on our website. We're at capacity, and will be over capacity with development coming. Kay and Stephen then went to a parking symposium. The City wants to develop tools to deal with parking differently than downtown/the Pearl. Stephen expects that in early 2016, we'll be asked to participate in using different tools. This will be really hard; it will involve residents, businesses, churches, and nearby neighborhoods. We'll be looking for people to get involved in that.
  - Kay wrote up a parking plan proposal, which she can send to anyone interested.
- Update on Sons of Haiti Lodge: A few months ago, the Lodge came to us to ask for help dealing with the City. Stephen and Sarah have been continuing to work through the code violations and a plan with the Lodge leadership. Right now they're in a planning phase, and having a site plan created which would deal with all the code violations, make it a nicer place, and have ADA access. Then there will be funding and awareness-building, with potential for the PDC to help. Third phase will be doing it, which will involve volunteer help.
- Update from HMBA President Lily Tollefsen- The Mississippi St. Fair was a big success this year. They'll give us an update on revenue and donations to local schools. Also, the

HMBA voted to get an additional weekly trash pickup - one is free from Cloudburst, and HMBA pays for the extra two.

Communication Updates - none

Safety and Livability Updates (SALT):

- June alley events were a big success.
  - June 13--Goat Walk in Boise from Unthank Park to the Vacant Lot Tire Swing with a picnic Co Sponsored by Oregon Deli Co and NECN.
  - June 20--Toured 3 Alley ADUs in Boise (Backyard Cottages), Alice T's Garden, and a beautiful Tree house on Shaver & Borthwick
  - June 27--Art in the Alleys in Boise at Mississippi Ave. & Shaver just North of Fresh Pot (Thank you Rachel Elizabeth for your blessing) with 50 participants throughout the afternoon (12 to 4).
- We have more alley fun in the works for this summer...
  - Alley Garden Tour--TBA
  - Alleyways Treasure Hunt--TBA
  - Alley naming
- Learn more at: [Bitly.com/BoiseAlleyways](https://bitly.com/BoiseAlleyways)

**National Night Out** - planning

Danielle Moody will be organizing the event this year. She's considering doing it on Sunday 8/2 5-8 pm, depending on park scheduling. David de la Rocha says he could possibly bring a band.

Ted makes the motion to approve a budget for \$642 as the budget for National Night Out. David seconds the motion. All in favor. Motion passes.

8:14 Chris Davies - Noise issue

- Chris owns a building, and his tenants are frequently woken up at 3:00 am by trash pickups - he sees a problem with the rules. He can't find out the rules for a church that has a dumpster. Ignores reality of lots of little businesses. Wants to request to City to clarify rules about noise between 10 pm and 6 am in mixed spaces. He wants to know if we can see proof from the garbage company that haulers are going to a training to reduce noise.
- Katy recommends talking to Paul Van Orden, the City Noise ordinance officer and the citizen Noise Review Board. They presented at NECN SALT in January and also talked about wanting to put rules in place to reduce garbage truck noise.

8:35 NECN Report - Garner Moody

- Today's NECN executive board meeting was mostly training for 3 new reps. NECN board is a little frustrated with lack of participation from neighborhoods. Each neighborhood is supposed to have 2 reps, and there are 12 neighborhoods. Right now

they have under 50% participation. You can also have an additional rep as an officer, for a third rep.

- Stephen adds that it will take a while for people to come back to NECN after the past year's staff and board turnover and fallout.
- Katy adds that people can be involved in NECN LUTC and SALT as well as executive board. Katy is on the NECN SALT committee.

#### 8:41 Board business - board member roles

- Ted will be stepping down as Chair, but remaining on the board.
- Karis would like to remain as Treasurer.
- JP would like to be Secretary
- Katy would like to remain Communications Chair
- That leaves: Chair, Vice Chair
  - Discussion about rotating Chair responsibilities by month, two months, or quarter.
  - Rotating chair responsibilities would exclude Secretary and Treasurer.
  - Stephen, Sarah and David are interested in being rotating Chair, by quarter.
  - Ted can be Vice Chair, with no responsibilities other than signing official documents, and facilitating meetings as needed
  - Quarters: Q3 2015 July 15 - Oct 15, Q4 2015 Oct 15 - Dec 15, Q1 2016 Dec 15 - March 15, Q2 2016 March 15 - June 15
    - Sarah - Q3 2015
    - David - Q4 2015
    - Stephen - Q1 2016
    - Garner - Q2 2016
- Sarah makes the motion to establish a rotating chair responsibility, followed by David, Stephen and Garner with consistent Vice Chair of Ted for following year as main duty for signing, continuity and backup. JP is Secretary, Karis is Treasurer. Garner seconds the motion. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passes.

No August meeting. Next meeting is September 14.