

**Boise Neighborhood Association Meeting**  
**7-9 pm September 14, 2015, Q Center**

**ATTENDEES:**

**Board:**

Stephen Gomez, Katy Wolf, David de la Rocha, Sarah Cantine, John Paul Castiaux, Kay Newell, Garner Moody

**Non-Board:**

Danielle Moody, Robin Franklin (pastor at Hughes Memorial), Athen O'Shea (Boise resident and Board Chair of Q Center), Charlie Tso

**Agenda**

7:00 Introductions  
7:05 Public Comment  
7:15 Q Center update on recent shooting  
7:45 Garner Moody - Friends of Trees  
8:00 Katy Wolf - Alley project  
8:15 Sons of Haiti progress update  
8:20 Committee updates

**Notes**

7:05 Public Comment

- Kay - Dennis Harris complimented the August NNO Ice Cream Social, which Danielle Moody organized.
- Sarah Cantine was recently appointed to the City's new Residential Infill Stakeholder Advisory Committee. She wants to bring back ideas for feedback to this group.
- Ted - BikePortland reported that a bicyclist was hit on Skidmore and Borthwick on 9/11 at 6:30 pm. It was a hit and run.
- Ted - Just today they painted the bike symbols on Rodney for the new Rodney Greenway.
- Katy - The annual Mississippi Ice Cream Social is Tuesday 9/15 6-7. Participating businesses will have balloons.
- Lot 13 has been expanded, leveled and gravel has been spread out across the lot.
- Charlie - This Friday 8-10am Averting the Housing Crisis - speaker and panelists at Metro Council Chamber. Topic is affordable housing and the event is open to the public.
- Athen - Tomorrow night at 6 pm at Peninsula Park is the Renter State of Emergency Press Conference and Rally from the Community Alliance of Tenants.

7:23 Q Center shooting update - Athen O'Shea

There was a shooting incident at a private event in August. The Q Center held a Town Hall the following week, and about 50 people attended, and the discussion was very lively. People were very upset, wondering about their safety and the safety of the neighborhood, had questions

about Q Center's private event and safety policy. Q Center has been working with North Portland precinct and Antoinette Edwards, the City's Youth Violence Prevention director on next steps. Some outcomes:

- Q Center will not have parties after 9 or 10 pm, going forward.
- Q Center will add their own liability insurance, which parties can buy into it, and wants to keep it equitable.
- Q Center will step up communication about expectations to parties about being mindful of the neighborhood.
- Q Center will have a vetted security for future dance parties (which don't happen often).
- Q Center has been through a lot of changes in the last year, and one of their goals is to be a good neighbor, and all the communities in the neighborhood -youth, communities of color, and LGBTQ. They are looking into doing community cleanup days and painting a mural next June and planting trees along the street. They also want to increase their ties to HMBA.
- Q Center recognizes that in the past 10 years, they have been part of the gentrification that has happened, and one of their goals is to provide a safe, affordable venue for displaced communities.

Q Center has been working on their relationship with law enforcement. Many of their members have been affected by the presence of law enforcement officers at the Q Center. Q Center has requested that North Precinct officers be in plain clothes when they come to the Center.

Usually officers do not come to the BNA meeting unless there is a new officer that wants to introduce themselves, or there is a reason to come (recent crime activity).

**ACTION:** Katy will reach out to the North Portland precinct to ask if they can try to have law enforcement officers in plain clothes when they come to future BNA meetings, and if they can give us notice when they are coming, so we can pass it along to the Q Center.

7:45 Friends of Trees - Garner Moody

- Garner recently became the Boise neighborhood rep for Friends of Trees. They offer trees for discounted prices and have volunteers plant them in your yard. Plantings are Sunday, February 14, 2016. There is one day per year per neighborhood for the tree plantings. You sign up online, put in your name/address, you get a free visit from someone to inspect your property for tree installation options. FoT also helps with removing trees, at a discounted price. You can gift a tree to a neighbor, but you also need their permission to plant it.
- For the planting day, FoT will need volunteers, trucks and canvassing help to help with the planting. Over 200 trees will be planted in Boise on planting day. Between now and February, Garner will be dropping off door hangers and canvassing the entire neighborhood.
- Ted offers his bike trailer for planting day. JP offers to help with canvassing. Katy offers to help with promoting the planting day, and getting volunteers and trucks to help out.

#### 8:08 Alley Project - Katy Wolf

- Funding request for matching funds for any small grant applied for by neighbors for alley improvements such as Metro or EMSWCD, up to \$150 per alley (one block segment).
  - Ideas: Try it out as a pilot/contest for one alley. Give it a deadline. Take and review applications. The installations must be permanent and public. When it gets installed we get to promote it as a beautification project co-sponsored by us. They must get pre-approved on what they want to buy, and then submit a receipt for reimbursement.
  - **ACTION:** Katy will bring back the formal recommendation to the October meeting with the full parameters of the grant for a vote.
- Cheryl's PSU internship is over, she is wrapping up expenses from the cleanup this month. The next internship for fall/winter is posted, and we'll be doing interviews late Sept/early Oct. The internship would run through end of February. She will also be a volunteer advisor to the next intern.
- Katy will be writing her a letter of recommendation on BNA letterhead, on behalf of BNA. Board members will also pitch in to get her a New Seasons gift card and thank you card.

#### 8:30 Board Business

- Stephen moves to vote to accept Vanessa Wilson's resignation from the board. Sarah seconds. All in favor, motion passes.
- Sarah moves to approve the June and July meeting minutes. David seconds. All in favor, motion passes.

#### 8:31 Sons of Haiti Update - Stephen Gomez

- There is no official BNA involvement in this project; Sarah Cantine and Stephen Gomez are volunteering their time as concerned neighbors. (See June and July meeting minutes for more background) Sarah and Stephen have been talking to Bureau of Development Services, the PDC, contractors. PDC will fund some aspect, it is unclear how much or through what mechanism. Ideally four food carts would be able to sit on permeable pavers and be a source of income for the Lodge. Friends of Trees would be interested in donating trees, and Albina Neighborhood Tree Team would be interested in helping doing planting. Stephen has talked to the developers of the lots across the street, who are interested in helping in some way. Lots of people want to help.

#### 8:38 Committee Updates

##### Land Use and Transportation - Stephen Gomez

- Stephen talked to Aaron Wigod of Marathon, who is going to build four buildings in our neighborhood. They will be putting in a grant application for MULTE affordable housing with the Mississippi project and want our support, and soon will have another application for another project on Vancouver. The project behind Spin Laundry was going to be about 50, but Ben Kaiser recently sold more land there to them, so now it will be 100+ units.
- Stephen wants to send the letter of support, and also testify to support it.

- Kay makes motion to approve that Stephen draft the letter and has the Land Use Committee review and approve it at the next meeting, so that it shows BNA and our LUTC support it, and send it to Marathon. If the Land Use Committee turns it down, BNA can't support it. Ted seconds. All in favor, motion passes.
- At the next LUTC meeting, Solterra will present the concept design for the 50 unit mixed use building south of Livingscape.

#### Safety and Livability Update - Katy Wolf

- Next SALT meeting is 9/28 - we will be talking about strategy for the upcoming year. What items should we focus on?

#### Communications - Katy Wolf

- Email newsletter is going out approx 1.5-2 weeks prior to each BNA meeting with agenda and other items. Facebook updates all the time. New people continue to join Nextdoor. Worth noting that businesses can join Nextdoor but they shouldn't post commercially (same with individuals) but are encouraged to use it for community building.

The September Last Wednesday Social will be September 30 7-9 pm at Bridgetown Beerhouse.

The next BNA meeting will be meeting October 12.