

## 1/31/16 Board retreat

Attendees: David, Stephen, JP, Katy, Kay, Garner, Sarah, Karis

Absent (excused): Ted

### Agenda:

- Review of bylaws with a goal of expanding community engagement and participation
- Identification of engagement topics to employ during BNA general meetings in the next year (speakers to invite, etc.)
- Budget plan for the year
- Strategies for increasing revenues so BNA can likewise increase neighborhood grants
- (Related) possible re-launch of a Boise printed newsletter to enhance communications and to generate advertisement revenue
- (if time) ONI draft proposal to address homelessness crisis

### Engagement topics:

- Mayoral, council primaries in May – offer it to them all
  - 10 candidates for Mayor
  - City Council
  - **Garner can ask NECN can help coordinate candidate speakers, see if NECN can host**
  - Narrow focus:
    - Katy: Only allot certain amount of time, one slot per meeting
    - Garner: see if speakers can talk about topics of interest to us
    - David: We can let the people decide in May, and then have speakers after that
- Ballot measures – need to see which are in May vs. November
  - most aggressive is A Better Oregon (corporate tax, Ben Unger)
    - **Stephen will invite Ben – March or April**
  - Renew Oregon – ban coal through the utilities, Nick Sokol-Blosser
    - **Stephen will invite Nick – March or April?**
  - School funding measure?
- Meeting about natural areas (May):
  - Loss of tree canopy with infill – Albina Tree Team (ANTT)
    - **Sarah will invite ANTT**
  - Friends of Trees – annual planting Feb 13. What trees are starting to die off? Cherry trees are the next wave – education on the rules of removal/replacement.
  - Community gardens
  - Understanding code, nuisance complaints. What can we do to monitor abuses of code? Loopholes in permit process – demolition vs. building.
  - **Sarah will spearhead this meeting topic - May.**
- Emergency Preparedness

- September is National Preparedness Month
- **Katy will ask Jeremy Van Keuren for availability for any month except May, August**
- **Katy to promote the Feb 20 Overlook Resilience Summit on Facebook**
- Homelessness
  - Property owners concerned with campers, coming to next BNA meeting
  - Camps tend to go on ODOT properties
  - **JP to ask Adam Lyons at NECN who in the City to invite**
  - **JP's neighbor works at Street Roots, will invite**
  - April meeting is preferred
- Reminder: General election is in June, takes up part of the meeting
  - What can we do to pack the house more for the election?
  - Offer snacks from local vendors to lure people in

#### **Bylaws:**

- According to bylaws, we need Chair to be the second signer, which is problematic this year because we have a rotating chair (4 ppl in one year). Kay is the second signer. Proposed change to bylaws: “Chair and/or another board member”.
  - **David will write the language for the amendment, we will send out with the Feb 8 BNA meeting agenda.**
- Edit “attachment” to “amendment” in Article 10’s reference to LUTC authority.
- Pg 16 typo – logo
- David: Can we put in the bylaws that January is the planning meeting for the year, still publicized like a general meeting. Bylaw amendment: to Pg 7 – Article 5. “Except August, and January”. Loosen language so that the board can decide between a retreat and a general meeting. If a retreat, the board may elect to move to another night”. Amendment goes at the end of the bylaws (bylaws don’t change)
  - **David will draft language**
- Katy: Proposal to adopt a sustainability policy. Similar to our recent adoption of an affordable housing policy.
  - Suggestion: In 2<sup>nd</sup> bullet, replace “class” with “income”
  - **Katy will send it out to board, will put it on our agenda. Will post it for feedback.**

#### **February meeting topic:**

- Stephen Reichard of Our United Villages – 15 min slot for overview of their community outreach mission
- Committee updates
- Discussion: Homelessness and homeless camps in the city
- Sarah won’t be at that meeting
- David will be chairing the Feb meeting
- Garner will chair March - May

Need Google doc with everyone’s emails, phone, address

- **Katy can set up, share out**

**Budget:**

- Movies in the Park is now \$750.
  - Most neighborhoods associations now ask for solicitations from the businesses to help pay for this. We can then advertise for them on the screen before the movie, in the banner and flier. Food carts can also set up in the park.
  - We don't know yet which date. Our app is submitted. August or September.
  - Stephen can go to HMBA and WVBA.
  - Karis will write a letter once we find out if we get it, around April.
  - Knock down budget to \$300
  - **Katy to update this slide, send out**
- Concerts in the Park – we don't pay for those. Lots of attendance.
- National Night Out
  - Kay: change to a talent show?
  - What is the goal? Used to be about reclaiming the street to make it safer. Others are a family-oriented party.
  - People come and go quickly.
  - Maybe we can just promote the Peninsula Park and Dawson Park events.
  - Strike this from the budget, won't plan one for this year
  - We can encourage block parties and tell them how
- Divide misc. supplies by half
- NECN newspaper:
  - Without the \$1,000 from NECN, we're out a third of our budget. We need that money, we have no other source of income.
  - Why can't NECN pay for the newspaper with advertising revenue?
  - Why can't NECN pay for it without asking the NAs for money?
  - Garner to talk to Adam – we can't afford to participate, but we would still like to offer content
- Fundraising:
  - Advertising for newsletter – Beaumont-Wilshire has \$6,000 net. Hand delivered. Needs about 4 people to put it together.
  - Karis can write a receipt to anyone who writes us a check for a tax write-off.