

**Boise Neighborhood Association General Meeting
May 9, 2016 7-9 pm – Q Center**

Attendees:

Board members: Garner Moody (Chair), David de la Rocha, Katy Wolf, Kay Newell, JP Castiaux

Absent: Karis Stoudamire-Phillips, Sarah Cantine, Ted Buehler

Non-board members: Zena Rockowitz (NECN Public Affairs Coordinator), Riaz Jinan (liquor store on MLK and Fremont), Noah Dunham (One North), Sarah Isbitz (One North), Michael Hoffman, Jill Mitchell

Agenda:

7:00 Introductions

7:05 Vote to approve board minutes, sustainability policy, and David's bylaw amendments

7:10 Guest speaker Adam Lyons regarding Air Quality

7:35 Katy

- Spring Cleanup report
- One North Courtyard event – Sat June 18th
 BNA table and painting activity – Need volunteers for both
- Next Emergency Team meeting – Tues June 14th
 PBEM presentation on BEECNs, DIY seismic retrofitting
- Ecliptic mural project update
- "Boise Triangle" (Fargo Lot) project update

7:50 Garner update on Resolutions NW meeting

7:55 Open comment

8:05 Adjourn

Minutes:

7:00 Introductions

7:03 Board business

- Vote to accept Stephen Gomez's (Land Use & Transportation Chair) resignation submitted 6/18 to the board via email. Garner makes motion, all in favor, motion passes. (Note: We very regretfully accepted this resignation).
- In the 2/8 general meeting, Board Chair David de la Rocha read aloud the proposed amendments and corrections to the BNA Bylaws, which the board discussed at the January retreat.
 - *Amendment to Bylaws Article 5: The January general meeting may, at the board's discretion, take the form of a planning retreat to map out an agenda for the calendar year. The January retreat may take place on a day and time that is different than the second Monday of the month.*
 - *Amendment to Bylaws Article 9: Treasurer will ensure current signature cards of the treasurer and at least one other board member at the financial institution.*

Disbursement of BNA funds shall require the signature of any two board members on the signature cards.

- *Correction to reference in Bylaws Article 10: Replace “attachment” to “amendment” regarding BNA Board granting the LUTC authority to act on behalf of the entire board for land-use positions.*
- Katy to make edits to bylaws and re-upload them to the website.
- David makes motion to adopt the bylaw amendments, Katy seconds. All in favor, motions passes.
- Katy makes motion to approve April 18 board meeting minutes, Garner seconds. All in favor, motion passes.
- At the January retreat Katy had presented a Sustainability Policy for adoption:

Neighborhood Sustainability Policy (Draft)

This is a neighborhood sustainability policy, drafted with the hopes of being adopted by various neighborhood associations, with the goal of building more equitable, green, and just neighborhoods today and for future years to come

- We believe that our neighbors--those living beside us, across us, and even down the street, are the beginning places of dialogue for authentic community, and that positive social interactions provide the first steps for neighborhood sustainability
- We believe that everybody – regardless of class, race, age, religion, gender identity, or sexual orientation – deserves to live in healthy, safe, connected and vibrant neighborhoods
- We believe that economic opportunity is best achieved through a variety of socially responsible, local participants from all sectors of the community contributing creatively in the marketplace
- We believe that the preservation of nature on our alleys and streets enhances the health and ecology of our community, not just for today, but for future generations to come
- We approach change and challenges with open-minded attitudes, democratic discussion, and teamwork across the neighborhood. We strive to balance public participation around our community with the work of individuals, and value the strengths and knowledge that each person brings to the table.

- We balance the stewardship of our land with areas for food production, human habitat and recreation, all the while restoring the native ecosystem through limiting of excessive consumption and sharing our resources with one another
- We strive to continually learn and grow together, displaying dignity and respect in ways that support the neighborhood's vision and values.
- We welcome in the new faces of our neighborhood as essential to neighborhood growth, inviting the voices and stories of everyone in our community through caring and respectful interactions, and as a means of social equity, inclusion, and democracy

- Katy makes motion to approve the Sustainability Policy and post to our website. David seconds. All in favor, motion passes.

7:12 Zena Rockowitz, NECN - Air Quality

- Started with US Forest Service moss study in 2014. Showed we have 159 times benchmark levels of arsenic, 49 times benchmark levels of cadmium. Hotspot was near Uroborus Glass in Eliot. Portland Mercury broke news in January. Uroborus had elevated levels of cadmium. OR DEQ may have had some idea since 2003, had done studies near Harriet Tubman School in 2009. Wasn't publicly known until January. Pollution has been legal because OR made the glass factories exempt from federal regulation, no emissions caps, no baghouses required. Lots of other chemicals like hexavalent chromium and nickel are emitted. East Portland Air Coalition has put in a class action lawsuit against Bullseye in SE, but no legal action has taken place so far in the neighborhood near Uroborus even though there is a bladder cancer cluster in the area around Uroborus. DEQ is starting to look at their regulation and passed some temporary rules about testing and monitoring, and glass factories have voluntarily stopped using certain chemicals. Legislature just passed over \$2M for air quality monitoring. Plan is to have health-based regulations.
- (Note: More info is available in the April NECN Safety and Livability Team meeting notes on www.necoalition.org)
- Zena presents a letter written by the NECN board, asking for more transparency, study, and action from the DEQ and Oregon Health Authority, and Multnomah County Health Department. The letter was sent March 1, and is a boilerplate that neighborhood associations can sign. Katy makes motion for the BNA to sign onto the NECN letter sent March 1. All in favor, motion passes.

7:33 Noah Dunham, Sarah Isbitz - One North Courtyard Event

- The courtyard is a public space, and the party is a reason to invite the public and let them know it's available, and celebrate the neighborhood, welcome the neighborhood to take a sense of ownership.
- Event is open to the public, free. Goal is to make it fun and well attended, represent the neighborhood flavor.
 - **Announcing the Courtyard at One North's first annual Summer Party "This Must be the Place"**
 - **What:** An annual neighborhood event celebrating community, art, food and culture.
 - Featuring music from Ural Thomas & The Pain, The Andre St. James Trio.
 - Historic Walking Tours of the Williams/Vancouver corridor done by OB Hill.
 - And neighborhood food and drink provided by New Seasons, Hub Urban Brewery, Las Primas, Whole Bowl, Bread & Honey Cafe, and POA Cafe.
 - **When:** Saturday June 18th from 2-6pm
 - **Where:** The Courtyard at One North, located on Fremont between N Williams & Vancouver
 - **Cost:** FREE
 - Nextdoor: https://nextdoor.com/events/632843/?i=kcshgfcgrpkuszyeyfkg&utm_campaign=events&utm_source=link&utm_medium=u-web
 - Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1682275025357541/>
 - Website: <http://www.onenorthpdx.com/events/2016/3/9/mnnq7ubqp88px3s88ws81xdwr5nyf1>
- Email update from Karis:
 - Our request to host a **movie in the park this summer at Unthank** was approved! Yay! Here are the details:
DATE: Sunday, July 17, 2016
PARK: Denorval Unthank Park - 510 N Shaver
MOVIE TITLE: Avengers Age of Ultron (2015) PG-13
 - And even more good news. I armed our very appreciated and dear friend and supporter Bryan Steelman (Por Que No?) with a letter from the BNA requesting the sponsorship support of the HMBA. Bryan worked his magic and collected \$400 in pledges. That leaves the BNA with \$200 to pay for our movie event. Mark your calendars. More details to come.
 - On another note, thank you Katy for you efforts in organizing a mediation effort. I welcome this and will certainly participate.

7:30 Updates from Katy Wolf

- **Spring Cleanup report**
 - \$676 made in revenue. Filled 4 dumpsters. Had about 50 people.
 - Don't have total revenue yet; still waiting for recycling invoice, and need to submit report and invoices for reimbursement

- **BNA presence at the One North Courtyard event – Sat June 18th 2 - 6 pm**
 - Plan to have a BNA table (but still waiting to see if they can accommodate). Will give away BNA frisbees, magnets and pens, do general outreach. Also would like someone from the Neighborhood Emergency Team to be there for outreach. Will need volunteers - would like one board member and one NET member.
 - Plan to do free painting activity - doors and windows from Rebuilding Center to take home and put up on your alley fence.
- **Next Emergency Team meeting – Tues June 14th 7-9 pm**
 - Topics: PBEM presentation on BEECNs, DIY seismic retrofitting
 - Still waiting for Q Center to confirm we can meet here.
- **Ecliptic mural project update**
 - Artist David Carmack Lewis started an online crowdfunding site using Hatch Fund, which has a nice video explaining the project. This link has been shared on our Facebook page, on Nextdoor, and will go out in the June newsletter. The goal is to raise \$10,000 by June 20.
- **“Boise Triangle” (Fargo Lot) project update**
 - A neighbor, Jason Mercury, wants to turn the piece of land owned by ODOT, on Fargo, into more of a community asset. This project lined up with our sustainability goals, so our intern Samuel and Katy have been helping with project management, connections, and research. We read in the Mayor’s memo on April 28 that this lot was recommended as a site for a Google Fiber installation. We don’t know yet what that impact would be. As of right now, Jason has submitted his application to adopt the property (like you would for a piece of highway) from ODOT. The plan would be to plant a community garden, and have it managed through Urban Farm Collective. UFC gardens are free to participate in, and your volunteer hours are tracked by the garden manager or apprentices, and then you can “barter” the hours for food at their Harvest Tuesdays at St. Andrews Church. The next steps in the process would be to do a soil test and have a permaculture expert look at the site and make some recommendations and a site plan. The lot is big enough that if we could build a fence, it would make a good dog park. We want to ask Marathon if they could donate a fence, since their two new buildings will bring many new residents (some with dogs) to that area. We also have initial permission from PBOT to paint a mural on the back of their building facing the lot, and have been talking to RACC and Forest for the Trees about it. With more activation of the lot as a community space, Forest for the Trees may be more interested in painting there.
 - Katy makes motion to write a letter of support for this project that can be used to show the Mayor and City staff we want this project to happen, and get support from the City for it. Garner seconds, all in favor, motion passes.

7:52 Garner Moody - Resolutions NW mediation session

- Theresa Logan, Facilitation Program Coordinator at Resolutions NW, will be putting together a short survey to gather phone number, best time to reach you, and a

comments box for each board member to answer. She will follow up with each person over the phone. Then we will schedule a 2 hour mediation session for board members for the week of June 6. Katy will forward the link to the survey when Theresa sends it.

7:55 Garner Moody - Zone Map Amendment update

- Mayor sent a recommendation memo on Comp Plan #M42 to scale back the zoning from R1 to CM2: L. Roy Gardens, the Boise-Eliot community garden, and 2 empty lots nf corner of SW corner of Fremont and Gantenbein. Nan Stark says that the Comp Plan change would allow the change to CM2, but the applicant would still have to go through the zone map amendment process to actually make the change the zoning to CM2.

8:02 Save the Date: **Sons of Haiti Lodge Grand Opening Party - Sat June 4 3-7pm**

Garner will share more information soon. Katy will share via communications channels.

8:05 Reminder of Board Elections next month

- Garner just moved to Kenton but still owns a business in the neighborhood. Has a baby coming in June. Garner will still come to meetings and may rejoin the board again in the fall but will not run for election in June.
- This means we don't know who our Chair or our Land Use Chair will be. We should all get the word out that we need board members.

8:19 Public Comment

- Jill Mitchell - abandoned vehicles with expired tags. Have called the City on a couple near the house and it takes them a long time to respond. Katy recommends using the PDX Reporter app to file the report quickly and follow the progress. You can geotag the location, add notes and a picture.
- Riaz comments that a new liquor store is set to open on Skidmore and Williams. His own liquor store on MLK has had crime and safety concerns from his customers. This will be in the Humboldt neighborhood. Katy has not received the liquor license notification yet, only seen a news article announcing the 14 new approved licenses. It is not posted on the ONI website yet.

Next meeting: 6/13

- Welcome Home Coalition presentation
- Board elections