

Boise Neighborhood Association
General Meeting
2/13/17 7-9 pm

Agenda:

- Chair's Comments & Introductions - 10 min
- Announcement of upcoming events (Friends of Trees and Red Cross smoke detector installations) - 10 min
- Open Comment - 20 min
- Discussion of two neighborhood cleanup proposals in conjunction with Humboldt Neighborhood and the Williams Business Association - 20 min
- Discussion of proposal by Humboldt NA to merge with Boise or increase cooperation - 10 min
- Communications Report - 15 min
- Land Use Report - 15 min
- Treasurer's Report - 5 min

Attendees:

- **Board:** David de la Rocha, Katy Wolf, Kay Newell, Karis Stoudamire-Phillips, JP Castiaux
- **Neighbors:** Todd Fadel, Andrew Neil

Minutes:

7:00 Introductions

7:08 Chair's Comments - David de la Rocha

- The board retreat is Feb 26. Themes he'd like to see:
 - Mississippi/Fremont developer wants to develop a park in their right of way, and wants to do a design charette. David would like to work with them on this.
 - Screening Cornelius Swart's doc sequel to Northwest Passage with a discussion afterward. David has reached out to them.
 - Opportunities for neighborhood use of city-owned open spaces (mini-parks)
 - Outreach to collaborate with community resources (SEI, Boise-Eliot-Humboldt School PTA, etc.)
 - Opportunities to spend some of our Boise savings for neighborhood grants

7:10 Event Announcements

- Sat Feb 18 is the annual Friends of Trees planting in Boise, Eliot, Humboldt and King. They felt they get so many volunteers for this that they didn't feel a need to reach out to BNA to promote it.
- The Boise/Eliot Red Cross smoke alarm installation was delayed to October. They also offer monthly events like this, but all over Portland, and are always looking for volunteers.

7:14 Open Comment

- David: We have a lot of unpaved streets particularly in the east part. PBOT sent a survey out about priorities, if you want to say something about the fact that street upgrades have to be paid for by the residents if they haven't been paved before, or any other issue.
- Kay: The cost is prohibitive to do it yourself. But if you push the City they will take care of it.
- Katy: The letter submitted to PBOT about alley policy was brushed off, and Melinda Matson's alley group will move forward with talking to PBOT's Commissioner's policy advisor and possibly the Oregonian.

7:20 Neighborhood Cleanups

- Brad at Venture Portland reached out to BNA about doing a Clean Sweep event along Williams Ave including graffiti abatement. They asked if BNA wants to get involved in doing this, perhaps with SOLVE, around Earth Day.
- David: I like the idea of working with businesses and with Eliot and Humboldt.
- Humboldt would also like to combine Spring Cleanups with Boise and maybe also Eliot.
- Kay: Would we get more volunteers with one cleanup event, or two?
- Katy: Have been the Spring Cleanup planner for 3 years, leaning toward not doing it this year. Have done 3 SOLVE cleanups for Mississippi, need them to step up more.
- **Katy: Will contact Rance at AYOS to see if he wants us to make them some signs or move any planters to Sunlan.**
- **David: Will contact Williams and Mississippi to see if they want to get involved and take the lead, with our support.**
- **Katy will respond to Humboldt and Eliot to let them know we won't be doing a Community Collection Event, but we can promote their events and invite people to volunteer with them.**
- **Katy will announce to Boise neighbors that we won't be doing a Spring Cleanup.**

7:30 Communications Report - Katy Wolf

- See: February email newsletter. Posted to our Facebook page too.
- NECN's April newspaper soft deadline is Feb 18.

7:55 Land Use Report - David de la Rocha

- Failing and Williams building has been approved, after we provided input.
- South side of corner by Livingscape, was going to be Solterra's Antelope, but the design collapsed. Now will be a different developer from Seattle. They will present to LUTC next month. 80 units of single rooms, micro apartments with shared kitchens.
- Owen presented a proposal to develop 3 4-story units next to where Kay lives next to an existing home. Main house has kitchen and 6 BR. Kay is recommending that Owen move back the 2 back buildings so that it only reduces her solar by 10%.
- Development off Fremont and Garfield will no longer be micro apartments, after ours and bank's feedback.

8:07 Treasurer's Report - Karis Stoudamire

- Current balance: \$8,059. Only cost this year has been our \$50 State of OR license fee.
- Submitted our Movies in the Park application. Usually about \$650.
- Will submit our annual donation to Q Center for use of the facilities.
- We budgeted for fliers for Spring Cleanup and National Night Out, which we aren't doing.
- The only income source we have is NECN communications funding. This amount may have to last a few years.
- We can discuss how much we could put into a neighborhood grant at the board retreat.

Next meeting: Mon March 13

- Lydia from Know Your City will talk about the BEH School newspaper they're doing.