

Minutes of the North End Neighborhood Association (NENA) Meeting, August 31, 2021

NENA board of directors meeting (virtual) was called to order by Acting President Sarah Foregger at 7:04 p.m. Total of 27 participated in the virtual meeting. Sarah welcomed neighbors and guests.

Roll Call: Acting President Sarah Foregger, Secretary Daniel Foregger, and Director Sitka Koloski were present. Director Carlos Coto and Director Tory Spengler were absent. NENA Legal Counselor Brit Kreimeyer joined the meeting to discuss the status of her legal review of proposed changes to the NENA bylaws.

The meeting agenda was reviewed and approved.

July 27 Meeting Minutes: Secretary Daniel Foregger reviewed the July 27 meeting minutes. Motion to approve the July 27, 2021 minutes was tabled to allow additional time to review and would be approved by email.

Report on Hyde Park Street Fair: Contractor Carl Scheider, Gruntworks, reported on planning progress for the 2021 Hyde Park Street Fair:

- Carl acknowledged concerns about current Covid-19 spread in the Treasure Valley. He noted that the city of Boise had not yet adopted any large meeting restrictions or other covid protocols, and he also noted that four large community events were on the September calendar, including Art in the Park, Pride Fest, HPSF, Tree Fort Music Festival and BSU home football games.
- He reported that his team was adopting additional measures to ensure safety, including wider spaces between booths, additional sanitation stations, masks and supplies to clean musical stage equipment.
- He noted that Idaho First Bank is not a sponsor this year, because we didn't qualify under their new education focus.
- Vendor count stands at 135 booths, compared to 153 booths in 2019.
- He expressed concerns about volunteers indicating they would not be able to help this year, due to Covid concerns.

Several neighbors, including Kelly Olson, John Llewellyn, Lisa Brady and Sheri Edmond raised concerns about HPSF proceeding amidst high Covid transmission rates in the community. Some emphasized the moral responsibility to protect our children, elderly neighbors and visitors. Others emphasized that a decision needed to be made within the next couple days to ensure adequate time to notify vendors and musical acts and to avoid incurring any additional costs in purchasing final supplies. Carl indicated he had no problem with canceling based on the information gathered to date about the surge in

local hospitalizations. Acting President Sarah Foregger asked the board to gather further information about the feasibility of implementing Covid protection protocols and the health risks with proceeding with the fair this year. She emphasized that the surge in hospital care was a risk for everyone in our community and we need to be mindful of what is best to protect our community.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning & Zoning Committee: Chair Erik Hagan (erik@erikhagen.com)

- P&Z update on the NENA website includes a P&Z public hearing calendar with notes of items of concern to North End members.
- North End Neighborhood Plan & City Comprehensive Plan Amendment was presented by the city staff at the P&Z Commission's Aug 3 meeting. Erik presented supportive testimony on behalf of NENA. It was approved by the P&Z Commission.
- Erik briefly summarized several applications that came before the P&Z Commission.
- He noted PUD21-00040 planned unit development on Alturas between 5th and 6th Streets. He reported that the applicant has agreed to maintain the foothills trails and access to Alturas. He asked for input from the neighborhood.

Historic Preservation Committee: Co-chair Suzanne Yehle reported on several items of importance including:

- Status of VA construction mitigation – Co-Chair Kate Henwood attended meeting earlier in the afternoon. Additional ideas will be considered during the next couple days. Suzanne noted that the VA is proposing an additional 18,000 sf construction project which will further restrict open space.
- Suzanne reported that the committee was making some progress with Boise realtors to educate realtors and potential buyers about the rights and responsibilities of owning property in the North End Historic District.
- The August 30 meeting of the city's Historic Preservation Commission included a report by city staff on the new Boise Climate Action Plan & Roadmap. The HPC approved three ADU applications and denied a COA application by a Harrison Blvd resident to replace wood siding with a greener, lighter siding product.

Outreach & Engagement Committee: Chair Kelly Olson reported that she was investigating a series of fall/winter on-line educational workshops. Topics suggested by

neighbors include: drought tolerant landscaping; tree selection and care; Eat Smart Idaho. More details to follow.

Bylaws Work Group: Acting President Sarah Foregger thanked the committee for their hard work and reported that the committee had presented their recommendations for bylaw changes on August 3. However, due to new litigation filed against NENA on July 30th, the NENA attorney will not be able to review these proposals in the immediate future to ensure compliance with state laws and city ordinances. The bylaw changes must also be submitted to the city for review prior to making the bylaw proposals available for public comment and vote by the NENA membership. NENA Legal Counselor Brit Kreimeyer joined the meeting at this point to answer questions about the required legal reviews before releasing the changes for public comment and a vote at the annual NENA membership meeting. Committee co-chair Drew Alexander asked how long the legal review would be delayed. Several members expressed concerns and disappointment about the delay which will prevent the bylaw changes from being presented for a membership vote at the 2021 annual meeting.

Lawsuits: Acting President Sarah Foregger reported that the lawsuit related to last fall's board election should be settled soon. A new lawsuit has been filed against NENA by Mary Fite, Diane Hughes, Dave Green, Julie Madsen, Sheri Edmond, Michael Herman, John Llewellyn, and Laurynda Williams concerning the recall petitions from January.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Members John Llewellyn and Greg Heartman questioned whether Director Sitka Koloski was participating in NENA business meetings. Director Koloski confirmed that he was present and involved in NENA decisions but has chosen not to be an active public participant because of the persistent bullying against new board members since the election last October.

Member Shelley Zimmer expressed concern about board directors who were not attending meetings and urged that they be removed from the NENA board. Secretary Daniel Foregger stated that the bylaws currently specify that if a board director misses at least three meetings they may be removed at the discretion of the sitting board.

Adjournment approved:

MOTION TO APPROVE ADJOURNMENT AT 8:40 P.M. by Acting President Sarah Foregger

SECONDED BY: Director Sitka Koloski

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

SUMMARY OF NENA MEETING MOTIONS

AUGUST 31, 2021

Motion to approve adjournment at 8:42 pm by Acting President Sarah Foregger and seconded by Director Sitka Koloski. Motion approved unanimously.