

Minutes of NENA Board Backlog Work Session

March 1, 2021, 7:00 – 8:08 p.m.

Roll Call: Acting President Sarah Foregger, Secretary Daniel Foregger, Treasurer Chrystal Allen, Director Carlos Coto, Director Anne Hausrath, and Director Tory Spengler. Absent and excused: Director Sitka Koloski. Total of 25 participants.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Confirm TRICA funding that was previously committed. **A motion was made by Director Anne Hausrath, and seconded by Director Carlos Coto, to pay the pending invoice for the remaining \$5,000 committed to TRICA.** Acting President Sarah Foregger asked Treasurer Chrystal Allen to confirm that these funds have not already been disbursed before paying the invoice. **The motion carried unanimously.**
2. Discussed future meeting schedule, with support for weekly work sessions to get through a backlog of issues that resulted from the challenging transition to the new board who were elected on October 25 but not seated until January 26, 2021.
3. Director Anne Hausrath presented draft North End street traffic calming priorities which must be submitted to ACHD by March 12 for consideration in their Integrated Five Year Work Plan. Anne noted that she had distributed this draft to a group of 50 or more neighbors for feedback, including the NENA Streets Committee. **A motion was made by Director Anne Hausrath, and seconded by Director Carlos Coto, to approve the draft traffic calming priority list as presented. The motion carried unanimously.**
4. **NENA board facilitated session:** Director Anne Hausrath presented a proposal for a facilitated session conducted by North End member and volunteer Mark Rooney, to help the board establish cohesive operating procedures and communication. This session was proposed for the following Monday, March 8. **A motion was made by Director Anne Hausrath, and seconded by Director Carlos Coto, to accept an offer by volunteer Mark Rooney to facilitate a board operating and communications session. The motion carried unanimously.** Acting President Sarah Foregger asked that Mark Rooney sign a volunteer agreement.
5. **NENA AID Fund, FINE Grants (10 \$500 grants) and School Grants (\$1000 to North End elementary schools):** Director Carlos Coto reported that he thought it was

prudent for the NENA Aid Committee to establish a standard application process for the board's consideration, and was waiting for a full financial accounting of what was allocated last year and fund commitments that may still be pending full disbursement. Carlos did not feel that the board could proceed with acting on FINE or school grant fund applications until the financials are fully sorted out and an approved budget established for each grant category. **Board members emphasized the need to have a better idea of current financials and have more detail on historical/recent spending by major category. Acting President Sarah Foregger asked Treasurer Chrystal Allen to provide this information when it is available.**

6. **NENA Committees:** Acting President Sarah Foregger reported that the board continues to encourage neighbors to sign up for NENA committee via the form posted on the NENA website or by emailing the board. Committee reports:

P&Z applications – there is no standing committee but someone needs to take the lead on monitoring applications affecting the North End neighborhood.

Historic Preservation (Carlos): met in February and will meet again next week. The committee makes recommendations to the Boise Historic Commission on renovation and demolition proposals for North End properties. The city commission meets the last Monday of each month.

Communications/ Website (Sarah, Chrystal): Acting President Sarah Foregger reported she was working on rebuilding the website, including investigating new website software. She was recruiting volunteers to assist with managing the website.

Facebook: Treasurer Chrystal Allen noted that she is not active on social media and was looking for someone else to take over the page management. Sarah noted that so far she has been unsuccessful establishing a new shell account to manage NENA's Facebook and Instagram accounts.

7. **Covid Vaccination Appointment Assistance:** Director Anne Hausrath called on volunteer Kelly Olson to report on progress. We are networking through the Boise Senior Center, Boise Neighborhood Watch and the two low income senior housing projects in the North End. So far assistance has been provided to five seniors.

Adjournment: Daniel motion to adjourn, seconded by Carlos approved Unanimously.