



NENA MONTHLY MEETING NOTES

July 30, 2019

1) Welcome – President Mark Baltes

2) Roll Call – Autumn Street, Secretary

- a) Present
 - i) Mark Baltes
 - ii) Jeff Olsen
 - iii) Autumn Street
 - iv) James Jones
 - v) Anne Hausrath
 - vi) Chris Wagener
 - vii) John Llewellyn
 - viii) Gary Roeder
 - ix) Julie Varin
 - x) Courtney Brumbach
- b) Absent
 - i) Tory Spengler

3) Minutes from April/May/June

- a) Changes requested via email are complete
- b) Board unanimously approves all three months' minutes

4) Lit Candle Co. – Kristen Jackson, Owner

- a) Welcome to the neighborhood!
- b) Current location on State Street, opening 2nd location on 13th in Hyde Park in the previous TriTown space. Opening this weekend with a grand opening on August 10th from 11am-7pm
- c) Introducing the “Neighbor” scented hand-poured soy candle, from which \$2 per sale will be donated to NENA.

5) Jesse Tree & Preventing Homelessness – Claire

- a) Jesse Tree is a local non-profit dedicated to helping renters at risk of becoming homeless due to events such as health issues, car failures, job loss, etc. Financially assist individuals with rent payments to bring them current and avoid eviction, as one week's lost income often results in falling behind on rent and other bills. Also helps with case management, financial literacy, etc. to

get people into more stable situations and prevent recurrence. Serves about 40 households (200-250 people) per month.

- b) Tracks program recipients for a year and program is 98% effective. Also put clients in touch with other available resources for landlord mediation, child care, etc., and works with landlords to reduce rents and work toward more affordable living.
- c) Can be found online, 211 Care line and community program referrals.
- d) Funded by a variety of federal grants, local banks and other corporate contributors, and private donors.
- e) Neighbors are welcome to donate and funds can be earmarked for use in a specific geographic area, i.e. the North End.

6) Property Tax Advocacy Committee – Bonnie Burry

- a) As a long-time North End resident and real estate agent, Bonnie was contacted by many individuals looking for guidance through the process of contesting their skyrocketing property taxes, and based on obvious need is acting as a contact for the formation of a committee dedicated to finding solutions to keep residents in their homes.
- b) Priority is to change the current homeowner's exemption cap of 100k.
- c) Wide sentiment from neighbors that movement needs to occur at a wider level, i.e. county and can't just be North End or Boise specific in order to be effective.
- d) Bonnie is the contact point for those interested in getting involved and is willing to attend other NA meetings, if invited.
- e) Contact Bonnie at burrbs@windermere.com

7) Questions for City Council & Mayoral Candidates in Fall North End Newsletter & Candidate Forum

- a) Do you support further foothills development and if so, what controls would you like to put in place to protect existing residents and developments from the downstream impacts that those new developments cause (i.e. traffic, school crowding, overwhelmed fire & police resources, etc.)?
- b) In what ways are you supportive of scaling back fiscally to ensure that current and future Boiseans are not forced out of their homes by property tax and living expense increases that far outpace wage increases?
- c) What are your three budget priorities and how would you achieve those?
- d) Do you support Boise controlling our own city streets/How would you promote an improved relationship with ACHD to better control/address city streets in relation to safety, drivability, bike ability, walkability, speed limits, public transit, etc.?
- e) Would you support changes to property tax laws at every level (city/county/state) to better protect current residents, homeowners, and renters?
- f) What steps will you take to ensure that Boiseans are not limited to personal cars as a sole realistic method of transportation?
- g) What's your position on spending designated rainy-day funds on capital projects?
- h) What role do you see Neighborhood Associations have in shaping the future of the city?
- i) Do you support or oppose term limits for city council and mayoral positions?

8) Treasurer's Report – Jonesy

- a) Checking \$80,628.57
- b) Savings \$121,190.18

- c) Total Assets \$201,818.75
- d) Encourage schools to apply for available grant money; we had leftover funds for schools that were not applied for this year.

9) HPSF Update – Jeff Olsen

- a) Everything on track for September event, more permitting signatures needed, merchandise in progress.
- b) Tasting Event for Hyde Park StreetFest beer on August 20th, 1pm at Sockeye.

10) Block 75 Update – Mark Baltes

- a) Jen will conclude first round of stakeholder interviews by end of July and provide report to the board. Next steps: a second, wider round of stakeholder interviews with a broader audience of impacted individuals.

11) Neighborhood Plan Committee – Mark Baltes

- a) Consultant interviews scheduled for Wednesday, August 7th.

12) Streets Update – Anne Hausrath & Gary Roeder

- a) Proposal to continue April's position as traffic island coordinator from August 2019 to August 2020 up to a max of \$1200 in stipend pay for the year.
 - i) Board unanimously approves.
- b) ACHD is putting out their 5 year plan to public comment. 13th Street traffic calming is included and funded. Anne will send link to board to follow up and asks for board and neighbors to submit feedback.
- c) Proposal to print traffic calming signs to encourage slower speeds at a max budget for 100 signs of \$800. Signs would be provided to neighbors at no cost.
- d) Board to select focus point locations for signage near schools, crosswalks, businesses or other identified pain points.
 - i) Board unanimously approves.

13) New Business – Mark Baltes

- a) Mark is participating in a demolition permitting discussion at the city on Friday. Position is that its too easy to demolish buildings (some permits currently available online) and would like to see a more thorough vetting process.
- b) Motion to move NENA annual meeting from September to October, annually, so as to allow final numbers to come in from HPSF.
 - i) Board unanimously passes.

14) Meeting adjourned.

15) Treasurer's Report – Jonesy, Treasurer

- a) Accounts:
 - i) Checking \$19,373.17
 - ii) Savings \$127,603.24

iii) Total Assets \$146,996.41

16) Hyde Park Street Fair Update – Kira, Gruntwerks

- a) Record number of applicants.
- b) Changes to application requested:
 - 1. Requirement of non-profit booths to be registered 501c3
 - 2. Board would jury qualifying applicants
 - 3. Shorten window for application submission to 60-90 days instead 120
- c) Request for board to come up with guidelines to ensure that non-profits meet the board's requirement for shared values.
- d) All planning details on track time-wise for HPSF 2019.

17) Streets Update – Anne Hausrath

- a) Made just over \$2800 from Garden Tour.
- b) Anne is asking for additional 40 hours (for a total of 80) in stipend money for Island Coordinator position. 40 is turning out not to be enough with current island maintenance.
 - i. Board unanimously approves \$600 ADDITIONAL stipend for 40 hours ALREADY worked.
- c) Mark requests that NENA attempt to adopt the Parks & Rec island as the south end of Harrison. Anne will ask April to follow up and seek permission.
- d) Request for safety supplies including cones, signs, vests, etc. for volunteers.
 - i. Tabled until July.
- e) Boise Bike Boulevard Coalition Signage:
 - i. Request for FINE Grant to fund signage marking safe routes (11th St, Camel's Back to Cassia)
 - 1. Tabled until July so that board can examine alternate designs that include an explanation of what the BBBC and Safe Routes are.
- f) Radar Speed Guns – currently in use by neighbors and data is being gathered for tracking. One gun is on Harrison, the other is on 8th Street.
- g) 5th Street Right of Way – Anne to meet with neighbors to discuss a potential future agenda item.
 - i. Motion to vacate previous NENA position regarding opposition to ROW vacation
 - 1. Board unanimously approves with acknowledgement that with more information a future position may be necessary.

18) Block 75 Update – Mark Baltes

- a) Consultant Jen has begun stakeholder interviews, anticipated completion mid-July.
 - i) Stakeholders include immediate neighbors, garden folks, church staff, church members, etc.
 - ii) Next step is to reach out to larger stakeholder group including NENA reps, etc.

19) Neighborhood Plan Update

- a) Interviews scheduled for August 7th with two consultant firms. No action until 8/7/19.

20) New Business

- a) Community Partnerships - Mark proposes two memberships:
 - (1) \$1,000 to Treasure Valley Canopy Network (tree advocacy)
 - (2) \$560 to Urban Land Institute
 - (a) Additional memberships to be proposed at a future date.
- b) NA Advocacy Fund/Assistance Grant
 - i) Proposal to fund SENA's website hosting at a cost of \$500.
 - ii) Board discussion highlights concerns; not moving forward to a vote.

- c) Legal Advisory
 - i) Mark proposes that NENA source and interview candidates for legal advisory. Not necessarily to keep on retainer, but to have available for projects or advisory situations.
 - (1) Bring suggestions for attorneys suited to the position to July meeting.
 - (2) Autumn to post call for interest to Social Media.
- d) Newsletter Editor Compensation
 - i) Board unanimously approves \$400 per issue for Stephanie's editorial services for the quarterly North End Newsletter.

21) Meeting Adjourned