



**MEETING MINUTES**  
**January 25, 2022, 7:00 PM (Via Zoom) (47 participants)**

**Welcome – President Amy Allgeyer**

- Want to keep us on schedule. Thank you for your patience regarding questions. We ask you to put questions in the Chat.
- Because we are not together face-to-face tonight, we just would like to remind you to be kind and respectful.

**Roll Call – Julie Varin, Secretary**

- **Present:** President Amy Allgeyer, Vice President Drew Alexander, Secretary Julie Varin, Treasurer Nola Walker, Director Autumn Street, Director Julie Madsen, Director Sitka Koloski, Director Carlos Coto, Director Sarah Foregger, Director Daniel Foregger
- Director Dallas Gudgell is driving from Seattle and will participate as possible throughout the meeting.

**Documents Chat – Drew Alexander**

- There is a simple sign sheet to track who attends monthly meetings. Please sign in on the document.

**Approve November Minutes & Secretary's Report – Julie Varin, Secretary**

- **Motion to Approve November Minutes by Julie Varin, Second by Julie Madsen. Motion carried.**
- Secretary/Director Julie Varin summarized several recent board actions as set forth in [Board Actions Without a Meeting](#).
- Since the November meeting, the NENA Board has passed the following motions as reflected in the Voting Record linked in the NENA agenda.
  - Motion to retain Nick Taylor of the law firm, Stoel Rives, LLP, to represent NENA pro bono on corporate governance matters. (We will introduce Nick following the Treasurer's Report
  - Motion to decline D&O insurance for 2022 at the \$20,000 annual premium.
  - Motion to put proceeds from the sale of 2020/2021 HPSF merchandise into an account to fund school donations.
  - Motion to approve fees in the range of \$30 to \$45 for Margaret Parker to make updates to the 2022 North End Newsletter advertising fees schedule
  - Motion to pay the \$681 cancellation fee for our previous liability carrier to cancel the policy they renewed as we found a carrier who could provide the same coverage for significantly less money.

- Motion to issue a statement of support for the City’s proposed ordinance requiring licensing of short-term rentals.
- Motion to donate the remainder of the COVID relief fund money (\$1,497) to Faces of Hope.
- Motion to reimburse Jesse Tree in the amount of \$2,939.71 for rents paid in 2021 to keep North End residents in their homes? This money was earmarked for this purpose by the NENA Board back in 2020.
- Questions?
  - What was the purpose of the November 17, 2021 Special Meeting? Answer: the purpose of the meeting was to address the overload of NENA work during the transition, but the meeting did not have a quorum and therefore did not occur.

**Treasurer’s Report – Nola Walker, Treasurer**

- Nola presented the [Treasurer’s Report](#) outlining the expenditures, as well as the amounts remaining in the NENA accounts.
- Website as the Balance Sheets and P&L statements
- Nola shared the Treasurer’s Report; we will make sure it is posted to the website
  - Total Income: \$879.24
  - Total Expenses: \$6,217.63
  - Net Income: (\$5,338.39)
  - Columns on the left that list the NENA general accounts and the account balances.
- We will reserve discussion until the end of the meeting when we discuss the Proposed Budget.

**Introduce Nick Taylor, Stoel Rives, LLP, NENA’s corporate counsel – Julie Varin, Secretary and Nick Taylor,**

- Nick Taylor, who has agreed to represent NENA pro bono on corporate governance matters, including assisting NENA with amending its corporate documents, as well as other issues that may arise within his area of expertise. Nick is a partner at the law firm, Stoel Rives, LLP and is a very experienced and knowledgeable corporate attorney who has advised various entities, including nonprofits, on a wide range of governance issues. We feel extremely grateful to have his expertise. ([Website Bio](#)).
- Nick stated that it is a pleasure to serve in this role and looks forward to representing NENA. Grew up in Oregon and moved here in 2006; he is a member of the Sunset Neighborhood Association. Served on the Board of Directors of ACLU Idaho and is currently serving as the VP but his term ends this month.
- Nick invited the Board to email him with any questions, and he will do his best to be direct and transparent.

**Bylaws Working Group Update – Drew Alexander, Vice President/Workgroup Chair and Julie Varin, Secretary/Workgroup Member**

- We are planning to reconvene with the Bylaws Working Group soon – probably next month and we hope to work closely with Nick to get that draft reviewed
- Bylaws say they can be amended at the annual meeting, but if we have a draft ready before then, we will look into holding a special meeting of members to adopt them earlier.
- Member John L. would like a list of those currently on the Bylaws Working Group. We will provide.

## ACHD Report on 2022 NE Street Projects - Erin Johansen (Community and Business Relation Coordinator)

- Also attending the meetinn for ACHD are Amber Morales and Cody Holman.
- Erin has been on the job for only six months and will try to answer questions, but if she does not know the answer, she can seek out who does have the information.
- Presentation – Map shows what is going starting February 2022 and going through the year.
- There are euite a few projects in the NE; the timing of the projects as stated is projected and may change.
- 13<sup>th</sup> Street – Start February through June 2022
  - Installing traffic calming features near North Junior Hight – pedestrian crossings near Resseguie, Sherman, Heron, Hazel, and Bella Streets.
  - Replacing sidewalk near Camel’s Back Park.
- 11<sup>th</sup> Street Bikeway Project – mid-February through August 2022
  - Creating a bikeway that includes multi-use pathway through BHS campus.
  - Installing wayfinding and bikeway signage, enhanced crossings, sharrows, and bike lanes; trying to create bike friendly area.
- Downtown 11<sup>th</sup> Street Bikeway – CCDC Project
- Downtown State Street Project – Mid-May to Spring 2023
  - Big project - removing and replacing pavement, upgrading pedestrian rams and some signals, adding green stormwater features; widening State from 14<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> to include left turn lanes at 13<sup>th</sup>.
  - If you want to learn more, Cody is online but also a public involvement meeting on January 31, 2022.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Street Improvements Concept Phase – This is will not be under construction in 2022
  - Public Involvement Meeting – January 27<sup>th</sup> 4 to 5 pm and 6 to 7pm; ACHD wants to get us much feedback as they can, and they encourage people to go look at three concepts and attend the meeting on January 27<sup>th</sup>.
  - ACHD is doing bike facility improvements; south of Fort from State Street to Union.
  - Website link is very friendly and can look at project background, review feedback.
- Federal Aid Payment & Preservation Project Ninth Street to Bannock - Midsummer
  - Removing pavement and upgrading ramps. This is a smaller project.
- ACHD recognizes that road construction is frustrating, but they are working for the neighborhoods and trying to increase signage.
- If you have a question about a project, it will be directed to the right person so they can answer questions.
- Please feel free to use tool and reach out to Erin for questions. Amber noted if people did not feel like asking their questions right now, they may send Amber an email as she is happy to answer questions. ACHD is also working with neighbors to move a geothermal line into the North End.
- Questions
  - Frustration expressed regarding how signage is managed; when projects are completed, neighbors are left with all the detritus, for example on 8<sup>th</sup> Street and would like to see addressed. Second, traffic safety is important, but it frustrating when streets closed when no work is being done.

- Erin – some of the projects are not ACHD; there was a signage (no parking signs), but was actually something from utility company. Make sure to look at the active map and make sure ACHD. If you see something, please let us know so we can get it to the right person. Any project – even if utility company, it goes through ACHD
- Cody – ACHD has been frustrated as well, but sign companies are not worried about the signs. ACHD has been working on addressing this issue with the sign contractors, but he noted that ACHD can do better.
- Cody – on closing streets, there is limited construction capacity; Cody noted that ACHD tries to give contractors as much flexibility as they can because it reduces costs, but they recognize the problem. However, he cannot promise it will be better soon.
- Tree issue and ADA compliance on Hyde Park and discussed some issues on 13<sup>th</sup> near Sun Ray. Question: where are we in the process because we were told at the time that there would be public outreach regarding trees being taken down and the conditions of trees on 13<sup>th</sup> Street are being impacted?
  - Amber – for this particular issue that is outside current scope of work; just hired to new ADA inspectors to ensure things are moved to be compliant; feel free to email Amber any concerns, and she will ask the right people regarding the status of the corridor. Please reach out to anyone on the Board, as well as Mark Baltes.
  - Cody – did some review on 13<sup>th</sup> Street; this sounds like something to route back to Ryan Fischer and Boise Parks to see if there is any update.
  - Mark would appreciate if could follow up with the Board

### **Communications Updates – Director/Communications Chair Autumn Street**

- Newsletter is in the works, and we are working on ad sales to get that funded; if there are any neighbor volunteers that help would be appreciated.
- Website updated; meetings page where anything meeting-related will be posted.
- Draft Bylaws have been posted on the website for member comment.
- Recently created NENA YouTube channel to move NENA recordings to archive these items. These will be linked on the website.
- November meeting is posted on the website on the Zoom Recordings page.
- Social Media – posting photos and events.
- Had recent offer from help as a nonprofit from Greg Wendell.
- **MOTION to roll the engagement committee with communications; Second – Director Carlos Coto. Motion carried.**
  - Discussion
    - Director Daniel Foregger asked to elaborate on what that would include. Answer: Sheri Edmond is working on the database, and she took the first stab at notifying members of the upcoming meeting. Autumn did not realize that Sheri was doing this, and it would be helpful if they could coordinate on this in the future to avoid any issues.
  - **Motion Carried**
- Question –
  - What happened to all the other Zoom recordings; why did they disappear and who is responsible? Answer: Autumn cannot answer to what happened prior to joining the

Board in November; there were buttons but links were invalid. If not downloaded, they are not recoverable. Michael does have meetings from 2020, and we can link those to on the website.

- Director Daniel Foregger noted those video recordings were only used to record the minutes; that is all that is required by the law.
  - Autumn noted that we can always do more if it is helpful to the membership.
  - After the meetings end, we will move them to NENA OneDrive account.
- Short-Term Rental Survey
- Created to gather neighbor input and is posted on the NENA website.

### **Merchandise Sales Updates/School Grants – Director Autumn Street**

- Organized a couple fundraisers to help including selling
- Conversations with Parilla Grill – led to a partnership with Parilla and 13<sup>th</sup> Street
- Talked about grants for schools – the owners offered to cover the grants for 2022 not only in full and donated a total of \$25,000 - \$11,000 to BHS and \$3500 to Washington, Lowell, and Longfellow. Such a gift for our schools; hard years for our teachers and kids.
- Please go in and say thank you and support these business like they supported us.
- Huge thank you to Autumn for negotiating and seeing it through to the end
- Such a gratifying experience to be able to disburse the checks.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Streets Committee – Cynthia Gibson**

- Our Committee is growing, and the Committee now has a Fort Street representative.
- Yard sign project has been a smashing success. Cynthia said to email her if you have or want a yard sign; her email is in the Chat. Ellis and 26<sup>th</sup> got their signs; made a mistake and printed an extra 80 signs and donating them to the NE; sitting in the basement and don't do anything there.
- Cynthia intends on attending ACHD Five-Year Integrated Plan, and Cynthia will represent the NE at the meeting
- [8th Street Project](#)
  - Three Concepts – proposing to change 8<sup>th</sup> Street to one lane and then doing contraflow lane going south; Cynthia has issues with the contraflow because unsafe with the two driveways at the Coop; she encourages people to look at concepts and attend Thursday night meetings
- Director Dallas Gudgell has the 8<sup>th</sup> Street signs. Dallas will get a sign to your address if you email Cynthia.
- Discussion/Q&A
  - Is there an 8<sup>th</sup> Street alternative – using 7<sup>th</sup> Street? 7<sup>th</sup> Street does not have much traffic. Cynthia – the CCDC portion has funding and will likely happen; the ACHD is just a concept so it is in the early stages, so now it is the time to submit any ideas or questions to ACHD.
  - Thank you to Franklin Supply – have donated sign stakes so Cynthia can use the signs.

### **Historic Preservation Committee – Kate Henwood, Co-Chair**

- Illegal removal of trees persists so that prompted Co-Chair Suzanne Yehle to reach out, and Lance Davisson has offered to host a sit down to better address tree preservation; looking forward to partnering with these entities.
- Typically the HPC meetings occur before NENA meetings and there is an item on the agenda that could be consequential:
  - There is an application to add a second story to an existing one-story home; this change is not explicitly prohibited (only guidelines), but HPC has history of denying this type of application; this family has gone above and beyond in adhering to the guidelines.
  - The next applicant may not adhere to the guidelines, and this could create a ripple effect. This is why this project deserves due consideration.
  - Can email [historic@northend.org](mailto:historic@northend.org)
- Lowell & South Pools –these pools opened in the ‘50s, and they are iconic. They closed in 2020 and without rehabilitation they will not reopen. City initiated a focus group to address this issue.
  - Kate and Mark Baltes attended as champions of the Historic Preservation; discussion was facilitated by Agnew Beck. The top priority is to get the pools safe and functional and ADA compliant and back open as soon as possible.
  - Will do community survey and there have been money earmarked.
  - No guarantees that either pool will remain standing and this is concerning to many people; what can we be doing to advocate to preservation?

### **Lowell Pool – Laura Bainbridge**

- Options to help – one of the neighbors who attended the first neighbor focus group meeting
- Have been working since 2019 with a group of neighbors to see pools rehabilitated and ADA compliant and reopened. Facing uphill battle in that they have been closed for three years. New neighbors moving in and never experienced the pools, so a group of neighbors has been trying to educate the neighborhood about the pools.
- Ward Hooper created a great work of art to commemorate the pools; he has given us free reign to sell these posters, but they do not have a bank to store the earned funds from selling the posters. NENA has served in this role in the past, and they are asking NENA to be a bank to hold the funds.
- Question/Answer
  - Mark Baltes explained how NENA has done this in the past and noted nothing legally prohibited NENA from serving in this role again.
  - Treasurer Nola Walker noted that NENA could create an account for the Lowell Pool and happy to serve as a passthrough; Nola would volunteer to help.
  - Member Chrystal Allen noted if the funds raised started to include a large number of individual donations, this could overwhelm Chelle.
  - Mark noted that NENA never received a huge amount of donations outside some fundraising at the HPSF when NENA did this in the past. He agreed if there is a large amount of donations, this could affect Chelle.
  - What are we raising money for? Answer: getting word out that pools are in danger
  - Not anticipating large donations being needed.

- Money already earmarked (\$3 million for Lowell); if this becomes something bigger, Laura can update the board; does not want to overwhelm Nola or anyone else.
- Vice President Drew Alexander:
  - Has city given the entity that is not the owner of the asset permission to submit grants? Answer: Laura is not sure if they will need to apply for any grants.
  - Federal grants for splash pools? Answer: Laura noted they are nowhere near that yet until city surveys neighborhood.
  - Drew noted that we do not want to set up financial risk if there is a match contribution. Laura noted that if they get to grant point, Laura will present to the Board.
- Mark raised the issue of applying for NIP Grant. Laura said this would probably be better next year, but she is all for the idea.
- President Amy Allegeyer noted that the Board could discuss this the next day via email and get an answer relatively quickly to Laura, but Amy supports the idea in principle.

**P&Z Committee Update – Erik Hagen, Chair ([erik@erikhagen.com](mailto:erik@erikhagen.com))**

- Many approvals of ADU and a handful of variances of setbacks.
- There has been tree removals and retroactive approvals for the removals.
- Alturas Project
  - Several neighbors expressed concerns and provided thoughtful feedback; commission just went straight to approval.
  - This project has been appealed, and the appeal will be heard at the February 8 City Council hearing.
- Presentation to City Council re microcells
  - The right-of-way is open to AT&T to install micro cell towers
  - City considering regulation and is under review and Erik will let us know when it goes to public hearing.
- Discussion/Q&A
  - If no feedback from public, is the approval process being fast tracked? Answer – observation that many more applications are approved administratively. There is a matrix for administrative approval, but there is a lack of staff, and this is causing more projects going to administrative approval. Also the City has been approving building and developing.
  - Question – anything we can do to help? Answer: We need your help, and we try to keep it updated, but let the P&Z Committee if additional help is needed. Suzanne Yelhle noted that the committee, because of staffing issues at the City, has been looking at every single administrative application to make sure nothing is falling through the cracks. The City has been very responsive, but they are very shorthanded so we are doing our best to fill in the cracks.
  - Kelly Olsen will be Tree Preservation Liaison under the HPC umbrella.

**Update on HSPF Transition – Carlos Coto, Director**

- Waiting for input from legal counsel

**2022 Budget Presentation, Discussion, & Vote – Nola Walker, Treasurer**

- Nola and others have put significant work into the budget. As there was no HPSF in 2020 and 2021, the Board had to look at 2019 and make various assumptions. Right now, we

looking at high-level numbers, but we are attempting to break it down into finer details for the membership.

- Selling NENA merchandise – would love your support; if we were to sell it all, we would earn \$9K.
- Mark Baltes thanked Nola for working so hard on the Budget as it was particularly difficult this year. In year's past, NENA had a large cash reserve and would just allocate money. This year, Nola only had \$6K to work with in the General Fund, which has made it difficult.
- Mark also noted that attendance could be done this year at the HPSF, and this should be taken into account in this year's projections.
- Proposed that we could give members the option to choose a digital copy of the newsletter to save costs. Amy noted that this idea had been considered, and it is not feasible.
- What is a FINE Grant? Answer: projects to improve the North End.
- Why is there only \$450 for School Grants? Answer: School Grants come out in the fall; \$450; will increase if we have additional money after HPSF.
- How will Newsletter pencil it out? We will have to sell ads to make it pencil out.
- Nola thanked the membership for helping NENA accomplish their calls and noted that the budget is a work in progress.
  
- **MOTION TO APPROVE BUDGET by Nola Walker seconded by Daniel Foregger. Motion Carried.**

#### **Update on Review Committee, Amy Allgeyer, President**

- Committee neighbor asked us to put together to look at the events of the last couple of years, and Director Dallas Gudgell, Amy, Drew, and Erik Hagen have been reviewing all the documents, spoken with people, and reviewed minutes.
- Goals –
  - Clear concise and fair report;
  - Promote transparency to identify what wrong and how to avoid in future;
  - The goal is not to mete out justice or identify the guilty.
- Amy will not be at the meeting in February.
- Discussion/Q&A
  - Helpful if process public for true reconciliation. Members need to know who the Committee is speaking to and what documents reviewed, etc. Concern expressed if the Committee produces report without members understanding the actual basis for the report. Amy noted that the committee has been looking at legal documents and talking to people, but if the information cannot be corroborated, the committee will not rely on it; the committee will discuss how to best present the bases for the report.
  - Entire February meeting will be devoted to report and deep dive on the financials.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN, by Secretary Julie Varin, and seconded by President Amy Allgeyer. Motion carried.**

**ADJORNED at 9:38 p.m.**