



## **NENA MEETING MINUTES**

**September 22, 2020**

**Elm Grove Park**

- 1. Welcome**
- 2. Role Call**
  - a. Present: Mark, Autumn, Jonesy, Tory, John, Julie, Sherri, Anne
  - b. Absent: Chris, Marcia
- 3. August 2020 Minutes**
  - a. No changes requested.
  - b. Motion to approve.
    - i. Approved unanimously.
- 4. Hyde Park Street Fair**
  - a. Virtual event Saturday 9/19 with online streaming concert - SFM - Steve Fulton Music w/tip jar to benefit NENA.
  - b. T-shirts and posters being sold to raise funds.
- 5. Treasurer's Report**
  - a. Revenue concerns due to vastly decreased income in 2020; will look at what costs can be cut to get through to 2021.
  - b. Donations of approximately 30k have gone to local organizations in support of COVID relief.
  - c. Income           \$250.00
  - d. Expenses       \$6,742.84
  - e. Checking       \$3,919.38
  - f. Savings         \$138,110.31
  - g. Total Assets   \$142,029.69
- 6. Neighborhood Watch**
  - a. Rebranding effort still underway in collaboration with Boise Police Department.
- 7. Streets Committee**
  - a. ACHD budget & integrated work plan: NENA to submit comments.
  - b. Volunteer opportunity: Street Captains. Contact Anne for more info.
  - c. Harrison Boulevard: Zoom meetings continue regarding re-engineering of Harrison to possibly include chicanes, etc. for traffic control and slowing. Next step is for Harrison residents, ACHD, NENA, and traffic engineers to take place possibly next week.

## **8. FINE Grant Request - Radon Detector**

- a. Request for NENA to purchase \$150 Radon Detector. Michael Herman offers to act as device librarian so neighbors can check out detectors for home use.
- b. Motion to approve purchase; 1 to start, an additional units if demand requires, up to a max of \$500.
  - i. Approved unanimously.

## **9. Harrison Halloween**

- a. Harrison residents were polled regarding plans for trick-or-treating, handing out candy, and closing of the street.
- b. Discussion of redirecting candy budgets to a child-based charity, to be selected by Harrison residents.
- c. Per Mayor McLean, a special event permit (which is required to close the street) cannot be issued at this time.
- d. Harrison residents to work with Autumn for a press release so that notification is valley-wide.

## **10. Special Guest: Mayor Lauren McLean**

- a. State of the City address tomorrow at 6pm.
- b. Thank you to the neighborhood for support during covid restrictions.
- c. Believes Chief Lee is the right choice for Boise's future.

## **11. Special Guest: Boise Chief of Police Ryan Lee**

- a. Introduced himself and relayed story of how he came to Boise.
- b. Boise Police is unique in setup; Omaha is only similar agency nationwide. There is no national standard for policing. 25 years ago a strategic change was made to foster community policing, which results in reduced criminal activity.
- c. Boise is nearing a point where a shift will occur as population grows, where demand for police resources exponentially increases.
- d. Future of BPD:
  - i. Investment in people: exploring some adjustments to hiring processes to encourage diversity and better meet the needs of the community.
  - ii. Investment in training & education.
  - iii. Leadership in community.
- e. Neighbors helping neighbors North End branding of Neighborhood Watch program. BPD can help with messaging.
- f. In the process of pairing officers with clinicians and behavioral health professionals, reallocating resources to address needs and wants of the community for police to have the tools needed to deal with public needs appropriately.
- g. By early 2021, all officers will have 40 hours of crisis intervention training, which is an expert level of training.

## **12. Historic Preservation**

- a. Hearing monday regarding illegal demolition of contributing structures. Ongoing issue. We are expecting issue to be eventually brought before the Mayor & City Council.

**13. Block 75**

- a. Meeting of committee scheduled for October 7th. Contact Tory or Autumn if interested.

**14. Booth Block**

- a. Continues to be on track per plan. Approved by P&Z. No current issues.
- b. Demolition to begin in mid-October.

**15. NENA Aid Program**

- a. In the past month, Aid Program raised an additional 1k through GoFundMe page.
- b. Contributions to the community in support of COVID related relief continues.
- c. Please donate if you can, links available on [www.northendboise.org](http://www.northendboise.org).

**16. Neighborhood Plan**

- a. Porch meeting last week. First draft for public review expected in early December.

**17. New/Old Business**

- a. Annual Meeting
  - i. Scheduled for October 27th.
  - ii. Motion to have annual meeting via Zoom and ask city to send mailer to residents.
    - 1. Passed unanimously.
  - iii. Board member voting needs to be considered, with inclusivity as a goal. Autumn, Anne, Tory, and Michael to discuss.
- b. Fundraising: Autumn sold a bunch of historic North End posters, raised approximately \$750 for NENA.
- c. TRICA Update: unanimous approval by P&Z, approval is currently being appealed. TRICA followed all city guidelines for notifications and is hopeful for a positive outcome. Building is not yet open, but getting close.

**18. Meeting Adjourned**