



**MEETING MINUTES**  
**April 26, 2022, 7:00 PM**  
**Immanuel Lutheran Church, In- Person**

**Welcome – President Amy Allgeyer**

**Roll Call – Julie Varin, Secretary**

- **Present:** President Amy Allgeyer, Vice President Drew Alexander, Secretary Julie Varin, Treasurer Nola Walker, Director Autumn Street, Director Sitka Koloski, Director Daniel Foregger, Director Dallas Gudgell
- **Absent:** Director Julie Madsen (Proxy – Julie Varin), Director Carlos Coto (Proxy – Sitka Koloski).

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

- Secretary/Director Julie Varin summarized several recent board actions. These motions and votes will be detailed in the [NENA Motion and Voting Log](#) on northendboise.org. The motion log still needs to be updated.
- Voted to hire a new artist for the HPSF merchandise. The details of the new artist will be discussed later in the meeting.
- Voted to hold the NENA annual meeting in October
- Voted to send a letter to ACHD asking them to discuss reasons why 9<sup>th</sup> Street is not a proposed option for the southbound bike lane instead of a contraflow lane on 8<sup>th</sup> Street.
- Voted to appoint Chrystal and Ryndy Williams to fill recent vacancies.

**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.
- The updated [April 2022 Balance Sheet](#) and [April 2022 Profit & Loss Statement](#) are posted on [www.northendboise.org](http://www.northendboise.org)

**Introduce/Seat New Directors – Chrystal Allen and Ryndy Williams**

- Motion to seat new directors, Chrystal Allen and Ryndy Williams by Amy Allgeyer and Seconded by Autumn Street. Motion carried.
- Welcome Chrystal and Ryndy!
- Motion to Appoint Chrystal Allen as Treasurer by Amy Allgeyer and Seconded by Drew Alexander. Motion carried.

## Q&A Session re City Issues – City Council President Pro Tem Holli Woodings, representing District 5

- Serving on the NENA Board was first elected position at age 27. It has be an honor to serve on City Council.
- Top Issues that City Council is working on currently.
  - Zoning Code Re-Write
    - Trying to get as much input as possible.
    - Input phase for Module 2
    - Biggest pinch point is the Zoning Code – it is old and hoping to get it more in line with Blueprint Boise
  - Drawing City districts for City Council
    - Ordered by the legislature to redraw the map
    - Currently working on an ordinance that will create a citizen-led initiative process for drawing districts; wrote into ordinance that commissioners will reflect the population; work with a consultant; an individual from the Ada County elections office who will serve ex officio
    - They will have the summer into the early fall to select commissioners to lead the process of drawing the district lines.
    - It has to comply with state law, but wanted to have citizens lead the process
    - How did the mayor and council decide to create a commission of five individuals when Meridian has nine? Answer: the Council split up the research and spoke to a variety of people who have served on the state districting commission – they advised that any more than six would complicate the process. They drew on that expertise of many years to come up with five commissioners. They felt that five would provide the geographic representation without it unnecessarily complicating the process; in addition, there will be individuals serving in an advisory capacity.
    - Any discussion about re-drawing precinct boundaries? Answer: no, this was done by the state.
    - Where are the five commissioners coming from? Answer: we are developing the policy now – we would like to see geographic and socioeconomic diversity. Incumbent on the mayor’s office to select applicants that comply with this policy.
    - What is the methodology for defining boundaries? Answer: equal in population to a percentage. Correspond with the precinct boundaries. What might other factors be? Answer: relied heavily on NA boundaries because Boise does not have communities of interest like a large refugee population. Nuance regarding communities of interest – what creates those communities. First time decided on NAs and also used physical boundaries. Now have some census data. Policy will be to consider geographic features and communities of interest.
    - Is there any assurance that NE will not be divided? Answer: Northwest Neighborhood is large in geographic area but small in population and had to figure out how to even out the population.
    - Now that councilmembers represent districts, how will this affect community groups interfacing with the council on the day-to-day issues? Can you advise those in your specific district? Answer: Council President Woodings does not

foresee city day-to-day operations to be impacted by districts. If one district has a very responsive councilmember, this district might get more attention. It is difficult to foresee at this point. Having a district makes your population much smaller. Previously felt beholden to each NAs equally and now she feels she has a smaller population for constituent services. However, as members of city council, policy must be made holistically and each council member must consider the entire city when adopting policies.

- Is the council involved in the application process? Answer: No, we are not involved in that process. Wouldn't it make it more transparent if council was involved in reviewing a certain number of applications? More process might stave off suspicions. Answer: Understand concern. We were trying to stay consistent with current process regarding selection of commissioners. We need to get this done, and that this is why we are being very prescriptive in the process.
- Does City have any response to the 442 – that bans the City from regulating rents and deposits? Is there any way to loophole around it so can create limits on deposits. Answer: how far can we go without getting sued by the state, or a developer? We do not envision taking legal action.
- We cannot attract or retain city employees because the compensation does not match the cost of living. What is the plan and how quickly can that be remedied? Answer: There are various factors that go into that – the budget and the number of FTE positions. It is a huge topic and it is not just the City. This is an ongoing conversation with the Mayor. Please provide feedback to city about the budget and this intersection of recruitment, cost of living, and wages.
- Who should we talk to about improving parks – particularly dog parks? Is the park commission's role to be an interface between the public and the parks? Answer: This is the only commission Council President has not served as a liaison to and is not sure exactly what the park commission does. There are many smart people on the commission, and you should reach out to them. You can ask to be on the agenda of any commission meeting. We will get the name for the liaison to contact.

### **Gruntwerks HPSF Update – Carl Scheider**

- Carl believes that HSPF should charge for use of its logo and should not be free for anyone.
- We will not have Giraffe Laugh this year and will not come back. Would like to get the children's area back next year. Giraffe Laugh will give us the fencing and will also provide ideas of who can do it next year.
- Security will be an increased cost.
- Carl is going to fit in as many booths as possible to account for those rising costs.
- 110 Booths. We are not sure what the max will be. At one point, the City gave a limit. We will not look like Art in the Park. We will make the aisles wide. A minimum of 155 with a possible maximum of 185. The Food Court is thirteen, and this is fixed. Carl would like more variety – has not heard from our pizza guy.
- May will be the busy month
- Boise High volunteers are back and Cycling Alliance volunteers are returning
- Q&A

- Is there anyway to work with the park to increase access for drink and water for people and animals? Eric Schulman would like to volunteer to give some ideas to the Park.

### **NENA's Endorsement of Political Candidates – Pete Newton**

- There is problem of misinformation and is worried we will have non-neighborhood oriented individuals on City Council. Pete sees NAs as the last best hope to keep community-oriented people on government commissions.
- 501(c)(4) – the Board cannot endorse a candidate in a race, but individual board members can communicate their individual preferences.
- Some hesitation expressed by the Board in endorsing candidates and how to make the determination of who to endorse.
- Q&A
  - Historically have put out voter guides in the Newsletters
  - Editorials in the newsletter
  - Could have a candidate come a speak at meeting and could write an article in the Newsletter

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Communication Committee Update – Autumn Street**

- Website Updates – just let me know if you have updates.
- Newsletter
  - Ryndy would like to help with the Newsletter
  - \$3500 to \$4000 in ads has been sold thus far. \$5000 was the high point. If we had someone dedicated to this, we could easily raise \$10,000.
- HSPF Art – Ashley Dreyfus, a nationally renowned artist, has agreed to do the HPSF art; she was selected from a national competition to design the PBR can. We will be working with her over the next month to get the design.

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

- This week the City is hosting the pool open houses. Lowell Pool Open House is Thursday. They will be sharing insights from the survey in March.
- City Council will be hearing two appeals of denial by HPC of certificates of appropriateness
- C of A to add a second story on a contributing home; a family who had exhausted all their options and wanted to build a modest second-story addition
- Wanted to add an 8 x 12 front porch instead of stoop; staff recommendation was to approve. The staff guidance is to approve.
- Difficult to balance the human side with also protecting the historic character of the neighborhood
- The preschool on 8<sup>th</sup> and Brumback wants to dramatically change the façade.

### **Zoning Sub-Committee Update – Drew Alexander, Vice President**

- The Advisory Committee had their meeting last week. The City received over 3000 survey responses, 1500 emails, and 1500 attendees. The City is learning a great deal from the Committee and is in the process of assimilating this information.

- Get the subcommittee back together and start drafting an official position/letter. But we hope to learn more from the City.
- Discussion/Q&A
  - Did the committee work on Module 1 and Module 2 R-1C impacts? Yes, the committee talked about this in detail. R1-C through 3 are different but not as different as they should be. It seems the new R1-C is an invitation for more triplexes and fourplexes. The community cottage is in there.
  - The historic guidelines are not changing.
  - The allowed uses do allow more fourplexes but must be on the same scale as a single-family home. Parking is an issue, however.
  - Any high level themes? They have not shared a report yet. They are working on something and will be able to report back.

#### **Garden Tour Update - Amy Allgeyer, President**

- Tickets will go on sale on May 5<sup>th</sup>
- Fairy garden on Hayes and 14<sup>th</sup> will be added.
- Date is June 5<sup>th</sup> – 11 am to 4 pm.

#### **Flock Cancer Walk**

- May 7<sup>th</sup> Flock Cancer Walk
- Hazel will be closed between 16<sup>th</sup> and Harrison on that date.

#### **OLD & NEW BUSINESS**

- Today was the first day our giant sign was posted at 15<sup>th</sup> and Fort
- Eric Schulman has come up with an idea that will help with engagement between NENA and community. Inspiration is Anne Hausrath's Streets Committee.
- A volunteer project management strategy based around interactive gigs. One of the concepts is to have a volunteer coordinator. Objectives have activities and tasks associated with them.
- Dallas has volunteered to help; would like to be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN, by Daniel Foregger, and seconded by Dallas Gudgell. Motion carried.**

**ADJORNED at 9:21 PM**