

Minutes of the North End Neighborhood Association (NENA) Zoom Meeting, May 25, 2021

Virtual board of directors meeting was called to order by Acting President Sarah Foregger at 7:03 p.m. Total of 44 participants. Sarah welcomed neighbors and guests.

Roll Call: Acting President Sarah Foregger, Secretary Daniel Foregger, Director Carlos Coto and Director Sitka Koloski. Director Tory Spengler was absent and excused and designated a proxy vote. Secretary Daniel Foregger had to depart the meeting early due to work obligations and designated a proxy vote.

The meeting agenda was reviewed and approved.

April 27 Meeting Minutes Adopted:

MOTION TO APPROVE APRIL 27, 2021 MINUTES OFFERED BY: Acting President Sarah Foregger

SECONDED BY: Director Daniel Foregger

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY (one voted by proxy)

Report on Hyde Park Fair: Contractor Carl Schneider, Gruntworks, reported that planning for the 2021 Hyde Park Street Fair was progressing well. Highlights from Carl's report:

- Vendor confirmation stands at 103, with full food court.
- Children's play area will be discontinued this year due to Covid safety issues.
- City parks permit application is due June 17.
- Still working to confirm bus shuttle service.
- Neighbor asked question whether it is possible to feature a local craft beer in the beer garden. Carl replied that they have a contract with Hayden Distributor to be exclusive beer provider and in return Hayden provides a generous event sponsorship.

Report on NENA Director Recruitment: Secretary Daniel Foregger provided a brief report on recruitment. The board has received no applications for the vacant board seats, but he indicated that a couple residents have expressed interest and requested applications. Neighbor Julie Madsen inquired as to who remained on the recruitment committee. Daniel replied that he had sent an email to the original members of the recruitment committee to determine who wanted to remain involved in the recruitment process. Not everyone had replied.

Report on the status of the North End Neighborhood Plan by Deanna Dupuy, city of Boise planner: Deanna elaborated on the process the city followed to engage with North End residents on the drafting of the North End Neighborhood Plan, which was officially launched in 2019. Two in-person public engagement sessions were held in January and March 2020 before the Covid shutdown. A draft plan was released and

open for comment in February 2021. Deanna reported that the plan will be submitted as a supplement to the city's comprehensive plan, Blueprint Boise, on June 29, followed by consideration by the Planning and Zoning Commission in early August and the Boise City Council in October. Several neighbors asked questions about various aspects of the North End Neighborhood Plan. NENA Acting President Sarah Foregger asked Deanna how Boise's unprecedented growth and rising costs will affect the stability and applicability of the North End Plan. Deanna replied that the recent growth and rising housing costs were factored into the planning process, but she acknowledged that these growth dynamics will undoubtedly influence how resilient these plans are in meeting the needs of specific neighborhoods. Sarah congratulated Deanna, other city staff and all of the neighborhood participants involved in developing the plan.

Report on the Treasure Valley Canopy Network by Lance Davisson, TVCN Executive Director (was presented later in the meeting due to scheduling conflict): TVCN was created in 2014 and was recently transformed into a 501.3 (C) nonprofit organization. TVCN has had a four year relationship with NENA, including a paying membership in the network and a FINE grant to develop a video (which was shared during the meeting) on the urban wood network. Lance answered questions and encouraged NENA to continue its participation in the TVCN.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Treasurer: The board reviewed the April P&L report, showing the following expenses approved for payment: board attorney fees \$2,574.00, earth day insurance \$306; bookkeeper (3 months) \$350.00 and earth day bike stickers \$328.60. A motion to approve purchasing an annual zoom membership was tabled for discussion at a later meeting.

Newsletter: Acting President Sarah Foregger reminded neighbors they are encouraged to submit guest articles and the committee is looking for volunteers.

Planning & Zoning Committee (erik@erikhagen.com): Chair Erik Hagan reported on several P&Z issues and access to information:

- P&Z public hearing calendar will be posted for easy access by North End residents.
- June 7 P&Z hearing will consider: Jackson gas station conditional use permit for improvements; permit for building expansion at 5th & Franklin to add 5 additional dwelling units.
- Not yet public - 8 townhouses are proposed for construction along the foothills at the end of 5th and 6th Streets. As part of this development, land will be donated to the city to expand the native plant preserve.

Historic Preservation Committee: Co-chair Kate Henwood reported that members of the Boise Historic Preservation Commission had held several meetings in the past month with city Historic Preservation Commission staff and developers on various

pending projects, including continuing construction on the Booth Block. She noted that the committee supported a permit to renovate a chapel on the block but asked the architect to make changes to preserve the original brick design. North End neighbor Melissa R. asked how the NENA position on these applications was developed. Neighbor Dominique Clifford asked if it would be possible to poll Booth Block neighbors (10 residents) on specific development issues and concerns. Kate replied that it might create an unreasonable workload for volunteer committee members to conduct door to door surveys but the committee encouraged neighbors to submit comments online at any time. Kate briefly reported on current priorities of the Trees Subcommittee, including getting an answer from the city on how they follow-up on tree cutting violations (no reply yet on fines/mitigation measures). She noted that the committee had asked the Community Forestry program to add a link on their webpage on certificate of appropriateness (CoA) requirements in a historic district. This request has been accomplished.

FINE & School Grants Committee: Director and Committee chair Carlos Coto briefly summarized the four pending school grant applications from Washington, Lowell and Longfellow Elementary Schools and North Junior High. **MOTION TO APPROVE SCHOOL GRANTS OFFERED BY: Director Carlos Coto**
SECONDED BY: Acting President Sarah Foregger
APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY (two voted by proxy)

Bylaws Committee: Joann Lighty, chair, provided a brief update on the work reviewing and rewriting the Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation. The committee met two times in May and discussed the following issues/provisions:

- NENA membership should be an opt-in process (as opposed to opt-out) but a low bar would be set to meet this criteria (having voted, attended meetings, membership sign-up, etc.). Neighbor Jeff Olson asked how the opt-in process meets the NENA goal of expanding inclusivity.
- Next meeting is set for June 14 and will prioritize articles governing election of board of directors.

Engagement Committee: Acting President Sarah Foregger reported on the committee's work to organize the annual garden tour. Nominations are being accepted now and the tour will follow last year's socially distant walk by procedures. A map of garden participants will be posted on the NENA website.

Adjournment approved:

MOTION TO APPROVE ADJOURNMENT AT 9:40 PM OFFERED BY: Director Carlos Coto
SECONDED BY: Acting President Sarah Foregger
APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY (two voted by proxy)

**SUMMARY OF NENA MEETING MOTIONS
MAY 25, 2021**

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