



NENA MONTHLY MEETING NOTES
January 28, 2020

1) Welcome – President Mark Baltes

2) Roll Call – Autumn Street, Secretary

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

3) Approval of Minutes

- a) Secretary not in attendance, will approve December minutes in February

4) NENA Attorney Resource

- a) Brian Ertz was previously asked to review NENA bylaws and advise.
- b) NENA has legal defense fund already, should have legal resource(s) available as needed.
- c) Brian presented his extensive background/experience as public interest attorney, including litigation, organizational, non-profit formation. He represents one other Boise neighborhood association (Northwest). Practice spans land use, records, landlord/tenant and zoning areas.
- d) Specific issues with current bylaws:
 - i) Streamlining board voting (via email)
 - (1) Brian advises a resolution-based approach could enable email voting, by agreeing as a board that an email is equivalent of a signature. Brian will provide template resolutions.
 - ii) Spending authority (can one or more officers approve small spending items).
 - (1) Brian advises this could be accomplished immediately with a budget resolution authorizing one or more specific officers/members, for set time (e.g. one year), and set amount, bounded by current budget and funds availability. This could eventually be clarified in the bylaws but isn't essential.
- e) Bylaws update anticipated for later this year, some "housekeeping," is recommended, e.g. updating references to updated Idaho state law. No urgent matters were noted. Email voting and spending authority could be clarified. Need to convene a subcommittee for this. Brian's

rates are \$250 hourly, discounted 50% for on-time payment, billed in tenths of an hour. Bylaws work could require as little as 45 mins. of his time.

- f) MOTION to post bylaws to website, review, revisit next month.
 - i) Unanimously approved.
- g) MOTION to retain Brian deferred.
 - i) Brian will send retention agreement for review and voting at next meeting.

5) Camel's Back Park - Dogs Off-Leash Proposal - Cynthia Gibson

- a) Increasing traffic and deteriorating trails are a concern. Proposal for morning and evening off-leash hours for dog play; area of park TBD.
- b) Precedent for this at Sunset and Manitou parks.
- c) Cynthia will work with Parks Department, identify 1-2 areas, specific hours, consider impact on kids activities, bikers, wildlife.
- d) Board doesn't control the park, but could write letter of support. Possible support for clean-up after dogs was mentioned, e.g. \$100 fine for failing to clean up.
- e) MOTION to support proposal.
 - i) Unanimously approved.

6. Treasurer's End of Year Report and 2020 Budget

- a) EoY Report and 2020 Budget presented
- b) Discussion.
 - a. Could add bike rack requested at TRICA w/ North End Pizza \$2500.
 - b. Cathedral/Block 75 process will go forward in two phases, reconciliation of past issues as phase one (added \$500 to existing \$1300 to complete), and decisions about what to build in phase two (not funded).
 - c. Traffic calming at \$10,000 might be spent in various ways, depending on speed limit outcomes.
 - d. Payment schedule for TRICA pledge will happen in 2 parts, one before and one after HPSF.
- c) MOTION to approve.
 - a. Unanimously approved.

7. Garden Tour 2020

- a) 2019 was fun and profitable, \$2600.
- b) Stephanie did enormous amount of work and documented whole process, as she can't do this again this year.
- c) Needs a team, nobody stepped up to lead, but lots of helpers emerging, looks promising.
- d) Gardeners will be selected and then they'll choose the date, probably early June.

8. Streets Committee

- a) Trying to lower speed limits on some residential streets, e.g. Harrison, 15th. Gary has drafted a letter to propose a solution. Much discussion about the best way to handle the delivering/proposing of that.
- b) MOTION for Anne to take Gary's letter to next BNAN meeting and to meeting with city staff.
 - a. Unanimously approved.
- c) Recent crashes and near misses noted; there is a need to track/report these and notify neighbors. Crashes should be reported to police. Anne will work with Michael Herman (new volunteer website steward) to create a page for gathering reports with directions on where to

also report them to police and social media.

9. Booth Home Redevelopment

- a) David Klinger attended the last Historic Preservation Commission meeting to monitor proceedings and voice concerns.
- b) The property is one of two last large parcels in the North End. Next phase of work will involve many individual sites, owners, designs, builders. Condos in center, preserved building have been pushed back to later phase. There is risk of eroding overall concept. Need to keep monitoring, make sure it adds up to the wholistic result promised.
- c) Currently many derelict buildings remain with water/elec but no heat, some not secured against squatters or others, need to be secured.
- d) Demolition needs to address asbestos/lead and other hazards properly.
- e) Decisions going forward need to be sync'd with impact to overall site and concept.
- f) James Jones will schedule regular check-ins, e.g. quarterly, with owner for updates and establish mechanisms for communications in between.

10. Empty Board Seat

- a) Two neighbors came forward to fill the one (per current bylaws) empty board seat. Both well qualified. Some discussion about how to add them both.
- b) MOTION to add Marcia Lynn as board member and Sherri Battazzo as ad hoc member/liaison for Historic Preservation, to be mentored by Mark Baltes.
 - a. Unanimously approved.

11. Board Officers

- a) Nominated and approved:
 - a. Mark Baltes (President)
 - b. Chris Wagener (Vice President)
 - c. James Jones (Treasurer)
 - d. Autumn Street (Secretary).

12. Adjourned