



**North End Neighborhood Association  
October 26, 2021 7:00 PM  
MEETING  
(Virtual)**

NENA board of directors meeting (virtual) was called to order by Acting President Sarah Foregger at 7:04 p.m. Total of 71 participated in the virtual meeting. Sarah welcomed neighbors and guests.

Roll Call: Acting President Sarah Foregger, Secretary Daniel Foregger, Director Carlos Coto, Director Sitka Koloski were present. Director Tory Spengler submitted a letter of resignation from the board. Five directors-elect were in attendance: Amy Allgeyer, Drew Alexander, Julie Madsen, Julie Varin and Nola Walker. NENA's legal counsel, Brit Kreimeyer, joined the meeting.

The meeting agenda was reviewed and approved.

**Announcements:**

Director-elect Amy Allgeyer offered comments about the horrific gun shooting at the Boise mall that took innocent lives.

Director-elect Drew Alexander announced NENA would be hosting an online Boise City Council District 3 candidate forum on Wednesday, Oct. 27, from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. The forum will be moderated by Drew and questions have been solicited from board directors and neighborhood members.

- Results of September 2021 Annual Election: Acting President Sarah Foregger provided the combined results from the on-line and in-person balloting for five open board of director seats, with a total of 311 ballots cast (208 in-person and 103 electronic). The five individuals who received most votes: Amy Allgeyer; Drew Alexander; Julie Varin; Nola Walker; Julie Madsen

**MOTION #1 TO APPROVE THE RESULTS OF THE VOTE AND TO SEAT THE FIVE INDIVIDUALS WHO RECEIVED THE MOST VOTES, by Acting Pres. Sarah Foregger  
SECONDED BY: Director Daniel Foregger  
APPROVED 4-0 (unanimously)**

### **Executive Committee Report:**

- Director Carlos Coto presented the financial P&L report, with the complete P&L documents provided as a link to the agenda.

### **Report on Hyde Park Street Fair: Contractor Carl Scheider, Gruntworks**

- 2021 HPSF expenses - Carl reported there was a total of \$13,133.81 expenses incurred for the cancelled 2021 Hyde Park Street Fair. The fair was cancelled due to the Covid surge within the community and concerns about safety for our neighbors and visitors. Carl that he had received a \$1,000 donation from the local business, Idaho Mountain Touring, and there was \$870 in vendor refunds that have been returned.
- 72 or 73 paid vendors have rolled their fees forward to 2021, compared to only 46 in 2020.
- Discussion/Q&A:
  - How many t-shirts were printed? Answer: same quantity as past years.
  - Is it possible to break out HPSF expenses in the P&L statement so that the total financial picture of the Street Fair was clear to everyone?
  - Is there a separate line-item budget for the HPSF? Answer: Yes.

### **Discussion on possibility of spinning HPSF off into its own 501(3)c nonprofit:**

- Director Carlos Coto noted that the board had approved a motion at the September meeting to launch a thorough evaluation of this question.
- Discussion/Q&A
  - Director Julie Varin asked what prompted that proposal. Answer: Multiple factors including liability issues and the possibility of more donations if tax deductions were available (not possible now under the NENA 501(4)c status). Director Sarah Foregger further explained that several small businesses had requested the change but could not recall which businesses.
  - Could we gather input from vendors, sponsors and other local businesses who might be interested in becoming more involved? Answer: Carl indicated that he could survey vendors on this concept.
  - Suggested it was poor timing to implement major structural changes, after cancelling two consecutive years. Also noted that NENA is party to an agreement with Boise Parks & Recreation that gives NENA exclusive rights to hold an event of this kind in Camel's Back Park. At the time HPSF moved to Camels Back Park in 1998 it became a wholly owned NENA event.
  - Other neighbors also offered comments.

### **Upcoming Proposed Events:**

- 13th Street Candlelight Parade on Thursday, Dec. 16 – Director Nola Walker reported that she was organizing the Candlelight Parade, with some differences this year, including ready to assemble kits that would be available to pick up in advance. She requested funding in the amount of \$400 for flyers and supplies.

**MOTION #2 TO APPROVE \$400 FOR THE 2021 NENA CANDLELIGHT PARADE, by  
Director Amy Allgeyer  
SECONDED BY: Director Julie Varin  
APPROVED 9-0 (unanimously)**

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Safe Streets:** Cynthia Gibson reported on a number of safe street projects and priorities. She noted that committee meets via zoom on the first Tuesday of each month and welcomes anyone interested in participating. Issues include:

- 13th Street traffic calming construction has been approved by ACHD and will begin in early 2022.
- The committee has been working with ACHD to make a presentation at an upcoming meeting. Priorities include: re-striping speed bumps throughout the North End; street artwork proposed by 14th St neighbors at the intersection of 14th & Sherman; 8th and 9th Street traffic calming; restarting Harrison Blvd temporary traffic calming efforts that had stalled this last year; and Ellis, Lemp & 28th traffic calming.
- ACHD has indicated that it would likely incorporate traffic calming into construction work already scheduled in the Integrated 5-Year Workplan for 8th & 9th Streets.
- Questions were asked about examples of traffic calming and what the difference was between temporary and permanent.
- Director Julie Madsen emphasized that all voices were welcome at the monthly streets committee meetings.

**Historic Preservation Committee:** Co-chair Kate Henwood provided an update on several city staffing changes and other priority issues.

- New City of Boise Energize Neighborhoods Program Manager has been appointed - Tiffany Brugge-McCree.
- City of Boise senior planner for historic preservation Ted Vanegas has resigned effective this week. NENA has sent a letter to the city urging a national search be conducted to replace this important planner position.
- In September the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) approved an amendment to the code providing a penalty for permit and code violations in historic districts on a vote of 5-1. The penalty is a six-month work stoppage. The Boise City Council will act on this recommended code change in early November.
- HPC meeting on Monday night was cancelled due to the mall shooting.

**Planning & Zoning Committee: Chair Erik Hagan** ([erik@erikhagen.com](mailto:erik@erikhagen.com))

- P&Z updates are provided on the NENA website and the meeting agenda includes several links.
- Erik has attended several recent city council meetings concerning P&Z and development issues. He noted that it is rare for the city council to overturn permit denials.

- The biggest issue pending review by the P&Z Commission is a proposed development known as Alturas Heights situated along Alturas between 5th and 6th Streets (PUD 21-00040). This area is zoned R1-C, with no historic overlay and limits 8 units per acre which is about the size of Alturas Heights property (1.06 acres). This proposal includes a new subdivision consisting of 8 townhomes that will be three stories with 2500 sq ft living space. Erik indicated that he had personally visited with most of the existing neighbors in the immediate vicinity and reported that there were mixed views, with most of the concerns about that the size and modern design out of character for the historic neighborhood.
- Erik indicated that he thought city planning staff were going to recommend permit approval with waivers on lot width and height and 5 ft setbacks on 5th & 6th Streets where there is no through-street extensions.
- Ben Semple, Alturas Heights landscape designer, contributed more detailed information on the proposed development and answered neighbor and director questions.
- **Discussion/Q&A**
  - Considerable discussion was allowed (40+ minutes) with a several neighbors weighing in with questions, comments and concerns. Erik encouraged everyone to submit comments to the P&Z Commission and participate in the hearing scheduled November 8. The Boise City Council must approve this proposal as it is a new housing subdivision.

#### **Appointment of Director to fill vacant seat:**

- Recruitment Committee Chair Daniel Foregger provided a report on the committee's recent collaboration and scoring of the candidates for the vacant seat on the board.
- Daniel explained the process that was created by the recruitment committee that included Dian Cinar, David Klinger, Laurynda Williams, Julie Varin, Melinda McGoldrick, Mark Baltes, Katie Fite, Jill Perkins, Ellen Bury, Nola Walker, Brie Katz, Chrystal Allen, Anne Hausrath, and Co-Chair Dax Wandling. Daniel Foregger and Mark Baltes were the two individuals who remained on the Recruitment Committee and participated in the candidate interviews and scoring. Daniel presented the scores.
- **Discussion/Q&A**
  - Director Carlos Coto asked that each candidate be given 2 minutes to explain who they are and their interest in serving on the NENA board.
  - Candidates Autumn Street, Laurynda Williams, and Dallas Gudgell each gave a two-minute explanation of their interest in serving on the NENA Board and their prior experience.
  - Recruitment Committee member Mark Baltes said that he felt that all five candidates were qualified to serve.
  - Director Julie Madsen asked why there was no effort to expand the membership of the recruitment committee before interviewing candidates. Answer: Director Daniel Foregger explained that he had reached out to all prior committee members who resigned earlier in the year asking them to participate. There were no responses with the exception of one former

- committee member who would only participate if NENA held an election for all 15 seats.
- Director Julie Madsen raised further questions and concerns regarding the recruitment process and scoring methodology.

**MOTION #3 TO MOVE FORWARD WITH SEATING A NEW DIRECTOR, by Director Nola Walker**  
**SECONDED BY: Acting President Sarah Foregger**

**APPROVED 9-0 (unanimously)**

**MOTION #4 TO APPOINT AUTUMN STREET TO THE VACANT NENA DIRECTOR POSITION, by Director Drew Alexander**  
**SECONDED BY: Director Julie Madsen**  
**APPROVED 9-0 (unanimously)**

**Election of 2021-22 NENA Officers:**  
**MOTION #5 TO ELECT NOLA WALKER AS TREASURER, by Director Nola Walker**  
**SECONDED BY: Director Carlos Coto**  
**APPROVED 10-0 (unanimously)**

**MOTION #6 TO ELECT AMY ALLGEYER AS PRESIDENT, by Director Julie Varin**  
**SECONDED BY: Director Daniel Foregger**  
**APPROVED 10-0 (unanimously)**

**MOTION #7 TO ELECT DREW ALEXANDER AS VICE PRESIDENT, by Director Amy Allgeyer**  
**SECONDED BY: Director Carlos Coto**  
**APPROVED 10-0 (unanimously)**

**MOTION #8 TO ELECT JULIE VARIN AS SECRETARY, by Director Daniel Foregger**  
**SECONDED BY: Director Autumn Street**  
**APPROVED 10-0 (unanimously)**

**FINE Grants Approval:**  
President Amy Allgeyer presented three FINE grants for the board's consideration:

(1) Slow down yard signs for Ellis & Lemp Streets –

**MOTION #9 TO APPROVE \$496 FOR SLOW DOWN YARD SIGNS FOR ELLIS & LEMP STREETS, by Treasurer Nola Walker**  
**SECONDED BY: Director Julie Madsen**  
**APPROVED 9-0, Autumn Street abstained**

(2) Slow down yard signs for 8th & 9th Streets –

**MOTION #10 TO APPROVE \$500 FOR SLOW DOWN YARD SIGNS FOR 8TH & 9TH STREETS, by Vice President Drew Alexander**

**SECONDED BY: Secretary Julie Varin**

**APPROVED 9-0, Autumn Street abstained**

(3) Harrison Blvd flags honoring Black History Month – there were questions raised that could not be fully answered so directors felt it was more appropriate to bring this proposal back when more information can be provided.

**MOTION #11 TO TABLE THE FINE GRANT FOR HARRISON BLVD FLAGS**

**HONORING BLACK HISTORY MONTH, by Director Carlos Coto**

**SECONDED BY: Treasurer Nola Walker**

**APPROVED 9-0, Autumn Street abstained**

Membership Renewal in the Treasure Valley Canopy Network:

**MOTION #12 TO APPROVE \$1,500 TO RENEW NENA MEMBERSHIP IN THE TREASURE VALLEY CANOPY NETWORK, by Director Julie Madsen**

**SECONDED BY: Vice President Drew Alexander**

**APPROVED 9-0, Autumn Street abstained**

**General Discussion:**

- Questions raised about the amount of money spent on legal fees in the past month.
- Suggested the settlement agreement was violated by the Board not placing the appointment of the vacant seat and elections of officers higher on the agenda. Answer: the settlement agreement\* only required that the filling of the vacancy occur prior to the election of officers; it did not otherwise impose any requirements regarding the agenda order, and the agenda order did not violate the settlement agreement.
- Recruitment Committee member, Mark Baltes, urged others to participate in the recruitment process to fill a remaining vacant seat on the board of directors.

**Adjournment approved:**

**MOTION #13 TO APPROVE ADJOURNMENT AT 10:42 PM, by Director Carlos Coto**

**SECONDED BY: Director Sarah Foregger**

**APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

\* The settlement agreement refers to the settlement of Case No. CV 01-21-117770, in which NENA was the named respondent. This agreement included a provision that the even-year seat left vacant in March 2021 be filled at the October 2021 meeting, and that this seat be filled prior to the election of officers by the Board. The agreement further provided that the directors elected in 2020 would vote with the majority of directors elected in 2021 in filling the vacant seat.

**SUMMARY OF NENA MEETING MOTIONS  
OCTOBER 26, 2021**

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APPROVED 4-0 (unanimously)

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