

## **Minutes of the North End Neighborhood Association (NENA) Meeting, July 27, 2021 (Amended)**

NENA board of directors meeting (virtual and in-person) was called to order by Acting President Sarah Foregger at 7:02 p.m. Total of 8 people attended in person and approximately 20 participated on Zoom. Sarah welcomed neighbors and guests.

Roll Call: Acting President Sarah Foregger, Secretary Daniel Foregger, and Director Carlos Coto. Director Tory Spengler joined the meeting briefly at the start but lost internet connection.

The meeting agenda was reviewed and approved.

Neighbor member Mark Baltes (in person) asked a few questions about the logistics of the hybrid in-person and zoom meeting to ensure that zoom participants will be able to hear questions and discussion from members attending in person.

Neighbor member John Llewellyn asked how North End members can receive a copy of the NENA financial statements. Acting President Sarah Foregger reported that everyone can access the balance sheet and P&L statement through a hot link to the meeting agenda posted on the NENA website.

May 27 Meeting Minutes: Secretary Daniel Foregger reviewed the May 25 meeting minutes and responded to a couple questions from neighbor members. Motion to approve the May 25, 2021 minutes was tabled to allow additional time to review and would be approved by email.

### **Report on Hyde Park Street Fair: Contractor Carl Schneider, Gruntworks, reported on planning progress for the 2021 Hyde Park Street Fair:**

- Vendor count is solid (well over breakeven). At least 10 or 11 major out of area commercial vendors are missing due to unwillingness to travel during Covid outbreak. Some long time vendors are not participating because they do not have adequate staffing.
- Local craft beer vendor has been confirmed in the beer garden at the request of North End members. This vendor will be featuring a special brew for HPSF.
- Parking lot has been secured for vendor parking; still working on shuttle logistics.
- Carl is working on details for constructing fencing for security purposes and design and purchase of t-shirts which are outside the scope of his contract in order to assist the NENA board.
- Neighbor member Mark Baltes asked a few questions which were addressed by Carl and Sarah, as appropriate, including nonprofit participation, HPSF feature in the Boise Weekly publication and volunteers for the NENA booth to sell t-shirts. Carl emphasized

that he has offered his help to arrange for volunteers to install the fence and staff the NENA booth.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Executive Committee P&L Statement: Director Carlos Coto presented the NENA P&L and Balance Sheet statements which are hot linked to the meeting agenda on the website. He reviewed June income totaling \$37,505 and expenses totaling \$39,148, which included a mistaken double payment to the NENA law firm that amounts to \$3,599. The balance sheet shows NENA currently has assets totaling more than \$148,000.
- Member questions and comments:
  - Shelley Zimmer – appears that NENA is running through funds rapidly. Did legal fees actually total more than \$6,000 in the month of June? Carlos replied that this is not the case. Legal expenses totaled \$4,387, after removing the double payment.
  - Sheri Edmond – how is advertising for the newsletter coming along? Director Tory Spengler was not available to respond to this question. She was traveling and had intermittent internet connection.
- **Planning & Zoning Committee: Chair Erik Hagan ([erik@erikhagen.com](mailto:erik@erikhagen.com))** - P&Z update on the NENA website includes a P&Z public hearing calendar with notes of items of concern to North End members.
  - North End Neighborhood Plan & City Comprehensive Plan Amendment will be considered by the P&Z at their Aug 3 meeting. Erik will present supportive testimony on behalf of NENA.
  - Aug 3 P&Z hearing also will consider:
    - CVA 21-00021 Variance application for a second story garage addition. This project started without proper permits and will not be supported by NENA.
    - CVA 21-00031 Variance application for second story garage / ADU addition with set back reduced from 15 feet to 10 feet. NENA will support.
    - 7<sup>th</sup> & Franklin lot demolition proposal to tear down two dilapidated old brick townhouses and be replaced by one SF residence, three townhouses and a garage with an ADU. NENA will support
    - Several certificates of appropriateness (only subjected to administrative review because they do not vary from existing code). Most of these are not an issue, but Erik raised concern about an application from one of the Booth Block projects that involves a major demolition that was not part of the original application that was approved by the Historic Preservation Commission. There was further discussion with Kate Henwood and Suzanne Yehle about this project.
- **Historic Preservation Committee: Co-chair Kate Henwood** reported on several items of importance including:

- City of Boise has proposed permanent closure of the Lowell and South historic pools that were commissioned in 1953 with well known engineer Wesley Bentz who built between 70 and 100 of these types of above ground pools. Today less than 10 of these pools remain in service. The reasons for closure include lack of ADA compliance and maintenance costs. Kate encouraged neighbors to join local efforts opposing these pool closures including petitions and reaching out to the mayor and city council. Neighbor member Mark Baltes noted that if the Lowell pool is demolished a new pool will most likely not be rebuilt at this location due to an agreement with the Boise School District so the North End will lose its only public pool.
  - Let Congress know that we support passage of the Historic Tax Credit Growth & Opportunity Act that provides 20% tax credits for qualified rehab costs.
  - VA construction project will include mitigation for the loss of open space. The North End needs to be proactive about what this mitigation looks like. Canal house on 19<sup>th</sup> Street that improperly removed trees has been issued a citation. Kate noted that the city staff are making progress on code enforcement. Unsure about whether the arborist was also cited.
  - City's ordinance rewrite that is currently underway will address possible changes to historic preservation, which the committee is keeping a close eye on.
  - Co-chair Suzanne Yehle offered some additional clarification on the Booth Home project application that involves a much larger demolition than originally approved. She reported that the Historic Presentation Commission has approved a brand new application for this project from the new owner.
- **Bylaws Committee: Co-chair Drew Alexander** provided a brief update, including:
    - Finished its work at a meeting on July 26 and has reached consensus on all but two issues. A draft report will be presented to the board of directors by early August in two forms (clean and side by side comparison) and for legal review.
    - Questions and comments by members:
      - Erik Hagen - Will there be a second committee to resolve conflicts between the Articles of Incorporation and revised bylaws? Drew indicated (confirmed by Director Carlos Coto) that he did not think that would be necessary. The NENA articles are only a couple pages long so any inconsistencies should be able to be resolved fairly quickly with the existing work group.
      - John Llewellyn – when will proposed bylaw changes be available for review by broader membership? Drew responded that the committee hoped the bylaw recommendations would be posted as soon as practical on the NENA website.
- **Streets Committee: Member Kelly Olson** reported on several projects, including:
    - 13<sup>th</sup> St traffic calming will be delayed until early 2022 because ACHD did not want construction to interrupt pedestrians, bikers and motorists using the foothills during the fall. This project will entail installation of rectangular rapid flashing

lights at 13<sup>th</sup> & Resseguie (North Junior High), two radar speed signs and five bulb outs (two south of Hyde Park at Resseguie and Sherman and three north of Hyde Park).

- Traffic calming petitions have been completed and submitted to ACHD for both 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Streets.

**General discussion:**

- Member John Llewellyn asked several questions about the NENA newsletter published and distributed in April. In Tory's absence the board offered to provide additional information by email.

**Adjournment approved:**

MOTION TO APPROVE ADJOURNMENT AT 8:40 P.M. by Director Carlos Coto

SECONDED BY: Treasurer Daniel Foregger

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

**Amended and Approved, November 23, 2021**

## **SUMMARY OF NENA MEETING MOTIONS JULY 27, 2021**

Motion to approve adjournment at 8:40 pm by Director Carlos Coto and seconded by Treasurer Daniel Foregger. Motion approved unanimously.