



NENA MEETING MINUTES
May 27th, 2025

1. Welcome – Vice President Kari Forney

2. Attendance

- a. Present
 - i. Autumn Street
 - ii. Scott Graves
 - iii. Sandy Herman
 - iv. Travis Campion
 - v. Kari Forney
 - vi. Cynthia Gibson
 - vii. Erik Hagen (Zoom)

3. April Meeting Minutes

- a. No items needing update
 - i. Motion to approve
 - 1. Motion passed

4. Historic Resurvey Project Kickoff

- a. Guest Speakers: State Historic Preservation Office Representative Dan Everhart and Ashley, Richard Jarvis (City of Boise Senior Planner), Jeffery Holly (Graduate in Historic Architecture)
- b. Why a new survey?
 - i. Inconsistencies in preservation due to how old the last survey is. The last survey was completed in the 1980's and no longer accurately reflects the historic makeup of our neighborhood. There are hundreds of homes that did not qualify for review during that survey due to insufficient age, which now may be eligible. Previous survey also focused on larger, stately homes, and overlooked smaller homes which are common in the North End.
- c. Speaker Dan Everhart, SHPO
 - i. Historic documentation was completed between the mid-70's and 2002. With time, changes occur and the accuracy and usefulness of the documentation degrades.
 - ii. Documentation is still regularly referenced in relation to development applications for demolition, new construction, and remodels.

- iii. Jeffery (Architectural Historian) will be visiting properties within the identified resurvey area. He will generally stay in the right of way and/or alleys, may take pictures or take notes. These site visits will begin this week and continue into mid-August.
- iv. The photos and info collected will be used to update SHPO records. SHPO maintains publicly available records on most properties within the North End boundaries.
- v. Information collected along with existing information will be used to determine whether the reviewed properties qualify for historically contributing or non-contributing status.
- vi. Only a pre-determined geographic area will be part of Phase 1 of this project. Every single property within the identified area will be documented, regardless of age, so that an accurate/scientific roster of properties can be documented.
- vii. Questions from audience:
 - 1. What age of properties are considered for contributing status?
 - a. During the 2002 portion of the previous survey, nothing after 1950 was not considered as part of the “period of significance.” That period may be updated depending on the results of the resurvey.
 - 2. What is the definition of contributing vs. non-contributing?
 - a. If the property has retained integrity from its historic period, it is considered contributing. If it does not retain that historic integrity, via remodels, alterations, massing, etc., it is considered non-contributing.
 - 3. Does it matter if the house has been moved from one site to another?
 - a. Sometimes. Many aspects of historic integrity will be considered.
 - 4. Will scanned records be retained?
 - a. All old records have been digitized and are publicly available on the SHPO website via ICRIS system. All old information in ICRIS stays, new info will simply be appended.
 - 5. How do you access ICRIS?
 - a. Google “IDAHO ICRIS”
 - b. No username or password is necessary, use the “log in as guest” function. ICRIS is map-based.
 - 6. Will properties that have been surveyed in the past going to be surveyed again?
 - a. Yes. Most of the properties have been previously surveyed, that info that is largely no longer accurate.
 - 7. What is the timeline for doing future phases?

- a. That is currently unknown. A survey is an expensive undertaking, and NENA is self-funding this effort. Most neighborhoods would be unable to self-fund and would be entirely dependent upon public funding – which is very difficult to get.
- 8. What does it mean to be in a historic district or have a contributing vs. non-contributing home/structure?
 - a. The historic district designation protects properties from the sometimes-negative impacts of the new zoning code. For example, in other non-historic neighborhoods, a high-rise apartment tower could conceivably go in next door to a 2-story single family home. That cannot happen in a designated historic district, where massing and height etc are all part of the decision making process.
- 9. How does a new ADU impact a designation?
 - a. A new ADU is considered an accessory dwelling and would not impact the main/primary building/house designation. The primary structure dictates the designation.
- viii. Questions and concerns can be directed to the NENA board at any time after tonight's meeting.
- ix. A wrap-up meeting will occur in August to review the resurvey findings.

5. Hyde Park Street Fair – Carl Scheider, Event Coordinator

- a. Carl needs liability insurance documents.
- b. One more volunteer group is needed to collect recyclables. We donate 1k to the group who helps. Send us ideas!
- c. Art is complete; merchandise orders will be going out soon. Autumn will manage merch orders.
- d. Boise Weekly sponsorship to be reconsidered. Unsure if the expenditure is worth the benefit.
- e. Water station is still in planning stages.
- f. Boise Co-Op sponsorship signage will go at entrances and NENA Booth.
- g. No concerns at this point in planning.

6. Treasurer's Report – Scott Graves, NENA Treasurer

- a. Current goal to move some of our funds into a high-interest account to make our money work harder for us.
- b. Account balances:

7. Garden Tour – Saturday, May 31st

- a. Afternoon volunteers still needed! Shift will be from 12-2pm and each volunteer receives a free tour ticket.

- b. 10 neighborhood gardens and one bonus garden at Dry Creek Farms will be included in the Tour.
- c. Thank you to the gardeners is being provided courtesy of Edwards Greenhouse. Thank you, Edwards!
- d. 60 tickets already presold, discounted tickets available through Friday. Day-of tickets will be available for a slightly higher price at the check-in tent at Elm Grove Park.

8. North End Newsletter

- a. We'd love to get the newsletter going back out regularly. This is a heavy lift, so volunteers are welcome and needed.
- b. Volunteer sign up is in the back of the room, please sign up with interest.
- c. Newsletter committee to meet before the June meeting.

9. Board Openings – 4 seats currently open

- a. Interested parties:
 - i. Nola Walker
 - ii. Megan Wold & Pippa
 - iii. Dominique Nagele-Clifford
 - iv. Lesley Hollister
 - v. Jane Gordon
 - vi. Danielle Cheadle
 - vii. Jackie Thornton
 - viii. Lynn Bradescu
 - ix. Donna Llewelyn
 - x. Chris Wagener
 - xi. Garrett Lamm
 - xii. Neysa Jensen
 - xiii. Erin Kritz
 - xiv. Joshua Barkes
- b. NENA will be in touch with interested parties to discuss next steps

10. Motion to Adjourn

- a. Motion passed