



NENA MONTHLY MEETING NOTES  
February 25, 2020

**1) Welcome – President Mark Baltes**

**2) Roll Call – Autumn Street, Secretary**

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

**3) Approval of Minutes from September/October/November – Autumn Street**

- a) September/October/November - Will be sent out prior to March meeting for approval at March meeting
- b) January – approved unanimously

**4) ACHD Traffic Studies & Candidate Endorsement – Mark Baltes & Pete Newton**

- a) ACDH Traffic Studies
  - i) Pete requests that NENA ask ACHD to make traffic studies available to outside review as ACHD has history of using faulty studies provided by developers to approve large -scale developments. Once a study is on file, it is often used for future approvals without further study. Ask that the city & county review traffic studies for accuracy before using them as a basis for approvals.
- b) Candidate Endorsement
  - i) Pete suggests there are times when the NENA Board as a steering committee can and should identify and endorse candidates that are neighborhood friendly as opposed to those who are more obviously pro-development.
  - ii) Request by Courtney to add language to our bylaws regarding endorsements requiring a supermajority or unanimous vote by the board. Board agrees with this approach.
  - iii) Attendee concern that endorsements may not be wanted or solicited by candidates.

**5) Streets Committee Update – Anne Hausrath & Gary Roeder**

- a) ACHD rejected NENA’s request for truck speed limits of 20 MPH on 15<sup>th</sup> Street & Harrison Blvd. Next steps include a series of letters, increasing in strength of wording, to City Council regarding moving control of setting city street speed limits from ACHD to the City.
- b) Motion to send Anne’s letter now, and if no action is taken in 45 days, Gary’s letter will be sent. Action = Boise City taking ownership of setting city speed limits.
  - i) Unanimously approved.
- c) Vision Zero
  - i) Motion to approve endorsement of Vision Zero, which is an initiative in support of zero traffic-related deaths.
    - (1) Unanimously approved.
- d) Streets committee to order 100 more speed awareness signs, to be provided to neighbors free.
- e) Near Misses – Anne requests tracking that is available to neighbors for reporting purposes. Autumn will look into adding an app or tracker to the website.
- f) Harrison Crossing Guard observations – Neighbor from 19<sup>th</sup> Street
  - i) Police Presence is the only thing that seems to make a significant difference in traffic behaviors and safety.
  - ii) Last week a car was rear ended at the crosswalk site.
  - iii) Flashing crossing lights make minimal impact.
  - iv) Pleads for increased police presence for the safety of bicyclists, pedestrians, school children, and drivers alike.
- g) Request to publish Pace Car program to Social Media – Autumn to Contact Matthew Shapiro.

**6) Grant Requests – Chris Wagener**

- a) Boise High Bike Repair Station
  - i) Unanimously approved
- b) Longfellow Elementary Good Citizen Shirts
  - i) Unanimously approved
- c) Washington Elementary signage for Fort Boise, while school is closed for renovation
  - i) Unanimously approved

**7) New Business – Mark Baltes**

- a) Motion to approve legal counsel Brian Ernst for bylaw rewrite
  - i) Unanimously approved
- b) Bylaw Committee creation
  - i) Mark, Courtney, Pete Newton
  - ii) Mark to ask Julie if she is interested in participating
- c) Motion to hire Stephanie Allen as needed for administrative work and reporting
  - i) Unanimously approved
- d) Garden Tour
  - i) Motion to approve \$500 seed money for initial expenses
    - (1) Unanimously approved
  - ii) Motion to designate garden tour profits to support traffic island landscaping & maintenance
    - (1) Unanimously approved

- e) Treasure Valley Canopy Network 1000 Tree Challenge
  - i) Mark will come to a future meeting with a request for funding to support the Challenge.

**8) Website Update – Mark & Michael**

- a) V-Squared, NENA’s website rebuild contractor, went out of business without completing the contracted work at a loss of \$3,300. Motion to write off loss and have Michael use Thayne (previous principle at V-Squared, uninvolved at time of dissolution) as a resource when possible.
  - i) Unanimously approved
- b) Motion to renew both domains (northendboise.org and hydeparkstreetfair.org), move hosting to GoDaddy (from Valice) where 24/7 support is available, and reestablish email accounts for board members (current setup is locked by a previous admin). This work must all occur regardless of site rebuild. Proposed initial budget of \$523.00.
  - i) Unanimously approved
- c) Discussion to have one (with forwarding from the hpsf page) vs two independent websites. For purposes of maintenance, one is easier & less expensive to maintain. Motion to approve one site with forwarding from hpsf.
  - i) Unanimously approved

**9) Treasurer’s Report – Jonesy**

- a) Checking                      \$17,883.70
- b) Savings                        \$155,093.07
- c) Total Assets                  \$172,986.77

**10) HPSF Art – Mark Baltes**

- a) Four sketches by local artist Mike Flinn
- b) Board voted on top two designs; one to be used 2020 and second to be used 2021

**11) Block 75 – Mark Baltes**

- a) Committee to meet in next two weeks; date not yet scheduled.

**12) HPSF Update – John & Gruntwerks**

- a) Already received ~200 requests for applications
- b) ~40 applications submitted
- c) Sponsorship program in the works, to be finalized later this week
- d) Zero Waste transition to a new partner, more details to come
- e) Possibilities for reducing security costs, more details to come

**13) Neighborhood Plan Update – Mark Baltes**

- a) Next open house is Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup>
- b) Survey will go out in advance of that date
- c) Review of “24 Reasons Why” preservation article; Mark printed copies and shared to several government agencies and individuals

**14) Meeting Adjourned**