



MEETING MINUTES
March 29, 2022, 7:00 PM
(Immanuel Lutheran Church and via Zoom)

Welcome – President Amy Allgeyer

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Roll Call – Julie Varin, Secretary

- **Present In-Person:** President Amy Allgeyer, Secretary Julie Varin, Treasurer Nola Walker, Director Autumn Street,
- **Present Via Zoom:** Director Julie Madsen, Director Sitka Koloski, Director Carlos Coto, Director Daniel Foregger.
- **Absent:** Vice President Drew Alexander

Approve February Minutes & Secretary's Report – Julie Varin, Secretary

- **Motion to Approve February Minutes by Julie Varin, Second by Autumn Street. Motion carried.**
- Secretary/Director Julie Varin summarized several recent board actions as set forth in the [NENA Motion and Vote Log](#):
 - The Board announced Nola Walker's upcoming resignation on website and social media. Nola has said she is willing to remain in her director position until the Board is able to find an individual to fill Nola's vacancy. Thank you Nola for your continued service to NENA; you will be greatly missed upon your resignation.
 - The Board voted to resume in-person meetings in March or April.
 - NENA entered into an agreement with the Friends of Boise Historic Pools to serve as repository of funds the group collects through the sale of Ward Hooper posters to benefit the effort to save the historic Lowell and South public pools.
 - NENA has purchased a large banner to post at North Junior High School on meeting days to provide additional notice for meetings. Nola and Amy donated the \$100 for this purchase.

Gruntwerks HPSF Update – Carl Scheider

- 100 vendors (we had 70 to start off from pay it forward); we usually have 250 vendors, and we are in great shape. Two-thirds of booths/spaces are full; we may have more. Carl has not yet talked to Giraffe Laugh to see if they are interested in doing the kids space.
- Carl will check the cost of security because it has been two years. Next year we can evaluate whether to increase prices.
- T-shirt art. We budgeted for t-shirt art but have not contacted anyone yet to do the art.
- We will try to get the same musical line-up; we want to keep the sound consistent.

- Timeline – working on the infrastructure in April. May is the deadline for vendors but this is fluid. We are picky about commercial vendors – nothing that looks like the Western Idaho Fair. Want to keep it looking like an Arts & Crafts fair
- We will have biodegradable cups but Zero Waste has not returned.

Geothermal in the North End - Jon Gunnerson, City of Boise

- City is looking into expanding the geothermal line.
- City of Boise operates a geothermal district – the largest in the country. Currently heating all downtown buildings.
- History- system was built in the early 1980s; it was built as a demonstration project because of the energy crisis. Fast forward 40 years – what started as demonstration project is now a massive project. Taking a step backward and re-evaluating the geothermal program.
- At a position where we have room to grow and looking for mechanisms about how to expand the system
- Biggest hurdle is the expense in expanding - \$150,000 per block to extend (300 feet that would feed about 10 houses). There are also conversion costs to retrofit to use geothermal. Recent request was a neighbor on 8th Street – this would be \$1 million to bring lines to him. But it sparks the question of maybe others are interested. It is important to clarify, however, that this is not analogous to a sewer line – it could cost up to \$30K per house.
- There is a cost but also many benefits.
- If there is real interest – poll the association to determine if there is serious interest. Surmise that will grow in sections – money can be found. Many grants like the private-public relationship
- Could create a local improvement district, which provides cheap money. Has not had a lot of success in the city of Boise. Bond financing is expensive as well.
- Discussion/Q&A:
 - Studies done of how long the water will last? Answer: it is fully self-sustaining as the water is recycled and the temperature remains consistent
 - If already have radiators, then this is a much less expensive.
 - Forced air is not that difficult – there is a simple system to convert it.
 - A member suggested using it to heat bus stops – anything to make the public transportation more dignified.
 - Will this create tension between homeowner and renters or is there a way to head this off? Answer: This is a potential issue and has occurred in the past.
 - Jon will follow-up with Amy to create a survey to poll the neighborhood about their interest.
 - No one gets in for free – structure policies to stave off freeloaders.

Treasurer's Report – Nola Walker, Treasurer

- Nola presented the [Treasurer's Report](#) outlining the expenditures, as well as the amounts remaining in the NENA accounts.
- The updated [March 2022 Balance Sheet Report](#) and [March 2022 Profit & Loss Statement](#) are posted on www.northendboise.org.
- February 22 to March 29, 2022
 - \$1440 for HSPF application
 - \$500 donation for Garden Tour

Recruitment, Board Vacancy – Nola Walker, Recruitment Committee Chair

- Update re recruitment process
- Reminder of who sits on the committee
 - Nola Walker
 - Julie Madsen
 - Julie Varin
 - Daniel Foregger
 - Dian Cenar
 - David Klinger
- After the February meeting, Nola announced that she will be resigning.
- We have a pool of candidates that were contacted – three candidates remain interest
- Please apply if you would like to be a board member – board@northendboise.org
- You have until April 5th to apply.
- The RC will review all applicants, and we will meet on April 13th to discuss any candidates and to make a recommendation to the Board.

Bylaws Working Group Update – Julie Varin

- Nick Taylor, NENA's corporate counsel, will review the proposed amendments to the Bylaws over the upcoming months, with the intent that the Board can discuss the proposed amendments with members at the May meeting prior to their approval by the Board. Once approved by the Board, the proposed amendments will be presented to the members at a membership meeting for member approval.
- Nick will also review and suggest changes to the Restated Articles of Incorporation to ensure they do not conflict with the Bylaws. Any changes to the Articles will also need member approval.

Proposed Election Committee – Julie Varin

- Proposal to form an elections committee or working group to design an election process in advance of the upcoming annual meeting and board election for the even-year board seats.
- Seeking volunteers to serve in such a committee or working group.
- **Motion to form election committee to devise an election process for the 2022 board election by Julie Varin, Seconded by Amy Allgeyer. Motion carried.**

Communication Committee Update – Autumn Street

- Website Updates:
 - New Contact Form – allows neighbors to opt-in to membership and email communications. We can use emails to make targeted and general communications with members.
 - New payment page is in the works that can be used for ticket sales, invoice payments, donations. All of these will be linked to our square account.
 - Newsletter archive going back to 2018 will be posted.
 - Added Newsletter advertising information for passive advertising.
 - Posted results for Short-Term Rental Survey from last fall.
 - Migrated from Go-Daddy to Cloudfare (saving \$200)
 - Minutes archive is fully up-to-date going back to 2019
- Designed a large banner to be posted at North Junior High
 - Thank you to Nola and Amy for donating \$100 for this banner.

- Worked with North Junior High principal for permission to hang the sign on the fence at North Junior High. He is also writing an article for the Newsletter
- Upcoming decisions:
 - New email service to provide official NENA email addresses that are not just forwarding like currently
 - Lowest cost options under consideration, will forward more info to the board
- Newsletter Update:
 - Approximately 3k in ads sold so far
 - Articles in the works
 - Aiming for delivery by end of April or early May
 - Eric Shulman has offered to help sell ads, thank you Eric!
 - If you are interested in being a “newsie” and helping deliver, email newsletter@northendboise.org
- Apology
 - Last month, a report for moving NENA forward was presented. Everyone was given time to speak, but at the time Autumn wasn’t sure what to say, so she chose not to say anything. But over the last month, she realized that she needed to speak up to give myself closure, so she took a moment to speak. She understands that moving forward is what NENA needs and she is doing everything she can to help with that effort.
 - Autumn noted that from 2018 to 2020 she shared the board with some of the kindest, most dedicated people that she has ever known. People that over years and sometimes decades laid the foundation for the NENA we know today – and instead of being thanked, they were treated terribly.
 - “I want to use my platform as a current board member to say a few things to Mark, Chris, John, Sherri, Anne, Julie, and the other members of the 2020 board who worked hard and deserve an apology: Your work was valuable, and I recognize how much time and effort you put into NENA and our neighborhood. I see you, I know your work, and I appreciate you and all you have done to build an organization and a bank account that was once, and will be again, a force to be reckoned with. Without you, we wouldn’t be rebuilding, we would be building from scratch, and we wouldn’t have your roadmap to follow. So, from the bottom of my heart, I’m sorry for what you went through, I recognize the pain it caused, and I want you to know how thankful I am for all your contributions.”

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Historic Preservation Committee – Kate Henwood, Co-Chair

- Announced a month ago that we had a replacement at Historic and he already resigned. We are back to having a vacancy. Josh Wilson is handling historic, as well as Aimee Steele.
- Update re Canal House – a few weeks ago ACHD issued a letter for an encroachment. The homeowners agreed that would remove large stones and just put in a cement slab. The stones have been removed. Also some people have expressed concern that there is a lack of space to plant new trees to remedy the illegal tree removal. Canal company made some concessions to allow the planting.

- On 4th & Pueblo, there was a house that homeowners believed it was non-contributing and they relied on this. Another source says it is contributing. They approved the application. The new home meets the historic guidelines – they did a good job. City needs to update the survey. This also happened on Sitka’s house four months ago. This is not an isolated incident.
- Amy would like NENA to make a statement about the City revisiting the inventories. Kate and Suzanne have said this regularly.

P&Z Committee Update – Erik Hagen, Chair (erik@erikhagen.com)

- Erik has updated the monthly P&Z Report on the website
- Upcoming meetings for P&Z. They have been very slow in getting out the agenda.
- April 4th is the next meeting
 - Developer has decided to expand their PUD and asking for a modification at 7th and Franklin. There are a number of buildings that look historic but they are not.
 - City Coding Re-Write Update for North and East ends – April 6th at Boise High
 - Festival Blocks – new ordinance to regulate festival blocks; they are just discussing it.
 - Back in February there was an effort by the neighbors to reduce the number of variances at the Alturas Street project. City Council gave NENA 15 minutes. Discussed it and they ultimately voted to approve it.
 - Potential coffee shop on Hays or Franklin.
 - Neighborhood meeting on April 1st on 7th and Hayes
- Erik also spoke about the February meeting in response to Autumn’s comment. He says are still a lot of assumptions about what happened last year with NENA, and he feels there were errors on all sides, and people who did their best on all sides. The reviewing committee did not share the entire report – only the summary.

Transportation Forum Update – Julie Madsen

- Talked last month about putting together a Transportation Summit, and we have evolved to call it a Safe Streets Summit.
- Put this off because lost some volunteer support and have decided to put it off until the fall.
- Do not have new date yet, but it will be sometime late summer or early fall.

Zoning Sub-Committee Update – Amy Allgeyer

- City released module 2.
- Any thoughts or concerns about the zoning re-write, please email president@northendboise.org or vp@northendboise.org.
- City holding a neighborhood conference for the North and East Ends on April 6th at Boise High School 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm and you have to register for it. The zones are very specific

Garden Tour Update – Amy Allgeyer

- Running as a fundraiser this year. Scheduled for June 5th. Ticket sales will go live on the website about 6 weeks and will
- Conserva Irrigation donated \$500 to the Garden Tour. \$15 a person or \$5 children
- Volunteers to share yards with a beautiful outdoor space, please email Amy at president@northendboise.org.

OLD & NEW BUSINESS

- Pete Newton asked for time on the agenda at the next meeting. We have a community problem in that the bullies are winning, and our neighborhood associations need to get involved in elections.
- North End Native Plant Reserve – not many on the list; 5-7 people show up but we need more.
- Proposal to have a booth at HPSF for voter registration and education.

MOTION TO ADJOURN, by Secretary Julie Varin, and seconded by President Amy Allgeyer. Motion carried. Autumn Street and Nola Walker

ADJORNED at 8:54 pm