

Minutes of NENA Board Backlog Work Session

March 8, 2021, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Secretary Daniel Foregger, Treasurer Chrystal Allen, Director Carlos Coto, Director Anne Hausrath, Director Sitka Koloski, and Director Tory Spengler. Absent and excused: Acting President Sarah Foregger. Total of 19 participants.

CLARIFICATIONS

1. Volunteers do not have to enter into contracts with NENA, but there needs to be clear written understanding that service is being provided at no cost, with no obligations on either party.
2. A flyer has been distributed to households throughout the North End that improperly uses the NENA logo to advertise a meeting that is not sanctioned or hosted by NENA.
3. NENA board facilitated session: Director Anne Hausrath reported that the facilitated session with North End volunteer Mark Rooney was moved to later in the week and would involve board members only to help the board establish cohesive operating procedures and communication.

ACTION ITEMS

1. **Status of NENA legal agreement:** The board interviewed eight attorneys and have selected Brit Kreymeyer to represent the board. **A motion was made by Secretary Daniel Foregger, and seconded by Director Carlos Coto, to approve a legal contract with Boise based attorney Brit Kreymeyer with provisions for a flat retainer and billable hours paid at \$195/hour.** Director Anne Hausrath indicated she was voting against the motion because she did not like the process. **The motion carried 5-2, with Carlos casting a proxy vote yes for Acting President Sarah Foregger.**
2. **Earth Day Celebration proposal:** Director Tory Spengler presented a proposal with three components to encourage Earth Day celebration across the North End on Saturday, April 24. These include: A kids fun bike ride on 11th Street Bikeway, which will be cosponsored by the Boise Bicycle Project; a sidewalk chalk art festival promoting an Earth Day theme; and a campaign by all neighbors to work together to clean up their allies. Tory noted that there will be some limited expenses, including prizes for the kids

bike ride, educational posters on Earth Day and the 11th Street Bikeway and chalk supplies for those who might need them. She did not have a specific budget proposal but would gather more information if the board was supportive of these ideas. **A motion as made by Director Tory Spengler, and seconded by Director Daniel Foregger, to approve the Clean Up Our Allies Campaign, as it has no budgetary impact on the organization. The motion carried unanimously.** The other two items will be considered after budget requests are presented.

3. Finalize North End street traffic calming priorities to be submitted to ACHD by March 12 for consideration in their Integrated Five Year Work Plan. **A motion was made by Director Anne Hausrath, and seconded by Director Sitka Koloski, to approve the final traffic calming priority list as presented. The motion carried unanimously.**

4. NENA Committee Updates:

Recruitment – Secretary Daniel Foregger and Dax will be co-chairs. Committee met on March 4.

Articles of Incorporation & Bylaws – Committee has not yet been organized but is a priority. Director Anne Hausrath urged the committee to identify sections that need updated and gaps that exist rather than starting from scratch. It appears the most recent changes to the NENA bylaws were approved in 2015.

Communications / Website – is moving to a new software platform.

5. Financial updates: Treasurer Chrystal Allen reported two outstanding obligations - TRICA in amount of \$5,000 and legal retainer in amount of \$2,000. She had no other financial details to present.

6. NENA Service Project proposed for May 1, 2021: Secretary Daniel Foregger introduced a proposal sent to the board by neighborhood volunteer Kelly Olson and called on Kelly to provide more details: This is a proposed service project with the Boise Parks and Recreation Department on Saturday, May 1, involving playground surface material application at two parks – Elm Grove (20 volunteers) and Memorial (20-25 volunteers) – and Hulls Gulch trail maintenance (20 volunteers). There will be no cost to NENA to participate but a board representative must sign a volunteer agreement with the city of Boise. The city will provide all materials and tools. **A motion was made by Director Anne Hausrath, and seconded by Director Tory Spengler to approve the NENA Service Day on May 1, 2021. The motion carried unanimously.**

7. **Hyde Park Street Fair:** Director Anne Hausrath asked how many volunteers would be needed to organize and execute the 2021 fair. Director Tory Spengler said she would have to consult the fair manager on these details.

8. **Harrison Street traffic calming:** Director Anne Hausrath reported that Harrison Street residents (Julie Madsen and others) have reached an agreement with ACHD to sponsor a demonstration of traffic calming at different intersections along the street and needed volunteers to help collect speed data using radar guns and bike/pedestrian counts.

9. **The next weekly work session was set for Monday, March 15, from 7 to 8 pm.**

10. Adjournment: **A motion was made by Director Carlos Coto, and seconded by Director Anne Hausrath, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.**