

MNA Annual Meeting minutes -- April 19, 2007

attending Board members -- Mike Chapton, Donna Burns, Tom Burns, Mike Lechner, Bill Morse, Doug Erdman, Becky Enrico-Crum, Richard Carter

attending presenters -- Meg Roberts ( Sage Land Design, recent MNA Board member ) , Lance Evans ( Boise City Neighborhood Planner ) , Ryan McDaniel ( Boise City Compre. Pl. Section ) , Charlene Miller ( Boise Police Crime Prevention Unit-Neighborhood Watch Director ) , Stephanie Bennett ( Adams School Safe House coordinator ) , Bruce Rankin ( Reserve Station 1C Battalion Chief )

attendance -- approx. 35

#### 1. President's Welcome

A. Donna : introduces MNA Board members ; describes new MNA website and encourages usage to contact Board members ; requests MNA photos for website from residents ; explains current MNA projects in introducing Meg and Comprehensive Plan, Doug and Ridges-to-River trail access plan , and Joanne Lechner and toilet paper collection for Garden City non-profit .

#### 2. Dues request

A. Mike L. : explains non-required nature of \$35 yearly dues ; mentions some of uses such as picnic and Newsletter printing ; explains differences between neigh. assoc. and homeowners assoc.

#### 3. Web site

A. Donna : explains name change to Mesa Neigh. Assoc. and continuing use of Warm Springs Mesa language ; mentions brief history of website and former Board member Wyatt Perko's contributions to its design ; describes features of newly created website under management of Board member Nancy Barrera .

#### 4. Block House program

A. Stephanie Bennett : explains features of program -- police do background check covering past 5 years for volunteers , BI. House sign displayed in street window , kids advised to use if being bullied, get off bus at wrong stop and lost, being followed, bothered by dog, frightened, need to use a phone or any other assistance ; maps of neighborhood BI. House in Adams classrooms ; School Resource Officer Kincheloe uses DVD in making classroom presentations ; are currently 7 BI. Houses on Mesa that are "...not used very much...(but)...assurance..." for kids ; BI. H. re-apply every 2 years ; are currently 4 sex offenders living in area code 83712 .

#### 5. Spring clean-up

A. Richard : comments on ongoing positive efforts of neighbors in picking up trash items along MNA streets ; reviews date and time of Saturday, May 12th at 9:00 ; meeting location on Starcrest ; mentions ACHD supplied equipment and needs for gloves, pruners, etc.

#### 6. Neighborhood Watch

A. Tom and Richard : mention upcoming Treasure V. Neigh. W. Summit on April 21st with highlights to become an article in Summer Newsletter/Flyer ; make recruiting request for more Watch captains as refer to MNA neigh. map identifying non-covered streets and areas ; identify Charlene M. as sending crime report information to share with MNA residents .

B. Charlene : identifies herself as civilian within Boise P. D. ; reviews advantages of March 9th joint meeting of MNA Neigh. W., herself, and 3 Boise P.D. officers ; identifies Officer Cole Farmer as contact for graffiti issues ; describes Sherwin-Williams graffiti removal products discounts at Tate's Rental when

call her ( 577-3851 ) for police report ; states that "...Watch groups are about community...and build your neighborhood into a community. With more cohesion there is a lower crime rate."; responds to questions about graffiti ( "... not an ordinance...." ), speeders, and people in vicinity with weapons hunting ; repeats request to "CALL, call, call...."

## 7. Fire safety

A. Bruce : explains Boise Fire Dep't role regarding MNA as involved with BLM, Forest Service, and state ; mentions Wild Land Urban Interface ( "wooley" ) ; explains evacuation one of their options for Mesa relative to possibility of night wind driven 30 mph fire ; proposes the need for MNA residents' knowledge and learning in "preparing for something before it happens. ( That ) ...if don't have fear, better able to act ( and ) make brains comfortable with new ideas." ; describes how cheatgrass can build to a 4 1/2 ' flame and how MNA hillside tilt can increase danger ; states advantages of green barriers or rock ; volunteers himself ( 384-3950 ) or Fire Captain Shane Walker ( 384-3971 ) to be references/speak on fire prevention and landscaping suggestions or Fire Wise national program ; requests that they be called when want to approach our neighbors, to "...invite us up to go over, try to engage, talk to them. We aren't going to be able to defend your house." ; responds to response time question answering that, " In Summer stick close to the foothills ( as ) June 1 -- mid-Sept. based on 'Burn Index' ", so 1 1/2 minutes ; volunteers himself at Reserve Station for special events as MNA picnic .

## 8. Comprehensive Neighborhood Plan

A. Meg : explains how the " cohesiveness " of an MNA Plan would help us put together parks, parking, maintenance, trailheads, wildlife corridors, fire ; explains the role of Lance Evans as helping neighborhoods put together neigh. plans for Boise City's Master Plan .

B. Lance : explains that Idaho state gives cities enabling legislation but that is a need for a comprehensive plan, here called " Blueprint for Boise " that includes safety, education, water, sewer, quality of life, land use, and more, and that strength of each neighborhood's plan is in development by residents who keep working on it, adjusting at any time, and monitoring it as a long range document .

C. Lance & Meg refer to process, and : describe the first step as getting people involved ( " census stuff " ) in a Needs Assessment that will identify 1.) strengths, 2.) " What is special ? ", 3.) opportunities, 4.) threats ( as : fire ), 5.) weaknesses,6.) needs to work on, 7.) things want to happen, 8.) " Give serious thought to solutions. " ; explain, " Need to spend a lot of time gathering from neighbors " ; advise, " At this point, get people to volunteer to be on the Comprehensive Planning Committee charged to do reporting, lots of writing, (and) put in front of the neighborhood."

D. Lance & Meg conclude as : explain that the " overall objective " of an MNA Comprehensive Neighborhood Plan is enforcement, identity, and relationship with City in design review, involvement in capital budget, zoning, etc. instead of experiencing after-the-fact events ; state " Alternative is to do nothing. Hope everything works out. "

## 9. Audience input

A. Harris Ranch project inquiry answer, by Richard, includes firehouse location, round-abouts, and Warm Springs/Barber street connection

## 10. Closing

A. Donna uses posted visual display to review upcoming MNA events .