

# **MNA ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES – APRIL 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2008**

Attending Board members –Becky Enrico-Crum , Donna Burns , Mike Lechner , Jeff Enrico , Richard Carter , Tom Burns , Dan Arnhols , Mike Chapton , Bill Morse , Doug Erdman , Aaron Hassemer , Nancy Barrera – webmaster , Debbie Arnhols – picnic master

Attending presenters – Andrew Knowles – Woodhouse Group , Charlene Miller – Boise Police Neighborhood Watch Coordinator , Sherry Dyer - MNA SWOT facilitator , Debra Simons – East J.H.S. , Homer Wise – Mesa developer , Scott Crum -- Andy Enrico & Co. Real Estate

Attendance – approx. 50

## **1. PRESIDENT’S WELCOME**

- A. Donna : introduces Board members ; describes what we do as neighborhood assoc. as distinct from differences of a homeowners assoc. ; explains usages of dues on Picnic supplies , printing , cleanup , communications ; encourages payment of dues using available side-table envelopes ; identifies MNA activities involving fundraising , safety , governmental agencies involvements , socializing , cleaning

## **2. MNA CONTRIBUTION TO ADAMS SCHOOL**

A Jeff describes \$125 contribution to Adams School and matching \$125 from Ada C’ty Assoc. of Realtors which purchased auction items which produced \$800 amount toward School field trip fund

## **3. MNA CONTRIBUTION TO EAST J.H.S.**

- A. Debra Simons ( East nurse – and Mesa resident ) accepts MNA check of \$125 and explains use toward after-school programs

## **4. 2008 PICNIC ( AND YARD SALE )**

- A. Debbie identifies day after Saturday Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> Yard Sale date as day of Sunday Picnic date on Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> , identifies activities , and encourages attendance

## **5. WEBSITE**

- A. Nancy , using laptop and projector equipment , asks neighbors to contact her with MNA history information , explains website features of : design ; contacts ; links ; babysitters list to be posted

## **6. SAFE HOMES**

- A. Donna describes program's existence in Mesa and process of background checks
- B. Nancy elaborates on her involvement in program
- C. Charlene describes program's importance as those " unusual times when child needs help "

## **7. NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH**

- A. Charlene presents : Watch plan created at MNA '07 meeting with SROs, Neighborhood Officer Cameron Becker ; program description of "neighbors supporting neighbors" with Watch captains "a conduit" through e-mail/phone/conversations ; compliments MNA for mutual efforts in reduced crime statistic amounts ; "next level" is "build a sense of community" that MNA appears to be already doing in joining together with cleanups , picnics, yard sales , attention to those alone and elderly and suggests the "fun stuff" for the kids , driveway movies , Night Out, etc. ; statistics on reduction of crime throughout Boise ; preventative safety things like trimming shrubs , "leak 'n peak", lights on
- B. Richard describes MNA % of coverage
- C. Donna speaks on need for more Captains and a Coordinator

## **8. AUGUST 5<sup>th</sup> NIGHT OUT**

- A. Donna describes and identifies event

## **9. FIRE & FIREWISE**

- A. Dan reports that : imminent danger to Mesa ; season has already started ; BLM, Forest Service , Boise Fire Dep't "can't be relied on" to save Mesa homes but that they will devise a battle plan of putting out brush fire or evacuation or quick triage of homes ; must make our homes as Fire Wise/fire safe as possible ; Fire Dep't will control water pressure that overrides personal fighting of fire ; self-survey is available if interested

- B. Tom reports that : homes are seen as fuel and plants as accelerators ; MNA homeowners at time of fire will either not be home or already evacuated ; “steps taken earlier” what will be determiners in Mesa fire ; Botanical Garden willing to put on classes for MNA residents regarding non-incinerator landscaping

## **10. MAY 10<sup>th</sup> MESA CLEAN-UP**

- A. Richard refers to Spring Newsletter/Flyer article information and reports on recent Clean-up history , current Mesa status , time , place , description , supplies

## **11. MESA CONNECTIONS TO RIDGE-TO-RIVERS TRAILS**

- A. Doug reports : using map to locate existing trails and Mesa contact points ; temporary signage now planned, relying on feedback for negative/positive attributes ; are looking at soil and erosion factors ; in response to questions that non-motorized , no parking , no signage at 3 entrances , and ? equestrian
- B. Homer states that : “ as development grows trailheads will be easier to see”; don’t want private property blocking access ; easements are already in place ; trailheads in El Paseo are already laid out and , in years out , will be complete

## **12. MESA NEIGHBORHOOD COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

- A. Donna : introduces committee members ; explains MNA participation in Boise City Comprehensive Plan Blueprint ; identifies Mesa Plan emphases ; explains need for S.W.O.T. process ; introduces Mesa resident Sherry Dyer
- B. Sherry explains her role as facilitator in S.W.O.T. concept as look for “ common themes “ from “ open-ended questions “brainstorming ; identifies meeting dates of 10<sup>th</sup> , 11<sup>th</sup> , 17<sup>th</sup> , 19<sup>th</sup> of June
- C. Valerie explains : bi-monthly meetings of writing committee ; use of surveys from ’07 Picnic and ’08 Winter Newsletter/Flyer ; background history with presentation at ’07 Mesa Annual Meeting by former Boise Neighborhood Planner Lance Evans and Mesa resident Meg Roberts beginning Comp Plan consideration ; why and how Mesa “ will have a say “ in Boise Blueprint ; encouraging involvement by all ages / working / retired / young families

## **13. MESA HOUSING MARKET REPORT**

- A. Scott and Becky report on : '06 and '07 comparisons/contrasts of sales , pricing , sq. foot in relation to ongoing '08 amounts ; “ price points “ being positively affected by El Paseo development ; less east side Boise home inventory ; “ keeping values up “ is happening in '08 as look at El Paseo building trends

#### **14. POOL**

- A. Andrew presents : sales status of properties in first 4 of 10 total El Paseo phases ; ideas for “ proposing / intending / hoping / praying “ for pool in the park ; inquiry of interest among Mesa residents ; membership by any Mesa household ; potential for beginnings in '09 with changing rooms , open-year-round clubhouse/great room for meetings , covered area ; idea of possible playground relocation ; dues structure of \$200-\$300/year ; operations under El Paseo Homeowners Assoc.
- B. Homer states that : “ always been in my mind to try a pool “ ; eastside El Paseo park is location for another pool with expanded membership ; there is no liability and won't have to join ; believe will add value to homes ; if no support , probably not a pool
- C. Chad Cobbley , Boulder Heights resident , states that : \$10,000 park maintenance fee keeps rising every year – particularly related to water costs ; B.H. looked at pool concept ; immediate and adjacent park neighbors who purchased there with no pool or clubhouse are much against location ; recognition of parking and commotion ; suggestion of a “ new piece of dirt “
- D. Donna points out that pool concept an idea for S.W.O.T. discussions

#### **15. CLOSING**

- A. Donna thanks all for attending , and refers, again , to posting of scheduled upcoming events