

MNA Board minutes -- May 24, 2007

Members present -- Bill Morse, Doug Erdman, Aaron Hassemer, Mike Chaption, Donna Burns, Tom Burns, Richard Carter, Becky Enrico-Crum, Mike Lechner, Dan Arnhols

Members absent -- Nancy Barrera

1. TREASURER'S REPORT

A. Mike L. reports still receiving dues checks -- 36 so far

B. Group discussion includes : ideas for sending thank yous to those respondents ; next dues solicitation not be envelope format but, instead, a coupon concept for dues collection -- skipping Summer's single-page Flyer -- to be stapled into Autumn's 4-page folded Newsletter ; include a Flyer/Newsletter article identifying expenditures for which dues \$\$\$ is used

ACTION -- Richard (as secretary) ? or Mike L. (as treasurer) ? write "thank yous " to dues payers

2. VICE-PRESIDENT POSITION

A. Donna comments that : holder of position would fill in for her as needed ; could/would be assigned certain tasks ; next Board member could be recruited with this position as criteria

B. None of present Board members volunteer for position

C. topic is TABLED

ACTION -- Donna adds to June agenda

3. WEBSITE

A. Donna initiates discussion to establish "purpose" of MNA website

B. Group discussion of purposes include : to be informative ; to define who we are and what we do ; to act as " strategic redundancy " of repeated information as in minutes, important phone #s, events' calendar ; to act as MNA " bulletin board " as in lost dogs, activities, looking for baby sitter, needing a tool or piece of equipment ; to act as a " forum " ; to link to other websites

C. Group discussion conclusions include : to research what other neigh. assoc. do and how use their websites ; to TABLE for lengthier June meeting agenda item with screen and projection unit facilitating group analysis/brainstorming

ACTION -- Donna contacts Boise City to determine if reverse link to MNA website on their "neighborhoods" website

ACTION/ACTION -- Mike C. and Bill bring their projection and screen equipment

4. PICNIC (SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 16th @ 4:30)

A. Group discussion includes : brainstorming of activities, as watermelon seed-spitting contest , prizes acquisition for selected activities , races , music , furniture and equipment needs , menu items ; Dan suggesting that his wife, Debbie, may well choose to act as Picnic Chair ; Tom volunteering to act as co-chair with _____ ; Mike L. volunteering to be contact for Tate's materials ; Bill & Doug volunteering to be chefs ;

ACTION -- Donna looks into reserving park

ACTION -- Donna contacts Boise Police and Boise Fire to send units

ACTION -- Tom contacts Marty H. to act as D J

ACTION -- Richard contacts last year's clown regarding participation

ACTION -- Tom researches possible inclusion of rock-climbing wall

ACTION -- Mike L. acquires dozen burlap bags for races activity

ACTION -- Richard researches Toilet bowl races for possible inclusion

ACTION -- Tom contacts Drew Schneider regarding live music possibilities

5. NEIGHBORHOOD COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

A. Group discusses ++s and --s of discontinuing efforts to create an MNA Plan or to move forward with involvement in City's process

B. Group discussion includes points that : involves a very large amount of time and efforts in presentations and conversations with Mesa residents ; is not that productive ; we can work trailheads development ourselves ; don't like the governmental approach ; don't get much back for it ; can decide and maintain what's important for us on Mesa ; can determine for ourselves why we want to do it ; is an ongoing living document ; ties into city's Blueprint for Boise master zoning/budgeting/designing plan ; can be changed at any time

C. Dan addresses need in Plan for fire safety issues of fire lanes, firefighting defenses, home visits by firefighting staff, fire codes, weed mitigation, information packets, MNA fire prevention needs survey

D. Consensus on Board is to continue investigating involvement with Boise City in creation of an MNA Neigh. Compre. Plan

ACTION -- Dan contacts Reserve Station Battalion Chief Bruce Rankin for 450+ copies of fire information packet

ACTION -- Dan investigates possibility of Mesa fire potential/protection/preparedness prevention tour by City fire official and MNA Board members

ACTION/ACTION/ACTION/ACTION/ACTION -- Tom, Doug, Richard, Aaron, Bill meet and create a 3 page Neigh. Compre. Plan " mission statement " analysis for Board's consideration

6. NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

A. Tom & Richard report that : meetings with captains planned for May did not happen

ACTION/ACTION -- Tom & Richard meet with Watch captains, disseminate Summer Boise Barks for them to deliver and inclusion of fire packet, create master map of Captains' delivery/responsibility homes, deliver remainder of Barks & fire packets

7. SPRING CLEAN-UP

A. Richard reports that : clean-up transpired smoothly and successfully ; 20+ participants -- grade/junior/high schoolers included ; use of MNA street map for assignments very helpful ; verbal thank you's to Board and letter thanks sent to other participants

8. MAP PROJECT

A. Richard gives Board members copy of City's boundary map for MNA and copy of City website map for all neigh. assoc., pointing out that boundaries appear to cross Warm Springs, include Greenbelt and homes south of W.S., and border on Boise River for distance opposite Starview to beginning of W.S. Golf Course parking lot

B. Mike L. points out that the MNA bylaws identify MNA as consisting of homes accessed by 3 entrance roads

ACTION -- Richard meets with City's Lance Evan to corroborate or acquire adjustment of these boundaries

9. LETTERHEAD, THANK YOU'S

A. Bill leads discussion, and Board agrees, of need for MNA letterhead for thank yours, contacts, communications with City/ACHD/Ada Cty/etc., contractors; Mike L. shows WSMNA logo from 90s; Board's conclusion is to solicit artwork from MNA residents in contest format with prize awarded

10. PARK CENTER BRIDGE MEETING

A. Becky reports hearing attendee's comments regarding enlarged size of bridge and effects on Bown Crossing property owners ; Tom reports that increased size due to update in floodplain requirements ; consensus is that issue is of interest as point of observation rather than direct involvement

11. MNA AREA CONTRACTORS' CONSTRUCTION-SITE TRASH

A. Bill begin discussion describing Spring Clean-up Day's 3 filled bags of trash at Starlite construction site with much more still on hillside below site ; Board comments lead to consensus of dissatisfaction with attitudes and lack of strategies by contractors on Mesa jobsites in controlling their created litter and debris

ACTION -- Doug researches, identifies, and forwards to Bill the City code(s) being violated by contractors on Mesa

ACTION -- Bill creates letter for delivery to violating contractor(s) with inclusion of relevant City code language (and Board members and/or president's signature ?)

12. FLYER/NEWSLETTER

A. Board decides: to publish next communication in single-paged, double-sides, 8 1/2 X 11 Flyer format; that articles be delivered by Thursday, June 14th to Donna for proofing and editing by Teneale; that proofed and edited articles will, therefore, be available for Board's June 21st meeting

B. Articles will be: Spring Clean-up by Richard; Treasure Valley Neighborhood Watch Summit by Tom; upcoming activities by Donna; MNA logo contest by _____; MNA dues collection and uses by Mike L.; website by _____; MNA fire status by Dan

ACTION/ACTION/ACTION/ACTION/ACTION/ACTION -- Tom, _____, Richard, Donna, Mike L., _____, Dan write Flyer articles

13. LIGHT(S) ON ENTRY SIGNS

A. Group discussion includes comments that : electric is available ; lighting will make people feel good about coming home ; some ways needed to secure system ; solar system a possibility ; products are available by internet or retail

ACTION/ACTION/ACTION -- Tom, Bill, and Aaron research products, costs, and installation

14. NEXT MEETING

A. Thursday, June 21st at 7:00

B. 2241 Ridgeview Way

C. Agenda items : Minutes approval ; Treasurer's report ; Picnic planning ; TABLED Vice-president position ; Website analysis ; Flyer articles & delivery ; ___ ; ___ ; ___

D. Please contact Donna with other agenda items

E. Please contact Richard with any May 24th minutes corrections (424-0653; sandrichboise@cableone.net)

F. Please contact Donna if unable to attend (385-7254; burnridge@aol.com)