

MNA Board minutes -- Sept.26, 2007

members present -- Nancy Barrera, Becky Enrico-Burns, Mike Lechner, Tom Burns, Aaron Hassemer, Doug Erdman, Bill Morse, Donna Burns, Richard Carter

members absent -- Dan Arnholds, Mike Lechner

neighbors present -- Debbie Arnholds

### **1. TREASURER'S REPORT**

**A.** Mike L. reports that : records for Picnic and Auction not complete; will have more at Oct. meeting; savings balance about \$10K; in '07 about \$700 has come in from dues; dues envelope strategy in Newsletters seems a good continuing tradition

**B.** Donna reports that : Picnic auction took in about \$200; Picnic costs were about \$700, higher because Wyatt had previously donated meat; "... dues paid for picnic a good goal...."near balance of dues payments and Picnic costs

### **2. YARD SALE/PICNIC REVIEW ( WHAT WORKED/OPPORTUNITIES FOR IMPROVEMENT**

**A.**Yard Sale report by Donna that : garage sale about 30 addresses participated, whereas typically 50-60 did so ; were less drive in visitors

**B.** Picnic discussion comments include : improving quality of roadside signage - for Yard Sale as well; shortening the auction time length; approaching Joey Barrera to act as auctioneer; differentiating games for younger and older; continuing requesting the fire crews' participations and ask to integrate more closely; installing around ramada food area fly stickies; arranging to thaw out meat prior to using; approaching the hula hoop lady seen at Hyde Park fair to participate ( \_\_\_\_\_ knows contact ); continuing with clown and son; employing a vehicle with speaker proclaiming Picnic driving Mesa during weekend; creating a float for attracting Mesa attention;continuing decision allocating pot luck items by alphabet and/or with note for providing own choice; using table arrangement which worked well; encouraging Joey to, again, act as D.J.

### **3. BOARD MAKE UP**

**A.** Group discussion includes : general comments about pro&cons of larger/smaller board and values of committees; Donna's report that 3 persons on Picnic sign-in sheet checked interest in Board; Richard's observation that Board should acknowledge neighbors willingness to participate with inclusion; Tom's idea to keep Board at Bylaws established 12 members and that new additions become committee chairs; Richard's question of selection process in choosing one to fill 12th seat from 3 who've responded; Nancy's and Becky's and Tom's suggestions that they remove themselves from Board, continuing in committee roles

**B.** Structure of Board - and its committees - is left undetermined

**ACTION** -- Donna contacts Board-interested neighbors to determine their more specific thinking and intentions, represents Board group discussion points, and prepares report for Oct. meeting

### **4. NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH**

**A.** Tom reports that : based on 1/4ly report from - Charlene Miller at BoisePD Crime Prev. Unit - Mesa had" ...no crime reported, no one caught..."; Aaron is taking his place as Watch co-chair with Richard; one person on Picnic sheet interested in Watch; that Fall Neigh. W. Seminar on Wed. Oct. 3rd with topic of "Kids, Drugs, and Your Neighborhood"

**B.** Richard and Aaron report that : will attend Oct. 3rd meeting and pick up Boise Barks; contact Watch captains for assistance in Bark delivery while, also, updating MNA master map of individual captains chosen homes for which they've taken responsibility ; contact Board ( Delivery Committee ? ) for complete Mesa deliverance

ACTION -- Richard & Aaron attend Fall Watch Seminar to collect Fall Barks, gather information for Oct. Board meeting and Newsletter reports

ACTION -- Richard & Aaron activate Watch Captains network for delivery assistance with Fall Boise Barks

## **5. FALL CLEAN-UP**

**A.** Richard reports that : Cleanup set for Sat. Oct. 13th from 9:00 - 12:00; same initial meeting point of Starcrest entrance for sign-in, vests, trashbags, cleaning location choosing, water, snack

**B.** Group discussion includes : concern about weeds up Starcrest "from the beginning"; poison ivy around structures; suggestion for MNA Master Calendar addition of a June visit from ACHD trusty roadside cleanup crew up entrance roads

ACTION -- \_\_\_\_\_ contacts Meg ( Marlene ? ) for advise about Starcrest poison ivy and weed removal

ACTION -- Richard contacts ACHD requesting their trusty roadside clean-up crew for Starview and Warm Springs

ACTION -- Richard sets up clean -up signs and contacts ACHD for roadway caution signs, vests, bags

ACTION -- Richard & \_\_\_\_\_ create Clean-up flier in time for insertion in Fall Bark's delivery

## **6. COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

**A.** Richard presents summary of 26 Comp Plan Surveys responses, including names of respondents requesting involvement and wishing to be kept informed of progress

**B.** Group discussion includes : reaffirming of Board consensus to continue process; establishing a more productive and focused format and ground rules for proceeding forward; using 5-7 questions to establish "talents" of Survey respondents; Obtaining e-mail addresses from respondents; using talents of our boardmembers in putting ideas together; recognizing \$\$ factor, residents' skills, more uncomplicated nature of Mesa ( without school, park, commercial, apartments, arterials ) not consider usage of a consultant; being prescriptive; using longer Winter evenings for more extensive meetings to analyze and borrow from current 17 Blueprint for Boise neigh. plans; creating a Mesa Neigh. Comp. Plan goal of designing a simple first form for City submission and, then, further develop the Plan based upon their responses

**C.** Donna reports contact with Boise State assistant professor in College of Social Sciences as possible resource for our Plan as has a survey measuring neighborhood shared values

**D.** Structure and meeting calendar for Mesa Neigh. Comp. Plan committee is left undetermined

ACTION -- Richard, as secretary, sends summary from 26 Picnic-gathered Surveys to Board members

## **7. RIDGES TO RIVER PROJECT**

**A.** Doug reports that ; has meeting with City on Oct. 2nd; Boulder H. II is also meeting with City but whether relevant to Trails access, park, grant \$\$, etc. is unknown

**B.** Group discussion emphasizes ongoing Board interest in establishing contacts with Boulder H. II Board, as example, treasurer Lisa Hale with keys to B.H. Park

## **8. FALL NEWSLETTER , ANNUAL CALENDAR**

**A.** TABLED until Oct. meeting

**B.** Becky reports that can use their company account for printing

**C.** Mike L. reports that free paper can be obtained in trade for used printer cartridges

## **9. WEB**

**A.** Nancy reports that : "fixed the Wyatt problem", problem was actually with hosting company; ready for posting pictures, needs pictures, and will post Picnic pictures taken by Martha Lane; ready for artwork submittals for logo; signs with website, by Nancy

## **10. RECYCLING IN THE MESA**

**A.** TABLED until Oct. meeting

## **11. HAPPENINGS AT ACHD / PL.& Z / ETC.**

**A.** TABLED until Oct. meeting

## **12. MESA LOGO / LETTERHEAD**

**A.** Group discussion includes reiteration that resolution of this issue gathers even more urgency because of new website designing, neighborly correspondences, potential Mesa and City communications regarding Comp.Plan, participation in adjacent neighborhood projects, and increase of Newsletter publications.

**B.** Decision regarding professional involvement is left undetermined

## **13. ADAMS & EAST SCHOOLS' RECEIPT OF PICNIC AUCTION \$\$**

**A.** MOTION moved by Donna, 2ed by Becky, and PASSED : To donate on behalf of MNA \$100 each to East and Adams Schools' Scholarship Funds with removal of \$\$ from MNA treasury Added to Picnic auction \$\$ to reach the \$200 amount

**B.** Becky reports, from perspective as Adams PTO president, that MNA should designate particular school sources ( club, fund, project,etc. ) to receive MNA donation and, in so doing, capitalize on publicity by MNA receiving donor recognition at school awards ceremonies

ACTION -- Becky & Donna deliver donations to East and Adams

## **14. MESA ACTIVITIES SIGN-UP LIST FROM PICNIC**

**A.** Donna distributes copies of list, briefly identifying who signed up for what.

ACTION -- Donna contacts appropriate persons regarding Block House (3) and Picnic (2) respondents

ACTION -- Donna contacts persons interested in Board.

ACTION -- Richard contacts person interested in Comp. Plan

ACTION -- Richard contacts person interested in Clean-up

ACTION -- Richard contacts person interested in Neigh. Watch

## **15. STARCREST RENTAL**

**A.** Becky reports recent contact with City verifying rental status, recent cleaning, and speculation over new tenant occupation

## **16. FIREWISE**

**A.** Tom points out that : is an educational program approaching Mesa neighbors for educational purposes ; realizing only a certain % of them will do through a self-audit ; getting out information, including assessment of danger areas, makes this a valid approach ; even as clearing requirements( tree limbs removed 10-15 ft up, all sides of home 3 ft clear,etc. ) prevent us from being a "Firewise certified neighborhood"are benefits of starting on steps of program

## **17. NEXT MEETING**

**A.** Thursday, October 25th @ 7:00

**B.** 2241 Ridgeview Way

**C.** Please contact Donna with agenda items

**D.** Please contact Richard with any minutes corrections ( 424-0653, sandrichboise@cableone.net )

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