

# MNA Board minutes -- November, 29, 2007

members present -- Doug Erdman, Greg Leber, Donna Burns, Mike Chaption, Mike Lechner, Richard Carter, Dan Arnholts, Aaron Hassemer, Tom Burns

members absent -- Bill Morse, Autumn Brechwald, Jeff Enrico

## **1A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. Board approves as written

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

A. Mike L. reports that : CD has matured and will take action to re-invest ; payment of \$100 made to B.H. II for park ; equal payments made of \$125 to Adams Elem. and East J.H. auction funds from MNA Picnic auction

B. Board accepts Treasurer's report as reported

ACTION -- Becky Enrico-Crum reports to Board as follows progress of MNA donations at the 2 schools

ACTION -- Mike L. researches repositories and re-invests MNA CD

## **2A. NEW BOARD MEMBERS**

A. Donna announces that Autumn and Jeff are joining us but unable to attend tonight

B. Greg is greeted by Board members and introduces himself

## **2B. CITY OF BOISE ENFORCEMENT SURVEY**

A. Donna announces that Survey has been sent and what done with it is unknown

## **3. NEIGHBOR'S "PROTEST" LETTER**

A. Donna reports that Becky initiated ACTION item of delivering neighbor's letter to Homer, who responded with clarification that his saddle undeveloped property signage stating "No trespassing" referred to only vehicles

B. Board discussion includes : need to re-establish signage ; recognition that other people - including our Mesa neighbors - are adding debris ; awareness that Mesans have been making calls to police about illegal/inappropriate hillside behaviors ; need to approach Homer on hillside matters in ongoing conversation ; need for Newsletter article on topic ; knowledge of dirt-bikes also involved

C. MOTION by Dan, 2nd by Tom, and PASSED to request of Homer his presence at 4 Board meetings/year -- perhaps, spaced on a seasonal basis. And with provisions for providing him with advanced agenda of discussion items

## **3. COMPREHENSIVE PLAN REPORT**

A. Richard reports of : November meetings by he and Doug with Boise City planning staff, at which time they provided information, direction, and support for our efforts ; Mesa Comprehensive Plan "committee" meetings in Nov. and Dec. with continuation into '08 ; remaining on time calendar for 1st draft by '08 annual Meeting ; writing Comp Plan letters of progress and participation to 12 neighbors who'd indicated interest on '07 Picnic sign-in form ; positive addition to % numbers if Board members completed Neighborhood Surveys ; concept for approaching Neigh. W. captains to complete Surveys and recruit few neighbors to do also

ACTION -- Donna makes more Survey copies for Board members, perhaps Watch captains

#### **4. FIREWISE PROGRAM UPDATE**

A. Dan reports that : seems major fire source of concern is along Warm Springs ; grass replacement could be a grant project ; BLM, Boise Fire, Firewise, etc. input necessary for grant process progress ; "walk-through" agreed to on 3 separate occasions without action ; suggests bypassing gov't entities and using MNA funds for grass eradication 5' back ; grasses and bushes ( Utah barrier ) potentially useable ; BSU horticultural dep't should be approached ; BSU looking for projects like ours

ACTION -- Richard contacts Idaho Botanical Garden about their plot of fire resistant plants

ACTION -- Donna calls Meg Roberts about fire retardant flora

ACTION -- Richard contacts ACHD about their consideration of plant fire resistant qualities as trim roadsides

ACTION -- Donna contacts Idaho Transportation Dep't about programs. etc. involving fire resistant flora

ACTION -- Tom contacts BSU regarding grasses/plants & fire prevention & neighborhoods programs

ACTION -- Dan approaches Boise FD & \_\_\_ for meeting about Mesa walkthrough

#### **5. RIDGE TO RIVERS UPDATE**

A. Doug reports that : City awaiting Homer's layout of Windsong that is already being staked ; Homer is in favor of the plan ; access sites from Mesa to trail system already approved ; there is no financial involvement ; already fashioned trailhead signs and will include MNA website

ACTION -- Doug meets with Idaho Power to coordinate power locations and trailheads

#### **6. NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH UPDATE**

A. Aaron and Richard report on their 11/7 meeting that included plans to : plan Watch captains' meeting ; create a master map of included homes ; recruit more captains

ACTION -- Richard contacts Crime Prevention Unit about '08 Night Out date

#### **7. LETTERHEAD CHOICE**

A. Board discusses value in "branding" who, what, why of Mesa and chooses line art for letterheads and photo art for website

ACTION -- Greg takes line art to graphic artist acquaintance for further development

## **8. 2008 CALENDAR**

**A.** Donna leads discussion that sets dates of : 4th Thursday Board meetings except November on 20th and no December ; Cleanups on Saturdays, May 10th and October 11th ; Annual meeting on Thursday, April 17th ; Yard Sale on Saturday, September 20th ; Picnic on Sunday, September 21st ; Night Out on August

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## **9. VIDEO CAMERAS**

**A.** Donna reports on City's inquiry about attachment of 2 private streetlight pole cameras on Windsong cul-de-sacs

ACTION -- Doug contacts Homer for removal resolution

## **10. NEWSLETTER**

**A.** Board discusses : publication dates of 11x17, 4-sided, folded Newsletter in Winter and Summer and 8 1/2x11, 2-sided Flyers in Spring and Autumn ; June/July Newsletter to include Firewise information ; September Flyer to announce Yard Sale and Picnic ; Spring Flyer announcing Annual Meeting ; establishment of consistent format and important phone #'s inclusion

## **11. BOULDER HEIGHTS PARK POOL**

**A.** Group discusses issues such as decision-making, participation, funding, property values, maintenance, liabilities, and MNA Board's involvement in this B.H. concept

ACTION -- Donna invites BH II representative(s) to January MNA Board meeting for further discussion

## **12. TAXES**

**A.** Group discussion includes : examples of particular homeowners' bills ; what we're paying relative to what receive in services ; awareness that every Mesa address tax payment is publicly available on Ada County Assessor's website ; procedures for appealing bill ; added tax appraisal value for "view appeal"

## **13. NEXT MEETING**

**A.** Thursday, January 24th @ 7:00

**B.** Doug's home -- 1991 Stone Ridge Way

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

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