

MNA BOARD MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 25, 2008

Members present – Mike Chaption , Doug Erdman , Mike Lechner , Bill Morse , Jeff Enrico , Dan Arnholds, Debbie Arnholds , Heinrich Wiebe , Richard Carter , Becky Enrico-Crum

Members absent – Donna Burns

Committee members present – Tom Burns

1. APPROVAL OF AUGUST 21, '08 MINUTES

A. MOTION by Tom , 2nd by Doug , APPROVED as written

2. BYLAWS

A. Mike L. hands out his Sept. 21st dated draft of “ modified “ MNA by-laws written in response to by-law suggestion sent to MNA By-laws Committee from Boise City Neighborhood Planner Diane Perkins and states his observation that modifications will not be acceptable to City

B. Group comments include : noting recent statements from other City officials that MNA doing a great job ; questioning need to conform to City mandates ; recognizing City suggestions as unnecessary/unacceptable (as : \$\$ dispersal upon dissolution , identification of membership as (“people”) ; agreeing upon need for more meetings ; continuing e-mailing of drafts to Board members

ACTION – Mike L. sends Sept. 21st by-laws draft to Diane Perkins

3. NEW MESA SIGNS

A. Heinrich reports that : each sign cost \$33 ; more can be ordered and made , such as sign set for “ Night Out “ or “Block Party “ ; are now 4 sets of 3 signs each ; purpose was to hold costs down ; sign toppers will be re-written to reflect “ Annual Picnic “ and “ Yard Sale “ traditional language

ACTION – Mike L. reimburses Heinrich for signage expenses

ACTION – Dan creates set of additional sandwich board signage

ACTION – Heinrich re-writes sign toppers

ACTION –Donna writes and submits “ Thank You “ articles to Statesman and Idaho Business Review recognizing the signage design efforts of our MNA creative artist neighbors

4. WEBSITE BIOGRAPHIES

A. Debbie requests biographies from those still missing

5.ENTRANCE LIGHTS

A. Doug reports that : solar he researched didn't produce suitable results ; no onsite power ; the project is over and done with ; doesn't feel effort was worth it

B. Group discussion includes : considering increase in expenditure ; researching solar lettering

ACTION – Bill research other lighting possibilities in terms of projection and glow

6.COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

A. Group hears that is no report and that Comp Plan efforts on hold & dependent on interactions between City and By-laws Committee

7a. YARD SALE STATUS

A. Group hears that : 39 homes registered ; more are expected ; Tom and Doug in role of collecting \$3 fee

7b. PICNIC STATUS

Debbie uses 3 page , 8 point handout to elicit commitments and assign tasks to Board

ACTION – Board members acknowledge responsibilities

8. MESA T-SHIRTS

A. Bill reports on bringing shirts to Picnic

B. Group discusses that : pricing (\$6 for 1 , \$10 for 2) ; free for new/renewed \$35 dues payment ; records of purchases/payments will be kept by Mike L.

9. STATUS OF RECENT FIREWISE MEETING

A. Dan reports that : City/County/agencies efforts still not very well organized ; asked for comprehensive plan for fire ; perimeter defense plan is “ Phase 1 “ ; east boundary of Mesa identified as highest threat by fire marshals during tour of MNA perimeter ; need BFD plan to take to community ; threats need to be established ; there is fear of liabilities and lawsuits ; Ada County has a wildfires plan in which Mesa identified as extremely low fire risk ; will go back to Ada Ct'y that are wrong in language as trees or Windsong not considered ; preventative efforts – with a 6 person task force (including botanist , state and federal liaisons , fundraiser) – cost \$50,000 to do and \$10,000 to maintain ; can use Winnemucca,Nevada plan as a template ; perimeter homes should have own block captains pertinent to firewise/wildfire issues and have meetings structured to their choosing

B. Group discussion includes : hearing \$1050 estimate obtained by Richard to clear 7-9' swath along eastside access road and around Homer's "shop" to Star View embankment , removing 5 dead trees at Homer's storage yard , purchasing or hiring highly effective herd of weed/grasses devouring goats ; presenting fire marshall's Mesa perimeter fire threat analysis and eastside cleanup \$\$ estimate to Homer ; hearing Tom's letter for use by Dan in approaching Homer ; obtaining a bulldozer for creating a firebreak ; harrowing/furrowing a firebreak

C. MOTION by Jeff , 2nd by Debbie , APPROVED that MNA fund \$90 for Dan's fee to attend October , '08 Firewise seminar

ACTION – Dan takes report from Jeff _____ at Boise Fire Dep't to Homer

ACTION – Dan approaches Debbie Wise to become member of MNA Firewise Committee

ACTION – Doug inquires of contact with City to obtain a chipper

ACTION – Bill initiates contacts with homes on perimeter streets regarding Dan's concept of firewise/wildfire Watch units

10. FIREWISE LANDSCAPE CONCEPTS & TECHNIQUES WORKSHOP – BOTANICAL GARDENS , OCT. 2nd

A. MOTION by Becky , 2nd by Bill , APPROVED that MNA fund \$15 for Tom's attendance fee

11. FALL NEWSLETTER

A. Group discusses articles to include : fire article by Dan ; Botanical Gardens class article by Tom ; Oct. 11th Autumn cleanup article by Richard ; signage and shirts logo creations thank you article by Heinrich ; speed limit article by Jeff ; code violation article by _____

B. Schedule of articles' due date , layout , compilation , and delivery TABLED until October meeting

12. CITY OF BOISE "...GREAT NEIGHBORHOODS" CONFERENCE – BORAH H.S. , OCT 25th

A. MOTION by Mike , 2nd by Becky , APPROVED that MNA fund \$15 for Donna's attendance fee

13. NOV. 4TH VOTE – ACHD VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEE

A. Debbie emphasizes importance of vote as reports on \$20 to \$40 maximum increase with fees for sidewalks , bike lanes , road improvements and info at www.achd.ada.id.us

14. FALL CLEANUP

A. Richard reports that : Oct. 11th , 9:00a.m. gathering at Star Crest entrance ; will obtain bags , vests , ACHD roadside cleanup signs ; will set up tables for sign-in , drinks , snacks , memberships&T-shirts ?

ACTION – Heinrich sets up MNA Cleanup announcement signs

ACTION – Richard contacts ACHD to schedule Star View and Star Crest buttress weed cutting by ACHD crew

ACTION – Richard collects signs , vests, etc .at ACHD Cloverdale site

15.OCTOBER BOARD MEETING

A. 7:00 Thursday , October 23rd

B. Becky's home – 2185 S. Ridgeview Way

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