

MNA BOARD MINUTES --- NOVEMBER 20 , 2008

Members present – Mike Chapton , Donna Burns , Mike Lechner , Doug Erdman , Bill Morse , Richard Carter , Dan Arnholds , Debbie Arnholds , Becky Enrico-Crum , Tom Burns

Members absent – Heinrich Weibe , Jeff Enrico

1. REVIEW OCTOBER MINUTES

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

2. REVIEW TREASURER'S REPORT

A. Mike's report accepted as presented

3. ENTRANCE LIGHTS

A. Bill reports that : upon charging , new lights will be installed ; 3rd light still needs attention

4. YARD SALE / PICNIC REVIEW

A. Group discussion agrees that issue covered adequately previously and will review , again , during '09 planning session

5. CONFERENCE REPORT

A. Donna's report on City's " How to Create a Good Neighborhood " conference includes : idea on board strengthening not needed ; ACHD session allowed questioning ; suggestion for recruiting talented/informative guest speakers from among neighbors ; 40-50 people attending

6. BYLAWS

A. Mike L. reports that : his writing of Bylaws Committee's 2nd draft submitted to Neighborhood Planner Diane Perkins and are awaiting reply ; refers to her letter of receipt dated Nov. 20th that references the City policy on Registered Neighborhood Associations , and includes her comment , " I anticipate receiving the remainder of your annual report at your earliest ability (that) were due on or before Nov. 1 . "

B. Group discussion includes comments regarding our progress toward , and status as , a " Registered Neighborhood "

7. ACHD REPORT

- A. Richard reports on : phone conversation with Bill that begins contacts with Mindy Wallace , ACHD Right-of-Way Services (387-6178) , referral to Errol Morgan , ACHD Maintenance Dep't manager (387-6322) ; resultant phone calls from Mr. Morgan and Randy Noble , ACHD Maintenance Dep't crew supervisor , from Warm Springs hillside worksite , both explaining that current project's "...primary issue is safety...(that)...as rub whole hillside...will help a lot..." with fire prevention , and , also advising of ACHD's "...willingness to work with...(us)" " on future prevention measures and both volunteered their department's employee , Rich Shaw (484-0389) , to help our efforts with 6' width flaggers-protected applications of pre-emergent grasses roadside treatments in February
- B. Donna reports on , also , having conversation with Mr. Noble regarding ACHD's abilities to apply Warm Springs roadside spray treatments
- C. Dan reports on : his ACHD contact explaining their 50' right-of-way control and 5' – 6' clearing abilities ; potential for future MNA request of ACHD to plant wildfire resistant grasses ; future considerations for MNA requests of ACHD to do Warm Springs grasses/weed whacking for us ; Board to consider sending letters of thanks to ACHD personnel involved in attending to our grasses/weeds abatement issue during their Warm Springs hillside rocks removal project ; recommendation that letters include language of MNA's desires for ACHD's involvement in long-range plans for grasses plantings

ACTION – Donna writes letters of thanks , and cc s , to ACHD personnel

8. FIRE PROGRAMS

- A. Tom reports on Botanical Gardens workshop suggesting native plants that can balance natural look and lower fire susceptibility and their potential for MNA perimeter planting
- B. Bill reports on beginning his visits to perimeter homes , meeting neighbors who are planting buffalo grass , willing to clean up down hillside beyond property
- C. Becky reports on , and presents , her obtained map of all property owners around perimeter adjacent to MNA
- D. Dan comments on need to continue follow-up on engagements with these perimeter neighbors and property owners and attention to perimeter wildfire/Firewise concepts
- E. Bill suggests requesting Boise City Forester to bring wood chipper to Mesa and assist in Firewise-suggested tree removal

ACTION – Donna provides Dan with copy of Picnic-generated volunteers lists to access assistance/assistants in Fire Committee activities

ACTION – Becky sends copy of MNA-adjacent property owners to all Board

ACTION – Doug contact Boise City Forester regarding equipment usage

9. T-SHIRTS

- A. Bill reports that : any size and any order amount of shirts available on few days notice ; color may be changed , however , may incur some cost increase
- B. Group discussion clarifies that : t-shirts given upon dues payment for '08 and throughout '09 ; Board took on obligation to give shirts upon payment rather than only if requested ; Mike L. might ask for assistance in t-shirt delivery for mail-received payments ; increase in t-shirt supply likely when membership envelopes are included in early '09 Newsletter ; Board will wait to restock supplies of t-shirts following feedback ; change in color of shirts year to year suggested

10. WEB NOTES

- A. Donna reports that : past missing Newsletters have been added ; new photos have been added ; Board members (with needed editing) and committees have been updated

11a. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Comprehensive Plan Committee status reported by Donna that : is awaiting further meeting activity until response from City Neighborhood Planner regarding acceptance of MNA By-laws 2nd draft (submitted in Nov. by By-laws Committee) and , specifically , issue of MNA boundaries , status of which is critical to step-by-step advancement of Comp Plan process on City's terms ; Becky reports that , as a discussion group member with City planners in her professional business role , spoke as an MNA Board member in questioning city's extensive demands upon MNA regarding Registered Neighborhood status and Comp Plan development
- B. Neighborhood Watch Committee report given by Donna that identifies 3rd quarter MNA criminal activity , including : Toluka burglary ; Toluka vehicle theft ; Star Crest vandalism ; Bon View harassment

11b. OTHER – FIREWORKS VIOLATIONS REPORTS , MAYOR'S MEETINGS , BOULDER HEIGHTS ESTATES C U P REQUEST

- A. Dan reports on information received by Jeff Root (388-8470) , BFD Prevention / Public Education Captain , that , with upcoming fireworks season , neighbors' report calls need to be made to Boise Fire Dep't and not Boise Police
- B. Donna highlights Mayor Bieter's Wednesday , December 10th , 7:00pm @ Timberline HS meeting with east Boise neighbors , including MNA

- C. Donna mentions Mayor's Livability Summit : Children & Youth on Tuesday , December 16th from 7:30—11:30 am that reviews community's progress for children and youth over past 3 ½ years and assesses current needs for priorities
- D. Group analyzes B. H. Conditional Use Permit request with City and determines that is based on construction cost savings in asking City to approve homesite building after sunset

12. 2009 CALENDAR

- A. Group agrees to TABLE item

13 . NEWSLETTER DELIVERY

- A. Donna assigns deliverers and routes – including Aaron's organization of Watch Captains – for this weekend's delivery

14. NEXT MEETING

- A. 7:00 pm Thursday , December 18th
- B. Donna & Tom Burns's home –2241 S. Ridgeview Way
- A. Please contact Donna is unable to attend (burnridge@aol.com , 385-7254)