

MNA MINUTES -- NOVEMBER 19 , 2009

Members present—Donna Burns, Doug Erdman, Carissa Hills, Debbie Arnholds , Becky Enrico Crum, Bill Morse, Mike Lechner, Joanne Lechner, Richard Carter

Members absent—Heinrich Wiebe, Dan Arnholds, Mike Chaption

Committee members present—Lindsay Barnes (Neighborhood Watch, Welcoming Committee), Tom Burns (Firewise)

1. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER MINUTES

A. APPROVED as written

2. TREASURER'S REPORT

A. Mike L. reports that: Yard Sale made \$\$ using charge of \$8 ; requesting advice for Cert of Deposit that expires in Dec. ; no other input

3. GRANTS APPLICATION

A. Lindsay reports that: no trailhead signs can be requested at this time due to impermanence of Homer's development situation (to which Doug adds that MNA can't copy City's design for signs and Richard distributes map of City Ridge-to-Rivers trails surrounding Mesa); application made for \$2000 limit Mini-Grant to obtain signs; distributes "Mini Grant request "information for obtaining 8 new Neigh. Watch signs

B. Group discussion includes : considering Mini-Grant proposal written by Dan to continue Firewise activities on the Mesa's #3 area of concern as identified by Boise Fire Dep't analysis Westside boundary similar to '09 Grant action ; info on forescotia (sp) grass not available so not part of '10 proposal ;

C. Lindsay reports that : have discovered and have ready for submittal a Neighborhood Re-investment Grant directed toward creation , design , and installation of Mesa neighborhood identification signage at Star View entrance ; initial estimate at \$6800 has leeway for adjustment ; has received assurance from ACHD spokesman that no further work to be done by them on S.V. entrance hillside which they identify as Homer's property ; format of Grant is that if don't use funds , cannot not use it and can re-apply

D. Group discussion includes: merging both signage items, Star View + landscaping and Neigh. Watch signs , into Re-investment Grant application and enlarging size of

request \$\$; recognizing need for budget process if both together gain approval ; recognizing using process similar to '05 Mesa Board members Meg Roberts and Mike L. for Star Crest entrance signage

E. MOTION by Becky, 2nd by Joanne, APPROVED to apply for Re-investment Grant for star View signage and landscaping and Neighborhood Watch signage

F. MOTION by Becky, 2nd by Donna, APPROVED to apply for Mini-Grant on Firewise clearings

ACTION—Becky contacts Homer to receive approval for locating Star View entrance sign on his property.

ACTION—Doug researches pathway signage designs.

ACTION / ACTION—Carissa and Lindsay write final Grant drafts for submittal by Nov. 20th.

4. WELCOMING GROUP

A. Becky displays model of tote bags requested by Committee for delivery of materials.

B. Carissa presents e-mail photos of bag with black as preferred color.

C. Group discussion includes: choices of tote bag providers; usage of bag in lieu of t-shirts for membership payments; consideration of initial purchase amount.

D. MOTION by Mike L., 2nd by Becky, APPROVED to purchase 100 bags from supplier to be determined.

E. Becky gives list of new homebuyers since Jan. '08 to Lindsay.

F. Group discussion agrees that: will forward information to Carissa, as she's requested, on knowledge of Mesa business owners; Welcoming Comm. members not refer to new neighbors by name when meeting and presenting Welcoming bags; neighbors renting to be included in Welcoming Comm efforts.

G. Lindsay distributes her 1st draft of Letter of Welcome for inclusion into tote bag and gathers editing ideas from Board members.

ACTION—Bill contacts McU's to determine printing/production cost.

ACTION—Donna contacts Heinrich for source of Mesa logo design.

ACTION—Lindsay creates 2nd draft of Welcoming Letter for e-mailing to Board members.

5. INSURANCE

A. Richard reports on request made to neighbor Bruce Kniefel to provide Board coverage insurance information, but never heard response.

B. Group discussion includes: recognizing need for coverage; using language of Board members & volunteers, hold harmless, umbrella policy; gathering other referral names to pursue insurance coverage possibilities.

ACTION—Bill contacts other potential insurance issuers.

6a. PROJECT REVIEW—WEBSITE MEETING (Nov. 11th)

A. Donna reports on: Committee members present and tasks identified to attend to; reminds Board members to add to/update/write website biographies.

B. Joanne reports on: her homework revisions with website radios and dropdowns and front page design; Committee consolidating their revisions/editing by e-mail before next meeting and report to Board.

ACTION—Donna approaches Nancy to determine feasibility of website editing

6b. PROJECT REVIEW—COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

A. Richard & Donna report on nature of meeting by Val Loge, Donna Burns, and Richard Carter with Bruce Eggleston and Nancy Johnson (Neigh. Coordinator) of Boise City Plan. & Dev. for purposes of determining : what actions MNA needs to take to continue creating Mesa Comp Plan for Blueprint Boise inclusion ; what City PI & Dev Dep't personnel/philosophy/requirements changes have occurred and how will affect MNA's creative writing efforts ; what PI & Dev thinks are next step(s) MNA should take in process .

B. Group discussion includes: reaffirming that homes south of Warm Springs not in MNA and will be advised as such, with suggestion to become part of Southeast Neigh. Assoc; agreement that open land donated by Homer adjacent to perimeter homes—and on which City Ridge to Rivers trail are situated are, also, not within MNA boundaries.

6c. PROJECT REVIEW—STARCREST BEAUTIFICATION

A. Joanne reports that: area owned by Water Company; has gained approval to improve area; 1st step of continuing cleanup of entry area in hairpin curve; has submitted area to Idaho Horticulture Society contest with potential for \$\$ award; Spring efforts will be separate by few weeks of Mesa Cleanup but able to take advantage of ACHD pickup; Project to be complete by mid-July

B. MOTION by Donna, 2nd by Becky, APPROVED for Project to be included in Society contest and supported as needed.

7. DECEMBER GET TOGETHER

A. Debbie reports host potluck with date to be determined

8. STARCREST NEW CONSTRUCTION

A. Group discusses possible driveway traffic hazard, rock retaining wall instability of new home.

9. FUNDRAISER

A. Group discusses potential uses for, contributors to, opportunities for, formats in which to implement fundraising concept into MNA activities.

ACTION—Donna places Fundraising on January agenda.

10. FORWARDING LETTERS TO BOARD FROM: MAYOR, ACHD, CRIME BULLETINS

A. Donna asks and hears that, because are available if interested, then, not necessary.

11. NEXT MEETING

A. Thursday, Jan. 28th, 2010 @ 7:00

B. Burn's home—2241 Ridgeview

C. Please contact Donna if unable to attend

D. Please contact Donna with agenda items (385-7254, burnridge@aol.com)