

M N A MINUTES –FEBRUARY 25TH, 2010

Members present – Donna Burns , Heinrich Wiebe , Doug Erdman , Carissa Hills , Joanne Lechner , Dan Arnholds , Debbie Arnholds , Richard Carter , Bill Morse , Becky Enrico Crum

Member absent – Mike Lechner , Mike Chapton

1.APPROVAL OF JANUARY MINUTES

A. APPROVED as written

2.TREASURER’S REPORT

A. Donna reports that an updated report is not available and distributes copy of '09 assets / liabilities / income / expenses report created by Mike L.

3a.REPORT ON B L M (old business)

A. Donna reports that : 1) Bob Narus , B L M fire prevention coordinator still identifies east perimeter of Mesa as #1 priority and will conduct a walk-around of Mesa perimeter in March to identify priority # 1 , # 2 , #3 areas for prevention attention and to give us his recommendations before volunteers start maintenance work using 2010 grant \$\$; 2) B L M has some grant \$\$ available to us ; 3) will collect names of those interested in walk-around ; 4) will ask Bob which land is B L M land approximate to us ; 5) will contact Tyler Doggett to accompany us

ACTION—Donna contacts Tyler

ACTION—Donna contacts those interested with exact time / place of event

3b.INSURANCE (old business)

A. Richard reports that, in contact with City Neighborhood Coordinator, Joan Johnson , and South East Neigh. Assoc. President, Brian McDevitt , neither reported that had an insurance coverage system in place covering neighborhood assoc . Board members & that Mr. McD. suggested recruiting lawyers in neigh. To operate on pro bono fashion when / if need be .

B. Group discussion includes : 1) suggestion that each member carry an umbrella policy on personal policies just as would protect for fall / injury on own property ; 2) realization that group policy too expensive for M N A Board ; 3) understanding that a lawsuit incident has us in mindset of guarding against each other as neighbors

3c.GRANTS (old business)

A. Doug reports phone call from City's Joan Johnson that Mesa \$2000 fire prevention mini-grant—written in same format as '09—approved and with Mayor for signature

B. Group discussion includes comments that : 1) fire prevention mini-grant implementation / maintenance efforts from west side residents need be determined ; 2) B L M walk-through will help spot exact sites ; 3) signage of Star View entrance / Neigh.Watch warnings grant status still being awaited

4a.ANNUAL MEETING (new business)

A. Donna reports that Adams School approval received for April 8th usage

B. Donna identifies agenda as : 1) ACHD report on roadway / access to Greenbelt ; 2) President's Report ; 3) introductions ; 4) committee / projects reports ; 5) presentation highlighting Board achievements

ACTION—Donna contacts ACHD for presenter

ACTION / ACTION—Heinrich and Debbie create power point presentation for agenda

ACTION—Dan creates standing exhibit displaying uses of members' dues \$\$ & %ages on particular projects

4a.ACHIEVEMENTS LETTER (new business)

A. Joanne reports that , in response to a total Board ACTION item from January meeting , has start of list of Board achievements of past 5 years

ACTION—Joanne resends request to Board members for listing of Board's 5 years of achievements

4a.CHAPTON (new business)

A. Donna reports that Mike Chapton's moving leads to Board opening & has received interest to serve on Board from Vernon Padaca

MOTION by Donna, 2nd by Debbie , **APPROVED** to invite Vernon to join and serve as M N A Board member

ACTION—Donna approaches Mike regarding social gathering prior to his leaving

ACTION—Donna approaches Vernon regarding his service on Board

4b.BUDGET (new business)

A. Group discussion includes : 1) need for precise budget process ; 2) how / whether to allocate for specific activities ; 3) use of membership payment envelopes with Newsletter

4b.FUND RAISING (new business)

A. Group discussion includes : 1) reinforcing concept of communicating how dues \$\$ are used , i.e. , named projects , as beautification in particular ; 2) communicating that dues \$\$ collected are leveraged into more monies , as , grants acquisitions , for example ; 3) encouraging donations beyond dues payments directed toward particular projects , as , printing costs , play equipment , landscape / beautification projects ; 4) emphasizing personal contact invitations for dues / donations payments , e-mail address , volunteering participants ; 5) restructuring Delivery Committee into larger number leading , in turn , to smaller # of residences for contacting per person , ideally , including N. Watch captains for their own streets ; 6) approaching each residence to acquire their e-mail address as another means of communicating ; 7) establishing , on the web-site , a means for paying dues ; 8) emphasizing both approaches of personal contact with delivery of hard-copy Newsletters / flyers and electronic contact with e-mail (phone as necessary) ; 9) establishing at every M N A public event (annual meet , picnic , night out , ice cream social , clean-up , etc.) a manned Membership / funds-gathering table with explanatory visual exhibits displaying what 3 (perhaps more) activities / projects (as , fire safety , entrance beautification , social gatherings) the year's dues are being used for , what ongoing expenses dues are being used for (Newsletters) ; 10) creating a Website section explaining the details of how / where dues \$\$ are being used

4c. NEWSLETTER (new business)

A. Group discussion includes : 1) Winter Newsletter still to be delivered ; 2) Annual Meeting flyer ; 3) annual calendar ; 4) need to organize Delivery Committee ; 5) Newsletter as follow-up of Annual Meeting

5a.WEB COMMITTEE

A. Joanne distributes and explains copies of “ Suggested ‘Outline’ for Mesa Neighborhood Website “ that includes radios and dropdowns , example website links , example language for Block Captains duties , recommendations for website by Website Committee .

B. Group discusses Nancy’s continuing role as M N A’s professional website designer.

ACTION / ACTION—Heinrich and Joanne inquire of Nancy her willingness to continue as Webmaster.

5b.WELCOMING COMMITTEE

A. Carissa reports on : 1) enjoyable experiences as joined with Lindsay Barnes in delivery of welcoming bags ; 2) positivity of interactions with new neighbors ; 3) hearing their interest in M N A activities ; 4) plans for ongoing visits as learn of new arrivals , to which Becky reports , in checking with county recently , are none ; 5) suggestion to use bags as gifts for all of neighborhood .

B. Group decides to postpone discussion on whether M N A to recognize births of new Mesa babies until later date , also , later decision regarding expense and delivery of a bag per residence .

5c.BOWLING NIGHT

A. Richard reports on : 1) success of “ Fling “ at 20th Century Lanes with 20+ Mesans and friends ; 2) enthusiasm of Lane employees for our return , ideally during Summer ; 3) thank you letter sent to Mesa neighbor Mona Lindeen for our use of her business for socializing .

5d.MESA NEIGHBORHOOD COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

A. Doug and Richard report that : 1) details of Mesa Neigh. Plan , now , ¾ written with major writing task of putting format patterned on Blueprint ; 2) Committee now meeting on a weekly basis led by Val Loge ; 3) 1st draft writing efforts are relying on Mesa residents’ ideas gathered from past years’ M N A surveys and S.W.O.T. information ; 4) attended City meeting presenting Blueprint Boise plan and City Parks & Rec involvement where advised by M N A ’s Blueprint liaison , Bruce Eggleston , to also use ’03 Wise Properties documentation recognized by City Plan & Dev Dep’t . ; 5) In January contact with South East Neigh. Assoc . President learned that have not yet incorporated 7 “island” homes south of Warm Springs Ave.

5e.STARCREST PROJECT

A. Joanne distributes flyer for information as part of Community Improvement Project with goal to restore site back to its original plantings & with good things there to see by Spring Clean-up .

5f.PARKS AND REC MEETING

A. Richard reports on attending with Doug on Feb. 18th, continuing conversations with their personnel from December meeting regarding Mesa trailheads, signage , Greenbelt access .

6a. INSULATION PROGRAM

A. Donna reports on public program with financial benefits, one which also reported in media .

6b.LETTER TO EDITOR -- HUNTING ON HILL

A. Richard distributes copy of letter-to-editor to Zimo in Statesman written by Mesa neighbor regarding his engagement with hunters in view of—and within hunting rifle range of—Mesa homes as they were shooting down an elk & asks whether should be a Board action toward Fish & Game . Mutual affirmative agreement is to readdress this issue and decide actions after Annual Meeting.

7. NEXT MEETING

A. Thursday , March 25th , 2010 @ 7:00

B. Burns' home – 2241 Ridgeview

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

D. Please contact Donna with agenda items