

M.N.A. MINUTES – APRIL 22ND, 2010

Members present—Donna Burns , Mike Lechner , Vernon Padaca , Heinrich Wiebe , Doug Erdman , Carissa Hills , Richard Carter , Debbie Arnhols, Joanne Lechner

Members absent—Dan Arnhols , Bill Morse , Becky Enrico-Crum

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

1.MARCH MINUTES APPROVAL

A.Minutes APPROVED as written

2.TREASURER’S REPORT

A.Mike reports that : 1) so far , 13 dues received ; 2) donation checks written of \$172 to Adams School and East J H from Yard Sale efforts for forwarding to Becky for delivery to schools , with their plans to put \$\$ in hands of patron for enlargement ; 3) awaiting funds from Habitat Veterinary Health Center for Annual Meeting sponsorship of estimated 60+ M.N.A. carry bags to attendees

B.Group discussion includes : 1) question of how \$35 dues established ; 2) possibilities of creation of levels of dues and labeling—gold , platinum , etc.—to go with them ; 3) inquiry as to costs accrued yearly for each M.N.A. project / committee / event / activity

C.Report ACCEPTED as presented

ACTION—Heinrich delivers bill to Habitat

ACTION—Lindsay writes “thank you” card to Drs. Linenberger and Baker at Habitat

ACTION—Mike creates a spreadsheet breaking out activity , etc. expenses

3.ELECTION OF 2010-2011 BOARD

A.Donna : 1) explains City requirement regarding Annual Meeting request for acceptance by attendees of M.N.A. standing Board as preliminary step to vote for new officers ; 2) elaborates personal goals she set for herself and M.N.A. throughout 4-year term ; 3) expresses pleasure at experiencing so much positive expansion of activities and growth in neighbors’ involvements ; 4) receives ongoing expressions of admiration , thanks , appreciation

B.Group discussion includes : 1) Bylaw language on Board size ; 2) “best interest of neighborhood at heart” uniformly acknowledged ; 3) implementation of protocols ; 4) value of personal contacting ; 5) leadership roles ; 6) leadership vision ; 7) implementation of transition plan

C.Board APPROVAL of officers : president—Heinrich Wiebe ; vice-president—Debbie Arnhols ; treasurer—Mike Lechner ; secretary—Richard Carter

ACTION / ACTION—Donna and Heinrich meet to discuss & implement presidential transition

4.SPRING NEWSLETTER

A.Group discusses retentions and changes from Winter Newsletter final draft to include : 1) update of calendar events to include removal of Annual Meeting ; 2) 2010-11 officer group ; 3) twitter password removal ; 4) retain rest of original copy ; 5) attachment of dues payment envelope

B.Articles & content determined to be : 1) photo of “dues are used for” display board ; 2) president’s report updated reflecting election change ; 3) Spring clean-up ; 4) “Just Desserts” ice cream social ; 5) Habitat Veterinary thank you ; 6) Star Crest beautification ; 7) dues payments ; 8) Boise City grant ; 9) B.L.M. grant

C.MOTION by Richard , 2nd by Donna , APPROVED for Mike L. to receive reimbursement from M.N.A. treasury for cost of membership envelopes

D.Publication & delivery discussion includes : 1) determination of \$\$ costs for 4-page Newsletter ; 2) all articles to be sent to Joanne for editing and layout by Monday , 26th ; 3) staple party at Doug’s @ 7:00 on Thursday , 6th ; 4) delivery dates to be 8th , 9th , 10th with delivery assignments to be determined

ACTION—Heinrich investigates printing \$\$ costs accessing online solutions

ACTION—Joanne determines printing costs with Becky

ACTION—Heinrich writes President’s Report

ACTION—Joanne scans in photo of “dues” board

ACTION—Joanne writes article describing Star Crest entrance beautification project

ACTION—Richard writes article on Spring Cleaning

ACTION—Donna writes “Just Desserts” article

ACTION—Mike reimburses self for cost of envelopes

ACTION—Mike writes article on amount of , uses for , M.N.A. dues

ACTION—Lindsay writes article describing M.N.A. awarding of 2010 grant from City for Star View & Neighborhood Watch program streetside signage

ACTION—Donna writes article describing M.N.A. awarding of grant from B.L.M. for Mesa perimeter fire prevention

ACTION—Joanne sends out notice that Newsletter published & ready for stapling

5.REVIEW OF ANNUAL MEETING

A.Group discusses : 1) negatives needing improvement included speakers and microphone out ; 2) positives of what went well included sponsorship concept , numerous useful comments from audience , speakers' well-received valuable information , Donna's excellent organization & leadership , information and message delivery value of graphics and video ; 3) variables affecting number of neighbor's turn-out

6.TAX EXEMPT STATUS

A.Mike reports that : 1) M.N.A. has status as a 501c(4) rather than 501c(3) ; 2) is a big issue to face ; 3) Bylaws must include language indicating our charitable activities and that "states exempt purpose" ; 4) fee involved is \$400 ; 5) will contact Joan Johnson , City Neighborhood Assoc . coordinator , as well as other neigh. assoc. presidents for advice and direction ; 6) probable need of an attorney while as displays ¼" thick application form

ACTION—Mike pursues contacts and completion of 501c(4) application form

ACTION—Richard forwards Southeast and East End presidents contact info to Mike

7.ICE CREAM SOCIAL ---- SUNDAY , MAY 16TH , 2:00 – 4:00

A.Donna reports that : 1) location at Burns's home ; 2) 30 piece orchestra will perform ; 3) signage will be placed along roadsides ; 4) name to be " Just Desserts " ; 5) M.N.A. will provide ice cream , implements , chairs , tables ; 6) Newsletter article will request of neighbors to bring other desserts

ACTION—Donna contacts Meadow Gold for potential 5 tub donation of ice cream

ACTION—Heinrich contacts Winco for potential 5 tub donation of ice cream

ACTION—Heinrich fabricates and positions " Just Desserts " signage prior to event

8.SPRING CLEAN-UP -- SATURDAY , MAY 22ND , 9:00 – 12:00

A.Donna reports that special projects of Red Rock Park vegetation overgrowth thinning and eastern perimeter hillside pipes and tubes removal being added to this season's clean-up

B.Carissa reports receiving clearance and approval from Homer Wise to gather and stack pipes , tubes on his property and into Maintenance yard

C.Joanne reports that Clean-up is opportune time for hauling away of ongoing accumulations of wastes from Star Crest beautification project

D.Richard reports that contact with ACHD determines no provision for dumpster at Red Rock Park site , that Newsletter article will request volunteers' participation particularly for hillside and Park sites

ACTION—Richard acquires ACHD's bags , vests , roadsigns and other supplies prior to event

ACTION—Heinrich positions Clean-up signage prior to event

9.STAR CREST BEAUTIFICATION -- UPDATE

A.Joanne reports that : 1) 13 people already involved in ongoing efforts , contacted ACHD for Adopt-a-Highway recognition / support ; 2) Meg Roberts involved with plant identification and appropriateness ; 3) Control Plus involved as replacement for Round Up ; 4) in contact with United Water regarding maintenance and that Metcalf takes care of lawn ; 5) in contact with Idaho Power regarding electric box straightening , painting , vine covering possibilities

10.FIRE PROGRAM / FIREWISE COMMUNITY -- UPDATE

A.Donna reports that : 1) we're in , have been adopted by B.L.M. for work funded by \$\$ on their part ; 2) have selected 3 major projects for restoration , fire resistant grass seedball starts , vegetation removal on Mesa that include trails sites , eastern hillside below Mill Point homes , hillside north of Red Stone where fire burned last year ; 3) timeframe for work based on B.L.M.'s schedule ; 4) work is part of their Foothills Protection Project ; 5) as project is underway , M.N.A. needs to make connection with City regarding this issue ; 6) M.N.A. has already met 4 Firewise standards , which include “ Complete a community assessment and create a plan , Form a Firewise Board , Hold a Firewise Day event , Invest a minimum of \$2/capita in local wildfire mitigation projects (volunteer hours , equipment use , time contributed by agency fire staff , and grant funding can be included) “ with only 5th , “ Submit an application “ to be finished ; 7) meetings with B.L.M. staff will continue throughout year

B.Group discussion includes : 1) accessibility , drivability , and awareness of Windsong emergency fire escape route off Trent Point onto dirt hillside behind Red Stone ; 2) Dan having recruited blockleader on Red Stone for Firewise efforts ; 3) credit due to City and B.L.M. for working together on issue

C.MOTION by Mike , 2nd by Vernon , APPROVED to proceed with application with B.L.M. to become a Firewise community

ACTION--_____ proceeds with writing application

11.STARVIEW SIGNAGE GRANT / INITIAL PLANS

A.Lindsay reports : 1) grant is for \$11,600 ; 2) creation of Starview Sign Committee , so far including Becky , Carissa , herself ; 3) request for photos from Board members showing examples of signage like to see here ; 4) Meg R. will assist with landscaping concepts ; 5) will be speaking with ACHD regarding location , height , how far in will set ; 6) have 3 years to complete project ; 7) some of \$\$ goes to Neigh. Watch signage, additional or replacement to be determined ; 8) M.N.A. grant succeeded in competition with \$800K of requests for City's \$300K

12.WEBSITE

A.Heinrich : 1) describes role , as President , in being dedicated to new site ; 2) hears discussion and agreement to keep site running while editing

13.M.N.A. FUNDING / DUES / SPONSORING

A.Group discussion includes : 1) goals of increasing % of dues payers , involving more neighbors , enlarging funding base ; 2) possibilities of annual dues payment levels , as gold , etc. ; 3) giving Mesa neighbors incentives , reasons to give more , and , in so doing , identify what they will get back in return or how will be recognized , such as signage or labeling acknowledgements ; 4) potential for neighbors to direct annual dues payments to “mart” of choices of particular projects or events , as Trailhead signs , Picnic supplies ; 5) capitalize of what see nationally regarding sponsorship possibilities , with choices of funding for particular events or projects , as bike racks , or landscaping ; 6) website feature of “ Click here to donate “ , with encouragements related to tax benefits ; 7) potential for M.N.A. discount card useable at participating businesses ; 8) establishment of committee and more research following Mike’s treasurer’s report on annual costs per events / projects / activities ;

14.NEXT MEETING

A.Thursday , May 27th , 2010

B.site – to be determined

C.Please contact Heinrich if unable to attend (850-3000 , hw@wiebere.com)

D.Please contact Heinrich with agenda items

ACTION—Heinrich notifies Board of meeting site

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