



WENA Monthly Meeting – March 15, 2022 Minutes

6:30-8:30pm. Alchemist Coffee Shop.

Roll Call

- Chris Testa, President
- Cali Eby, Vice President
- Lauren Pennisi, Secretary
- Anita Claridge, Treasurer

Members at Large

Brian Chojnacky not present

Brian Knight X

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David Anderson X

Greg Parker X

Tasmyn Sethi not present

Guests

- Jay Krojic, resident
- Sarah Cunningham, resident
- Erin Sorensen, property owner

6:34PM Meeting called to order

Cali called the meeting to order and facilitate the meeting; Chris Testa was not present.

Introductions of board members and guests.

6:38 February Meeting Minutes

DA motion to approve minutes. Anita second. All in favor of minutes. Approved.

Concert series

Kylie Bolland from Lost Grove Brewing spoke to the attendees about a partnership between Lost Grove Brewing and The Morrison Center to bring music to local parks. This year, they want to offer a free concert to WENA residents at Fairview Park. Kylie says WENA has a positive vibe. She toured Fairview Park and said the location is perfect. July 27 at the park, 6-9pm. No vendor fees for any vendor that lives in our neighborhood. Any vendor outside our boundaries would be charged a fee that would be donated to WENA

Last summer, 6 concerts were held. about 2 a month. Last year, Sunset NA had the biggest event. East Boise NA had their concert at Redwood Park, and NW Boise NA at Magnolia Park.

This partnership has a goal to host an event in every neighborhood association before repeating.

Kylie is asking WENA to use the one free park rental, which is a NA benefit. We can be involved as much NA wants or not at all. They will create graphics and promo announcements. Kylie will look at our website's Resources page for our logo.

Looking for more band genre diversity. Now accepting band applications. Looking for opportunity to tie into the neighborhood and use local bands. Here is the [band application](#).

Last year we used our free park rental for Bark in the Park. We could include park date in our grant. Greg and Chris have explored options to fund more than one park rental.

6:53 Hatch Design Architecture on Guernsey Dairy Depot

Jeff Hatch from Hatch Design Architecture talked about the completed renovation of Guernsey Dairy project.

Jeff joined our board meeting to ask for the board's recommendation of the Hatch renovation of the Dairy. Hatch Design is applying for [The Orchid and Onion award](#), a state-wide award program that recognizes noteworthy and damaging architecture projects. Need a letter of recommendation in four weeks from NA. Jeff showed a slide presentation of before and after photos. Jeff is our contact. Cali said that board will take under consideration.

The Dairy is located on State Street and 25th Street; it's on the National Registry. Tours are available to us weekdays 8-5. Hatch worked with City of Boise for restoration as well as the State of Idaho and Feds. Project was very regimented as to what they could do with repurposing the building because it is an historic building. They maintained the character and nature of exterior building, including retaining the grid light in the windows.

The Dairy opened 100 years ago and was designed by Hummel Architects. Even for its time, the Dairy is an unusual building with a suspended concrete floor, and a Mission revival style with turret. It was designated a historic building in 1982.

Tulley Gurlack from Boise Public Library and Arthur Hart have info on the building. Arthur Hart was historian for Idaho Statesman and there is a section in the library with all his writings.

7:12 Committee Reports

Greg gave a report for Events Committee. Following up on Kylie's presentation about the concert series, Greg has contacted the City to find out the fees for renting Fairview Park for Bark in the Park event on June 4. Fees to host will cost \$70 to rent the park from 5PM to dark; \$25 for each vendor or anyone selling goods; \$130 insurance; \$30 for a sound permit. Estimated costs total \$255-280 for WENA to host the event. The committee will ask Clairvoyant to be a sponsor and donate beer. City will allow WENA to rent Fairview Park, but we need to decide on a date to communicate with sponsors and vendors.

100 people attended Bark in the Park last year, and it made money for WENA. This year, the committee will follow last year's blueprint.

One consideration is the Greek Food Festival that is also scheduled for June 4. Greg can/will contact Greek church to ensure there isn't a conflict between events.

Brian K made motion to approve June 4 date pending the outcome of contacting the Greek Church about the potential conflict with the Greek food festival. Dave Anderson seconded, Motion passes. Anyone who wants to be on the team, contact Greg Parker.

7:25 Communication

Cali gave the report. We are partnering with Alchemist and Kelley Knoff to develop co-branded merch and sell it in the coffee shop. Any profits from co-branded merch will be donated to WENA. Co-branded merchandise would incorporate the Alchemist raven with WENA logo.

7:28Pm Housing & Development

David Anderson gave a report for the committee. Big news last Thurs for another large mix use project called The Local proposed at 27th and Fairview (where Enterprise/Budget are located); it has 271 market-rate apartments. April 13 hearing is scheduled.

Capitol to Whole Foods has been the focus of new units. Similar sized projects are targeted for our neighborhood.

Four mega projects in Fairview/Main corridor are planned, and if all approved and completed, would add 1400 new residents to our neighborhood.

Final plat for 9 townhomes has been approved.

Main/Fairview transit stations are almost complete. Valley Regional Transit will take over transit amenities like benches and shelters.

Interfaith sanctuary has appealed the City Council's decision. Listening sessions with residents are scheduled for April 18-25 via zoom.

City council voting on Short-term rental ordinance tonight. Not clear about what has changed since the last City Council meeting.

City and Ada County Housing Auth are soliciting proposals for three-acre parcel on Moore St; the proposed housing will target workforce housing. Jo Burgoon from Housing and Development Committee met with Housing on Feb 23. Upcoming meeting with Boise/Ada Housing. Some discussion about the definitions of affordable housing Vs workforce housing. Affordable housing is a percentage of AMI. Workforce housing is a lower percentage of AMI but not eligible for voucher (Section 8 housing). Workforce housing targets people making \$12-15/hour. The Housing and Dev Committee is developing talking points when referring to the project on 3-acre parcel.

Attendees Erin and Sarah want to be involved in Sandhill development project and will submit a proposal to the City and Ada County Housing Authority; the RFP is due in one week.

Housing and Development Committee is reviewing Module 2 of the Zoning Code Rewrite. Boundaries of zoning codes has not changed. In the West End, the designations for some parcels have changed, especially for mixed use. Zone Code R3 has the most change. In the future, R3 will no longer allow single family homes; instead, attached housing is allowed in this zone designation. The 30th Street master plan is guiding document for the 27th corridor. Whitewater Blvd was always meant to be throughfare, and Main/Fairview will continue to fill in.

Neighborhood protection standards for our neighborhood are missing. Currently R1 is protected but not R2, which is in our neighborhood.

WENA has not provided formal feedback to City of Boise. Before the board does, the committee will meet with Kelley Tagg from West Downtown neighborhood association. We want to team up with them because both neighborhoods are targets from changes in zoning codes and increased housing density.

WENA is scheduled to attend a March 30 5:30 zoom meeting with City. The committee plans to make final presentation to the board and develop a formal position statement.

8:03 Fundraising/Grants.

Nothing new to cover that hasn't been discussed in other committee reports. Anita wants to get with the Bark in the Park committee to review the budget. The committee will possibly meet April 1. Mini-grant submissions are due May 1; that's what the committee will discuss in their April 1 meeting.

8:15 Election Committee

Lauren gave the report from this committee: The committee is or has contacted board members whose term expires this year. So far, two board members confirmed that they are not seeking re-election. There will be an announcement with the meeting minutes and more information will be posted on the website.

8:20 New Business

Energize Boise sent board members and email about an opportunity to be a Tree Captain and advocate for tree preservation.

The email from Energize Boise:

The City of Boise (City) and [Treasure Valley Canopy Network](#) (Network) are excited to announce the [Boise Tree Captains Program](#) and recruit motivated volunteers who are interested in partnering with us to advance the [City of Trees Challenge](#) (Challenge) across Boise neighborhoods. The City and Network will provide Boise Tree Captains with the training, tools and resources to work alongside Challenge partners, planting trees in neighborhoods where trees are needed most (where there is low tree canopy and high urban heat). Together we will plan for, plant and care for trees with Boise residents, helping to expand the benefits of trees to citizens all over the city over the next 10 years.

- Learn more about the [Boise Tree Captains Program](#) and [apply today!](#) Submit completed applications by March 20, 2022, to be considered for this year's program.
- Successful applicants will be notified by the end of March and training will be offered in April.

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact us at cityoftreeschallenge@cityofboise.org

We discussed an Energize survey that is available to give feedback about the Energize program, but after checking with Tiffany at City of Boise, the survey will be coming out in April.

8:25 Next meeting will be April 19 at Alchemist 6:30.

Greg made a motion to adjourn, and David seconded. All approved.

Resources

Proposed housing development: <https://boisedev.com/news/2022/03/14/local-boise-apartments/>

Residents can weigh in on the future of two of the City of Boise's outdoor pools. [South Pool](#), located on the Boise Bench next to South Junior High School, and [Lowell Pool](#), located in the North End next to Lowell Elementary School, opened during the summer of 1953. [Online surveys](#) are now live with the goal of gathering community input. Community members can take the South and Lowell Pool surveys until Monday, March 28 at 5 p.m.

Two upcoming Coffee with a Cop events at the end of March and early April.

- Wednesday, March 30 from 9am to 11am at the Starbucks at 812 S. Vista Ave.
- Wednesday, April 6 from 9am to 11am at the Starbucks at 1797 W. State St.

[Short-term rental ordinance](#) passed Tuesday night.

Action Items

Meeting	Task	Responsible Committee	Status	Notes
Mar 15	Forward Tree Capitan email to Sarah. And send same info to residents about opportunity.	Communication		
	Send Jeff info about the dairy building and Tulley's contact info.	?		
	Send an email to membership about the summer concert. Post on ND, FB to advertise for bands and vendors.	Communication		
	Contact Greek Church about June 4 event and potential conflict.	Events		