

VPNA BOARD MEETING | MINUTES

February 23, 2015 | 6:30-8 pm | Park Davis Apartments

Meeting called by Matt Ciranni

Attendees Matt C, Patricia H, Erin S, Kathleen C, Laura L, Keiko, Jennifer K, Kathleen Lacey (City of Boise liaison), Lynn Lockhart (Guest from Morris Hill Neighborhood Association)

AGENDA TOPICS

I. INTRODUCTIONS

A few new attendees were at the meeting, so the group introduced themselves. New attendees included Keiko, a neighborhood resident; Lynn, a guest from Morris Hill Neighborhood Association; and Jennifer, who attends Boise First Congregational United Church of Christ on Woodlawn Avenue.

Jennifer said that her church would like to be involved in the neighborhood, and could host meetings or events; the church has a kitchen.

II. ADMINISTRATIVE/SALES TAX

- Matt submitted VPNA's 2014 Annual Report to the City of Boise.
- Patricia canceled VPNA's Idaho sales tax permit. VPNA can apply for event-specific permits as needed in the future.

III. NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING SERVICES/PARK DAVIS APTS

Erin reported that Neighborhood Housing Services (NHS) received a grant for tech classes at the Park Davis Apartments. The first one was held this past weekend. About 25 kids attended; they are building programmable sensors to detect water, light, or gas in the environment.

IV. CITY UPDATE: ART/PARK/PLACEMAKING/NEIGHBORHOOD SUMMITS

Kathleen Lacey, City of Boise, provided the following updates:

Whittier Art Boundary

The artists, Dennis and Margo Proksa, worked with Whittier students over three days in January to gather ideas for this project. The Proksas will present their concept to the Boise Arts Commission in April and will install the piece this summer.

As part of its placemaking program, the City of Boise may plan an event at Whittier to inaugurate the art boundary.

Whitewater Park Boulevard Roundabout Art

The Roundabout Art will be installed near the end of March. The city is planning to do a time-lapse video of the installation.

Esther Simplot Park

Construction began in the park today and is slated to be complete March 2016.

Placemaking Workshop

Some neighborhood associations may be invited to attend the city's placemaking workshop on March 18, 2015.

Neighborhood Summits

- Ronnie Marler of West Bench Neighborhood Association is hosting a neighborhood summit on May 9 at the Cole/Ustick Library. A few members of each neighborhood association will be invited.
- The City of Boise is holding its Neighborhood Summit on September 26. Details to follow.

V. MOVIE NIGHT

The city is holding Movie Night at Veteran's Park on June 27. The movie is Maleficent. We will begin planning VPNA activities at our March meeting.

Action Items:

Matt: Add Movie Night planning to the March agenda, including figuring out which businesses we can approach to donate items, and how we want to promote the event.

Patricia: Update 501(c)(3) tax letter for donors.

Jennifer: At some point this or next month, add a donor request to the church newsletter.

VI. 2015 ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting will be April 20. We discussed the format of the meeting, possible speakers, and open board positions that need to be filled. The group thought a non-bar setting might be more inviting to more families, so we are now thinking of hosting the meeting at Taft Elementary or at the Boise First Congregational United Church of Christ.

Possible speakers could include the Simplot family to discuss Esther Simplot Park; Karen Bubb to discuss art projects in the neighborhood; and someone from the Agency for New Americans.

Open board positions include President and Vice-President, and neighborhood representatives from Pleasanton and most of our neighborhoods west of 30th Street (excluding Taft, which Matt will represent).

Our agenda will look something like this:

INTRODUCTION TO VPNA (Matt)

GUEST SPEAKERS

ELECTIONS (Matt)

Laura will do an invite/newsletter for the event. Erin said Alphagraphics has our neighborhood mailing list, and will know how many mailers we need to send.

Action Items

Kathleen Lacey

- Contact the Simplots and Karen Bubb to see if they'd be available and willing to present at the VPNA annual meeting on April 20.
- Send Laura (laura@neighborhoodallstars.com) photos of art projects (Whittier art days?) to include in the invite/mailler.

Erin

- Contact the Agency for New Americans to see if they'd be available and willing to present at the VPNA annual meeting on April 20.
- Send photos of Park Davis Apts (basketball hoop or tech class?) to Laura.

Matt

- Send Laura election position descriptions.
- Find out if Taft is available for the meeting.

Jennifer:

- Find out if church is available for the meeting night.

Laura:

- Create invite, get bid, and arrange for mailing.

VII. FUTURE MEETINGS

Erin expressed an interest in having guest speakers present topics at each monthly meeting in order to attract more attendees. We brainstormed some topics/speakers, including healthy communities, sustainability, the smaller homes

movement, architecture, local businesses like Green Remodeling and Electric Bikes, BUGS, Agency for New Americans, Sherry McKibben (urban planning).

Next Meeting

- Monday, March 16