

West End N.A. Board Meeting Agenda, March 21, 2023
Location: Alchemist Coffee Shop

6:30pm- Welcome to neighborhood members and attendees

Chris Testa –Present
Anita Claridge – Present
Lauren Pennisi – Present
David Anderson – Present
Rachel Rudeen – Present
Cecilia Lopes – Present
Anna Cox – Present
Greg Parker – Present
Xanti Alcelay – Absent
Teagan Hinderliter – Present

Guests

City of Boise – Office of Community Engagement
Lex and Nicole Carr

Amanda Blanchet
Steven – 26th and Pleasanton

ACHD
Edinson Bautista

Teresa Alvarado – 27th and Stewart

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6:35pm- Approval of Jan/Feb Meeting Minutes
David Anderson motions to Approve January Meeting Minutes
Rachel Rudeen seconds
Lauren P Abstains
Motion approved

David Anderson motions to Approve January Meeting Minutes
Lauren P seconds
Passes Unanimously

6:40pm- Invitation to join Idaho Clinicians for Climate and Health Board, Amanda Blanchet

- Idaho Clinicians is expanding, and looking for anyone in public health. The fire season is a tangible way everyone sees this effect. As an organization, they are apolitical. Improving sustainable healthcare in the Treasure Valley. There organization has led to a savings of 90% of anesthesia this past year. Looking for membership and a diverse set of board members. Looking for a quarterly commitment to move health forward. This group is trying to be a statewide coalition. If you are interested, please reach out to Amanda at Idahocch@gmail.com
- Website is idahocliniciansforclimateandhealth.org

- Qualifications for board: They are looking for experience on a board, grants & fundraising, and anyone who feels they can be helpful to the initiative.

6:45pm- Bannock Street Neighborhood Improvement Concept, Edinson Bautista (ACHD)

- Connecting low stress streets all throughout the Treasure Valley. The purpose is to engage with the public, and working with the community to see what improvements should be made with the concept study. One bikeway starts on 29th St, which comes up to Bannock over to Broadway and crossing to Avenue C. This is the West Phase. The East Phase is coming from the East End going through the Warm Springs area off Bannock St as well and will meet in the middle on Broadway with the West Phase. This corridor is almost 4 miles. Targeting West End for feedback on the project.
- Public feedback regarding concerns. Just in the initial stage of spreading word about this project. In May, they are having their first public engagement. There will be an interactive public map. This could be crossings, bike lanes, etc. This is to make it more comfortable for bicyclists and pedestrians. Improve and repair sidewalks, ramps, ADHD ramps, etc. One of the components is pavement maintenance and treatments to improve the roadways. Recommending wayfinding signs showing the corridor.
- Bannock St is one of the few streets that goes all the way through the city. They will work with the communities to see if the bike lane is the best choice, or an alternative is better within the community.
- Feedback will be collected at the May engagement event.
 - Currently focusing on online engagement. You can also call Edinson to give any feedback.
- Shoshone and Shamrock are examples of projects that have already been successful.
- Timeline is to finish the concept around October 2023. It would then go to the commissioner, and lastly into the 5-year plan.

6:55pm- Introduction to Nicole Carr, Energize Boise

- Neighborhood outreach and the liaison between the City of Boise and the different communities
- Was at the Ada County Sheriff's office for the past 7 years.
- Looking to figure out what our needs are and work together to help progress toward neighborhood goals.
- Boise Neighborhood Interactive is a conference. Having neighborhoods steer keynote speakers, breakout sessions, etc.
- Saturday July 15th at JUMP. This is open to all residents.
- Lex, Community Engagement Coordinator
 - Spots open on the Steering Committee are open.
 - 4-5 meetings left between now and the event.
- Modern Zoning Code – We can reach out to have a planner come to our meeting to discuss and answer any questions.

7:00pm- Determining WENA Events for 2023

- The events that have been discussed are HalloWENA. Kelly from the North Downtown has proposed to host a National Neighborhood Night Out event, which is the first Tuesday in August.
- Lauren P. has reached out to the 2022 Fitness at Fairview instructors.
 - Looking for two sessions a month in June, July, and August

- What do we envision for National Night Out
 - Register for the event through the Boise Police Website
 - Could also partner with Boise Foothill Learning Center, BUGS, Parks and Rec
- Some examples were ice cream social, corn shucking, bounce houses, music, etc.
- We are planning this far out so we can partner with local businesses to get donations.
- Potential for an easter egg hunt int Fairview Park

7:10pm- Committee Reports

Community Building- Rachel Rudeen

- Touch on the events again.
- New bags with logo only
- Attended PTO meeting at Whittier
 - Our willingness to work with them would not mean that the area at Whittier would be accessible to the local community.
 - Potential negotiation if we can help raise money, there may be community access.
- Opportunities to bring North Downtown into our community events
- Spring Fling Egg Sunday event early afternoon April 9th around 1PM
 - \$250 budget approved
 - Greg motioned for the budget to be approved
 - Rachel Seconded
 - Passed unanimously

Communications- Lauren Pennisi

- Potential for interviews with local businesses on blog posts

Housing and Development - David Anderson

- West Downtown will start to change with infill projects, due to new zoning.
- One ADU approved at 24th and Jefferson
- City published all three modules of the ZCR. This is public information. To summarize is that the West End must be able to incorporate more people. In areas like State Street that already has the infrastructure in place.
- At this point it is all about individual homeowners offering opinions

Street Signs- David Anderson

- Submitted grant for 16 locations. Those 16 locations have been field scouted.
- The three signs along the North Downtown have been moved back a block into WENA district.
- Also, have updated sign locations that are along the Pleasanton corridor
- New logo will be the sign topper

Fundraising and Grants – Anita Claridge

- No updates
- There are available funds in the mini grant

Neighborhood Watch- Cecilia Lopes

- Looking to have block captains. Cecilia wants to talk with other neighborhoods to see what is working for them. Identifying people that want to participate.

Elections Committee- Chris Testa

- Annual General Meeting in May, on the third Tuesday, at Fairview Park
- Get people from the neighborhood to come to the Meeting to run for open board seats
- There are six seats that will be open.
- Let Chris know if you have intention to run for a board member seat

7:45pm- New Business

This is a new agenda item where new topics can be brought up by board members or other members in attendance. If action will need to be taken on an item, it will be added to the agenda for the following meeting.

- Still waiting to hear back from the City of Boise for an update regarding the basketball and pickleball courts at Fairview Park.
- Old Salvation Army between 19th and 20th, and Jefferson and Bannock, could be a potential dog park area.
- College of Western Idaho is looking into the parking lot at Fairview and Whitewater again. Interest for a zoning of P3, which is a public/private ownership.
- Community garden is up and running. Opportunities if people want to contribute.

David Anderson Motions to adjourn the March 2023 Meeting

Lauren P seconds

The motion passes unanimously