



THE INTER-NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (INC) MEETING OF BOZEMAN, MONTANA
APPROVED MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, Sept. 13, 2018

Attending: Jennifer Rockne (SCAN), Kathy Powell (UNA), Ginny Cowan (BCNA), Gail MacMillan (BPNA), Suzanne Held (NENA), Joe Genovese (NHVN), Milt Mozen (The Knolls), Jono McKinney (MarLin), Lisa Prugh (Cooper Park), Lilly Sterling (Flanders Creek), Bob Wall (SENA)

Tanya Andreasen (Neighborhood Coordinator)
Commissioner Terry Cunningham
Sgt. Chris Reynold

4:32 Jennifer convened the meeting

Commission room in City Hall

No public comment.

Reviewed Aug. minutes. Joe moved to approve the minutes. Bob seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

4:34 Sgt. Chris Reynold, Training Sgt. with Bozeman Police Update

149 thefts in last month, 10 burglaries, 42 disturbances, 109 disorderly, 56 arrest warrants, 74 nuisances, and some assaults.

Thefts from vehicles still a significant problem. Lock your cars! Burglaries also happening to unlocked homes often.

A lot of loud party disturbances. A huge party this past weekend that got way out of hand. Call before things get that far out of control.

Garbage-related nuisances also related to students returning. Code compliance officer has been very busy. If you call in a problem, it is very helpful if you can provide info about who might have left garbage on the curb.

Police Dept. will be involved with Kids, Cops, and Cats program this weekend. Police Foundation, Rocking R Bar, and HRDC are taking 30 children to the football game this weekend. Sgt Reynold left a flyer for the event.

Gail asking about assault on S. 13th – not sure if there are suspects yet.

Joe asked about the exit onto Highland. Jono confirmed that it will be a right-turn only exit. Tanya can connect with the planner on the project to confirm.

4:44 Terry Cunningham's City Commission report

Second full-time employee now working on animal control.
Each employee is doing 10 hour shifts daily, 4 days a week.

Thursdays, agenda for next commission meeting is published – same day commissioners get their packets. Next time will include an ordinance to provisionally expand the boundaries of the MSU residential parking district. One includes blocks on S. Grand – have been working on that for four years. Neighbors have submitted petitions to the Parking Commission.

Consultants working on NCOD will be addressing Commission in next couple of meetings to present findings of their study. Tanya has published a 3-page document on NextDoor that includes a schedule of upcoming events related to this, and 2 pages have some summaries of information they have found. Jeff Krauss is liaison to the Historic Preservation Board, so he might have gotten an early look at some of this information.

Bozeman Public Safety Center presentation will be made to various groups and is available on Bozeman.net. This initiative will be on the ballot in November. Neighborhood groups are invited to request a team to do the presentation. Typically takes about an hour to do the presentation and have discussion. Can compress that as needed.

Library is reserved Sept. 19 from 6-7:30 for town hall meeting. Same presentation Oct. 3 at Fire Station #3. Both are public meetings.

4:55 Tanya's Update

City-wide Good Neighbor Day – Suzanne and Jennifer met with Tanya to help plan. Press release will go out tomorrow. Will take place on Friday, Sept. 28. Posters and flyers are available. Neighbors are invited to host events in their neighborhoods to connect with neighbors. Web site will go live tomorrow. Online registration is encouraged – description of event and some contact information from sponsor.

MSU is participating – Residence Life and fraternities and sororities are participating.

Pints with Planners will be held at MAP Brewing on Sept. 19 from 4:30 – 6 PM. Tanya has flyers to distribute. Collaboration between Neighborhoods Program and Planning Dept.

Tanya will distribute any additional info about the NCOD meeting that she can get.

MSU designing a off-campus living guide, intended for first-time student renters. It will be both digital and paper. Meant for students, but will be distributed by private landlords, property managers, neighbors of student renters, etc.

Tanya is hoping for volunteers to help with the Good Neighbor Committee. Someone to serve on the committee for a one-year appointment, would be ideal. Work on the guide, networking, spreading information will be part of the responsibilities. Will have a fair in the SUB ballrooms for students. Committee hopes to attract landlords and property managers and encourage them to offer incentives to students that have participated and read the guide.

Tanya is part of an Off-Campus Living Coalition that is also helping to plan how the guide will be distributed.

In Feb., try to organize a meeting with landlords and property owners to solicit input on the fair.

Tanya sent out a schedule of communications to help organize when information will be distributed. Submit suggestions to Tanya.

5:15 Neighborhood updates

NENA – Steering committee met Monday to discuss fall meeting. Looking for a place that will allow alcohol. Planned for Oct. 16 at new Story Mill Community Center. Going to try to a postcard this fall instead of the hard copy newsletter – the postcard will include link to newsletter on web site.

Meeting with developers on Sunday – person developing the Willson 16. Also met with Andy Halloran recently. Trying to develop materials to communicate to developers the neighborhood's goals and vision.

BPNA – nothing going on lately. Gail is probably going to be moving, not sure who will be the INC rep going forward. A lot of activity recently within the neighborhood about traffic and parking about Bogert Park.

NHVN – not much happening. Several small parties in the park. Tanya said the City Forester asked her whether the neighborhood could organize to water “Max’s Favorite Tree”.

SENA – no meeting scheduled yet.

UNA – working on fall meeting, trying to hold in October, right after ballots are mailed. Formed two working groups, parking and NCOD. Coordinating with similar groups in SCAN. Parking group with people within MSU regarding parking, what the University is doing, and what strategies might be going forward.

City was considering using license recognition app, which will allow residents to register license plates instead of doing hang tags. There were some issues and questions about visitor registrations, so City agreed to go back to hang tags this year. MSU also planning to use this system for their parking lots as well.

NCOD working group sent letter to City.

SCAN – working groups. Steering committee meeting about monthly, in part to plan for first annual picnic, held in conjunction with Story under the Stars. Hard to tell how many came for the picnic vs. the movie at Story.

MarLin – quiet lately. Had great summer picnic last week of August. Trying to figure out how to stimulate involvement and leadership.

Flanders Creek – planning fall meeting. A lot of new houses going up, new people moving in.

Cooper Park – had a resurgence of interest from neighbors. Spring meeting had good attendance, good presentations from Western Transportation, Tanya, Parks Dept., Planning Dept., City Commission. Group is fired up about parking around Cooper Park. Had WTI walkabout on Sept. 11, which was also ice cream social at Irving School. 9 or 10 participated. Still planning pop-up around Cooper Park soon. Test out speed bump mid-block next to Cooper Park.

Also discussing SOBO, which is anticipated to generate more traffic.

The Knolls – neighborhood still dealing with transition from the neighborhood being owned by the hospital to forming an HOA.

BCNA – having pre-Halloween social on Oct. 27. Potluck and block party next to Christy Fields. Planning kids' activities, pizza oven, show Great Pumpkin movie on side of a building.

5:43 Strategic Work Plan update

Reviewed Neighborhood Work Plan 2018 document.

Planned to have a live document for each neighborhood instead of an annual report. IT suggested submitting a web form instead of allowing everyone to edit their own document.

Quarterly newsletter – Nest will continue to provide graphic design support. Tanya will collect a little info from each neighborhood for each newsletter.

Welcoming process – would like to introduce a more formal framework for setting expectations for INC members.

Good Neighbor Day happening on Sept. 28.

Ongoing interactions and communications with City staff - continue to create robust agendas for INC meetings. Tanya providing weekly update emails.

Positive recognition – some members of Bozeman Beautification Advisory Board interested in developing some kind of neighbor recognition project.

Advance marketing strategy – hopefully a lot of the elements have been done or are in progress. Tanya can provide display boards and flyers for meetings. Next thing planned for content production is to develop neighborhood program brochure.

City Communication coordinator can help distribute info about neighborhood events.

Activate neighbors to join existing neighborhood associations. Concerted effort to put together a good meeting in Cooper Park seemed to be successful. Many associations try to include a social aspect to their meetings to encourage attendance.

Potentially use available information to help tailor information to appeal to neighbors. Discussed Next Door issues.

Expand communication content to include celebration of successes.

Tanya will send out tables that we have reviewed for feedback, then merge it back into a document and distribute to all neighborhood associations.

Digital platforms – SCAN and NENA have web sites now. Tanya working on updates to the Neighborhoods page on City web site.

Jennifer suggested that while we have made great strides, we still have issues with shoring up existing neighborhood associations and finding ways to get people involved and to keep recruiting leadership.

Suggested that we carry over discussion as part of next agenda.

6:15 No objections – meeting adjourned.

Minutes recorded by Bob Wall.