



THE INTER-NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (INC) MEETING OF BOZEMAN, MONTANA  
MEETING MINUTES  
**Thursday, Oct. 11, 2018**

**Attending:** Jennifer Rockne (SCAN), Kathy Powell (UNA), Ginny Cowan (BCNA), David Steinmuller (The Knolls), Paul House (NENA), Bob Wall (SENA)  
Tanya Andreasen (Neighborhood Coordinator)  
Commissioner Terry Cunningham  
Asst. City Manager Chuck Winn  
Chief Crawford, Bozeman Police Dept.

**4:33 Jennifer convened the meeting**

Commission room in City Hall

No public comment.

Reviewed Sept. minutes. Ginny moved to approve the minutes. David seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**4:35 Commissioner Cunningham's update**

The City is holding a lot of meetings to present information on the public safety center to the public.

The City is soliciting information for use in developing plans – Community Plan, NCOD, Downtown Plan. Interested residents can go online to Bozeman.net and sign up for updates related to any of the plans. They will be emailed any time there are changes.

Some parking districts were recently expanded (adding two streets to the districts) at the request of neighborhoods.

Kathy asked about the NCOD meetings, which had been rescheduled, and where to find the plan. It might not be available on the web site yet. Commissioner Cunningham will check and follow up.

We discussed the issue of the public safety center and how the presentations have been received by the public and what feedback has been provided.

Mr. Winn indicated that the next set of meetings about the NCOD are scheduled for Nov. 7 (at MAP Brewery), 8 (at the Baxter Hotel), and 9 (at the Story Mansion). A draft of the updates should be available by Oct. 27.

#### **4:46 Chief Crawford with Bozeman Police Update**

Capt. Knight is away at an executive level training course until Dec.

Education on the public safety center has been a lot of activity. Busy with students back in town continues. Homecoming weekend always busy.

The addition of a second animal control officer has been very welcome, and feedback has been very positive. Both officers have been working hard to cover areas where there has been friction.

Chief Crawford is planning to attend a number of upcoming neighborhood association meetings.

Jennifer asked about the Black-Olive project. So far, the construction crews have been very considerate and keeping the work site clean. But there is some serious sight obstruction when travelling on Black toward Main. The lights on the work trailer are also bright in the night. Chief Crawford will pass along this info and make inquiries.

David asked about visibility at the exit from First Security on Babcock, because cars can park so close to the exit of the parking lot. Commissioner Cunningham volunteered to follow up.

Tanya asked about a backup community resource officer while Sgt. Knight is away. Chief Crawford anticipates that a new officer will be in that position shortly after the start of the year – the selection process is complete, but other parts of the process are still underway. An additional code compliance manager position has been authorized. That person might not report through the police dept.

The Police Dept. is planning to handle snow removal issues this winter. New positions are authorized, but they might not be filled and organized in time for this winter.

Paul asked about complaints regarding speeding tickets and cell phone tickets not being issued. Police are glad to get reports about areas that need more attention. There is still difficulty enforcing the cell phone restrictions. There were some recommendations resulting from the Traffic Safety study a couple of years ago that are being implemented.

#### **5:14 Tanya's update**

Tanya had a handout listing her updates. She also distributed a draft of the neighborhood program brochure and asked for edits.

There is a new handout available about avoiding distracted driving that will be available for neighborhoods to include in their newsletter. Each association can consider an insert that is specific to that association.

Tanya also had a draft Off Campus Living Guide and is soliciting input. The Good Neighbor Committee is hoping to have it done by Christmas. Tanya suggested that people review it from the perspective of providing information about how to behave as neighbors.

Need to keep working on Good Neighbor Day, improving it next year. There were some good events, but it wasn't as wide-spread as it could be.

Flyers are available for the SymBozium event on Oct. 23 at the Emerson Cultural Center. The event will be moderated, to facilitate the exchange of differing viewpoints.

The Seat at the Table event is coming up – Tanya is hosting 10 discussions. She will invite INC and neighborhood associations to participate. A process for data collection from the events has been formalized. Collected data will be analyzed at MSU, and the results of this analysis will be shared.

Kathy asked about Story Mill Community Center. It can be reserved through Parks and Rec soon, similarly to Beall, Lindley, and Story Mansion. NENA is using the gym for an initial trial. Cost is \$35 / hour to reserve the gym, but that was waived for NENA.

### **5:32 Neighborhood updates**

BPNA – holding a block party 10/27 for Halloween.

UNA – annual meeting will be held next Tuesday. MSU and City Parking are invited.

NENA – Oct 16 meeting is scheduled at Story Mill Center. They had a productive meeting this summer with Andy Halloran, the developer of Black-Olive and other projects around town, about getting more notice and better communication. Things seem to be improving regarding communication.

### **5:34 Strategic Work Plan update**

Jennifer suggested that we look at the plan from the perspective of “What do we want NAs to be, and what can we do to get them there?” She had some questions to discuss along those lines.

1. How to encourage participation in steering committees?
2. How can we turn out more neighbors to meetings?

3. How can we best keep neighbors informed of NA activity, and how can NAs become more representative of their neighbors?
4. How can we better standardize processes across NAs to insure growth and success?

Bob suggested a question as a precursor to those:

5. How do we get more residents aware of the Neighborhoods program and help them understand the benefits of the associations.

We discussed this question first.

Terry asked if the city has a list of HOAs as a starting point? Tanya, Jennifer, and Bob replied that they didn't think so, but that property managers or title companies might be a good source of info.

Tanya suggested that we need to consider the balance between improving existing programs and adding new associations, given limited resources.

Jennifer asked if we can we flash info about neighborhoods program on Channel 191? Tanya said she could do that – she did something similar for Good Neighbor Day and SymBozium.

Tanya asked about how it might work if Bozeman organizing the neighborhood associations more like Missoula, where there were predefined neighborhood boundaries covering the entire city. Neighborhoods in Great Falls are probably organized this way as well. This reorganization would require changes to city ordinance. Bob thought there might be advantages (making it easier for neighbors to get organized and started) and disadvantages (if the group doesn't form organically, will people be as likely to get involved).

Jennifer suggested reaching out to church groups as a way to engage with interested residents. Tanya said that her presentation to the Interfaith Council was very positive and that she would like to do it again.

Tanya and the Good Neighbor Committee are hosting a meeting in Feb. for property managers and rental organizations.

It might be advantageous to try to get more press coverage of successful outcomes from association efforts; i.e. NENA's meeting with Halloran, or Cooper Park recent successes with traffic calming, dog owner issues, and the possible implementation of two hour parking around Cooper Park.

We could possibly send out a calendar to media with some info about each event to help encourage them to send reporters.

Terry asked about how good the NAs email lists are? Most of us don't have great coverage. A lot of us are switching to NextDoor, but some neighbors still have reservations about signing up.

Jennifer suggested that we carry over this discussion as part of our next agenda. There was agreement from the group.

6:15 No objections – meeting adjourned.

Minutes recorded by Bob Wall.