



THE INTER-NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (INC) MEETING OF BOZEMAN, MONTANA
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, Nov. 8, 2018

Attending: Jennifer Rockne (SCAN), Kathy Powell (UNA), Linda Semones (BPNA), Ginny Cowan (BCNA), Joe Genovese (NHVN), Lisa Prugh (Cooper Park), Suzanne Held (NENA), Jono McKinney (MarLin), Laurie McKinney (MarLin), Bob Wall (SENA)

Tanya Andreasen (Neighborhood Coordinator)
Commissioner Terry Cunningham
Britt Fontenot, City Economic Development Director

4:32 Jennifer convened the meeting
Commission room in City Hall.

No public comment.

Reviewed Oct. minutes. Kathy had a comment – on first page, under parking districts, they were recently expanded (added two streets). Jono moved to approve the minutes with suggested amendment. Kathy seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

4:37 Commissioner Cunningham's update

Just received official word that all ballots have been counted and the Public Safety Center was approved by voters.

Just finished a meeting with NCOD consultants. Community plan is still being developed, along with downtown plan. There will be more community engagement for those plans.

Also doing a needs assessment for Affordable Housing plan. Diverse group of stakeholders providing information to consultants (most of whom are local). Had deep dives with builders and developers as well, to understand needs and barriers, with lenders and realtors, and with people who have difficult housing situations.

Jono asked about ways to provide input – for example, Americorp has around 80 people coming here for 3-12 months that will need housing.

Jennifer asked how the Commission is feeling about participation in these events. Generally encouraged – NextDoor, Facebook, Twitter, the web site, earned media seem to be working to spread awareness. Soliciting ideas for other ways to distribute information.

Jennifer asked about legal notice this past weekend about renovating the Commission room at City Hall. They want to make it a more usable space. Also need to improve safety aspects.

No City Commission meeting this coming Monday, for Veteran's Day.

4:49 Tanya's update

Many Neighborhood Associations have been active lately. Gail McMillan will continue to work with Good Neighbor Committee. Might also help get an NA going in Harvest Creek. Tanya nudged some people in Midtown again too - thinks it will get going.

Also presenting at Stone Creek / Southbridge HOA meetings about creating an association.

Tanya did seven tables for Seat at the Table. Was very enjoyable and successful. Doing another one at MarLin meeting as well. A lot of insights and input brought forward. Growth plan and land use decision making were a major theme, including cooperation and coordination between City and County.

SymBozium is hoping for 4/year discussions. Last discussion was about versions of truth / "fake news" and ways to find objectivity and discern the truth in materials. Next might be on immigration.

Reminder that there are some online surveys associated with some of the major projects the City is doing; for example, the questions being asked at NCOD meetings will be available online in about a week, so more people can provide input. Downtown plan has four posted surveys, and new ones will be added. Community plan has an online survey as well.

Next event for Community Plan is Nov. 29 from 5-7 at Library. There will be a report on phase 2 of the effort, along with opportunity for discussion and feedback.

Jono asked how people might find out about the surveys and information that are available. NextDoor, can sign up for notifications on web site, or follow City on Facebook or Twitter. E-notification system may not be currently utilized very well – issue with staff training. This should be improving soon, with training.

Jennifer suggested a regular (maybe weekly) column in the Chronicle.

Kathy suggested that the tactic of getting multiple HOAs to form a Neighborhood Association together might be very productive. Tanya is also meeting with Luna Property Managers to talk to them as well.

Last night, Bozeman Beautification Advisory Board had its 21st annual awards meeting, and Terry Petraro was honored for 21 years of involvement. A house that was built in 1968 and was renovated on a very tight budget was honored, along the Cannery and other projects.

Britt Fontenot is now Tanya's boss. Parking, HR, Economic Development, Neighborhoods Program report up to City Manager Andrea Surrat directly. This is a very recent development, and Tanya should have more information next week.

Jono pointed out that Tanya has been on the job for a year now. "Participation is the heart of democracy."

5:12 Neighborhood Association updates

MarLin update – trails around Lindley groomed, people skiing today. Meeting next week. Seat at the Table discussion will be included. Trying to get new members and more engagement. Had Halloween street party that went well.

BCNA also had a Halloween potluck and block party. Had nice weather, good event. 130 people at one point, event went for 4 hours.

NENA had fall meeting Oct. 16. Commissioner Cunningham and Tanya attended. Did it at Story Mill, which was good except for parking. Presentation on public safety center. Using new web site to do voting, which was discussed at meeting. Also discussed quiet railroads.

Vision Northeast (a NENA subcommittee) is meeting to discuss how to have more input into the development process. Assembled a one-pager to distributed to developers – had a community meeting with developer working on 16 N. Willson project. NCOD recommendation to develop neighborhood plans fits in well with what the group has been developing. Meeting weekly to keep things moving.

NHVN has been very quiet. Meeting will be in spring. Several people have called about Heeb's new market and the exit on Highland. Tanya just got an update today on that issue – planning to do the work in the spring. Also had issues last night with ice on the streets up on the hill. Wondering where the trucks were with sand.

SENA trying to get annual meeting scheduled.

UNA had annual meeting recently – turnout was good. Key items were public safety center (Deputy Mayor Mehl, fire and police chiefs, and a judge attended). Also got a police update. Two or three auto thefts in the neighborhood lately. Discussions about parking and sustainability (MSU's sustainability coordinator attended). Talked about a shuttle from Lot F to the University. May be doing a pilot in the fall. Parking discussions are ongoing; will probably have a meeting soon about that. MSU is trying to find ways to reduce number of single-passenger trips to campus.

SCAN's steering committee has been meeting every month or two, and three working groups are operating now (parking, NCOD review, downtown plan).

Cooper Park had a good meeting recently about traffic calming pop-up devices. Lisa wondering why it is so hard to get the traffic calming devices installed. Public works has also approved two-hour parking around Cooper Park, mostly to provide access to the park. A petition has been submitted by neighbors to request a parking district extension for that area as well. Tanya mentioned that neighbors that had issues with the dog park have motivated changes to the park involving the Parks Dept. and Signs Dept. to improve signage and education.

BPNA had a meeting recently. That neighborhood is also discussing traffic issues and looking for traffic calming ideas and efforts. Chief Crawford discussed traffic and parking issues. Chris Nauman also attended and talked about downtown plan and parking.

Tanya introduced Britt Fontenot. Britt said that the reorganization was primarily around organizational efficiencies. Economic Development is often discussing Parking, and there are a lot of interactions with the Neighborhood Coordinator.

5:41 Strategic Work Plan update

Worked on one of the questions that Jennifer proposed last time.

NENA had 60-70 at annual meeting, UNA had 30 or so, BPNA had around 10.

How can we turn out more neighbors to meetings?

How is word being spread about meetings? What is working to get people to meetings?

Cooper Park had a well-attended meeting – had it at Willson School (usually have them at Irving School). Had a good agenda that seemed to encourage attendance.

UNA has a committee that works on agenda ideas. Meeting held at Headwaters Academy, which is centrally located. Send emails to remind people to attend. They also have treats and social time at start. Did a mailing to invite neighbors.

NENA gets beer donated from Mountains Walking, snacks from Wild Crumb. About half an hour for socializing. Usually have it at Beall Park, but they only rent it out on the weekend now, so they had it at Story Mansion. Sent out a postcard announcement that was mailed this time.

Ask neighbors for agenda items. A convenient place helps a lot. More frequent meetings might help more – people might get more used to getting together.

5:58 No objections – meeting adjourned.

Minutes recorded by Bob Wall.