



DEPOT BENCH

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes

October/11/2017 - 7pm - Jumpin Janet's

Attendees

- Andrea Foster
- Jen Visser
- Jim Pickett
- John Hormaechea
- Laurie Pearman

Scribe

- Andrea Foster, board secretary

Agenda

OLD BUSINESS

- **Vista Corridor update**

Oct 17 is next meeting, when sub-categories of stakeholders will divide into groups and begin applying for grants that pertain to their unique interests.

- **Reinvestment Grant Proposal Planning**

Jen is writing the grant proposal for permanent, decorative iron signposts with embossed signs that demarcate DBNA's boundaries. NA will vote on this grant project at the general membership meeting on Nov. 8 (see "Next Meeting Agenda" section below).

Announcement flyer about the time and place of the meeting will be distributed door-to-door by board members by end of October.

- **Zoom Grants training attendee**

Necessary to attend in order for city grant applications to be reviewed for approval. Jim Pickett will attend on Nov. 15 at Hillcrest.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Future Plans**

Jen reached out to Geri Scaglione (President of local Elks chapter) about applying for rehabilitation grant to install adaptive playground equipment or bike repair station at Bowden Park.

Jen looking into Inside Out Art Project, which could do 3'x4' portraits of historically significant DBNA residents on business walls. Need to seek out approval from business owners -ie, old Benchmark building, or others on Vista or carwash on Latah and Alpine.

John Hormaechea working with BSU arts department to have students design walking tour signs. Jen stated that DBNA has funds to cover 20 signs at \$40 per sign. Signs include written information that can be supplemented with QR code and app he is working with New Zealand company to design (see "History" section below).

Jen stated that DBNA is also working with BSU art department to design traffic calming yard signs and will order 20 signs to distribute to first 20 residents that request them (announced in email newsletter).

Swag arrived from Vistaprint: tote bags, reusable grocery bags, coasters with DBNA trivia, stationary. Many items to be given away at general membership meeting on Nov. 8.

- **Committee Reports**

- **Park Rangers**

Representative from City Parks and Rec will be present at general membership meeting on Nov. 8 to outline plans for parks within DBNA boundaries in next 5 years.

- **Terry Day House**

Committee members not present to report

- **Community Arts and Shared Spaces**

Laurie held meeting and collected variety of ideas. She and the DBNA board would like to focus this committee on tasks of: 1) designing iron signs for neighborhood reinvestment grant; 2) designing walking tour, 3) artwork on Vista overpass bridge

- **School Liaisons**

Andrea attended Monroe PTO mtg on Sep. 19. They are enthusiastic about having DBNA attend their mtgs on a quarterly basis for updates to/from both organizations, and they requested that DBNA meeting notices be pushed to their school newsletter. Monroe would like help with their Rake-Up Boise day (also in partnership w/Idaho Power) on Nov. 11. They stated that ACHD plans to add sidewalk to the North side of Cassia Street from Latah to Shoshone, which would benefit students at Sacred Heart, Monroe and South Jr High. They requested volunteer and/or donation help at their

annual Chili Cookoff / Halloween Dance event on Oct. 20, 5:30-8pm. Andrea forwarded the Sign-up Genius email to DBNA's fall newsletter.

Andrea also attended Sacred Heart's Home to School meeting on Oct. 9. Teacher, Naomi Kerns, would like updates and notices on DBNA neighborhood cleanups and similar service projects in order to get students involved. Sacred Heart is planning their Halloween Carnival (for Oct. 28, 6:30-8:30), would like DBNA to publicize in newsletter, on web site, FB, etc. Also planning Holiday Bazaar, which is held same weekend as All Saints' Episcopal Church's holiday bazaar (same intersection of Cassia and Latah Streets), Nov. 17-18, 9am-5pm. Would like DBNA to help publicize, as well.

Jefferson Elementary requested that DBNA help publicize their Annual Fall Carnival event on Oct. 20, 5:30-7:30pm.

Andrea requested that general membership meeting on Nov 8 be noted in newsletters at Sacred Heart, South Jr. High, Monroe and Jefferson Elementary Schools.

- **Events**

City Parks and Rec reached out to DBNA about hosting another Movie Under the Stars event at Bowden Park. Andrea will take the reins on organizing this for summer, 2018. Dates that aren't available to do so are June 16, July 21 and August 11. Andrea selected June 23 because June 24, 2017, was a successful run of this event this year. Dates will be finalized in Nov/Dec., sites and nearby schools will be contacted and reserved in Jan./Feb.

- **History**

John Hormaechea is working with BSU's art department (graphic arts) to start working on walking tour signs next semester when he has more details ready to work with. John has also begun working on prototype of app available for iPhone and Android to use on walking tour. Showed it to board -includes map with markers, photos, history bits. Laurie suggested approaching VBBA and Vista Village (since several of their buildings and businesses are featured in the tour) about helping pay for cost of app development.

- **Clean up**

No one attended! Weather was beautiful, and everyone on the board had prior commitments. Jen suggested evening timeframes, especially in the summer, for better turnout.

- **Community Garden**

Committee still working on coordinating with Jefferson Elementary to apply for grant from Realtors' Association

Old Business Notes

Candidate Forum (Oct. 24) - 7-9pm, St John's Cathedral. Andrea will help on behalf of DBNA to set up and take DBNA's yard signs in order to provide streetside directions of where the forum is.

New Business Notes

Old Moose Lodge for sale (again).

Jen and Laurie inquired about getting DBNA 501c3 status. Jim and Andrea will look into what it would take to do so.

Next Meeting

November 8, 2017: general membership meeting

Next Meeting Agenda Items

- Jane Thorpe, owner of The Gem Arts Center (venue for the meeting), introduce the new facility
- Raffle swag items
- Gather opinions on Sports Stadium proposal by City. Nick Miller will be present to provide information and answer questions about the project.
- City Parks and Rec representative present to provide information about agenda for parks in DBNA boundaries over the next five years
- Discuss idea of extending DBNA boundaries to include segment of Federal Way neighborhoods (currently in Southeast Boise NA), allow membership to vote on adding this neighborhood, changing the boundaries in the bylaws.
- Vote on reinvestment grant proposal

Adjournment

8:15pm