

BNA Minutes 9/13/2021

Meeting begins at 7:11pm

Board members in attendance: Howard Patterson, Jen Stack, Karis Stoudamire-Phillips, Owen Gabbert

Neighbors and public in attendance: Quintin Bauer, Cory Wilson, Erica Popick, Kate Wolf

1. Board Election: Howard would like to step down as Chair. Anyone can become a member of the board after attending 2 meetings.

2. Prismagic performance - report.

Howard: The show was great as well as attendance. Everyone had a great time and we thank the performers.

3. Zenith Energy/Linnton NA - letter of thanks.

Howard reads the letter of thanks. We supported their efforts to prevent Zenith Energy from expanding in their neighborhood.

4. Michigan Avenue Garden Project - Cory Wilson

Mississippi Commons HOA made a mural last year, now they asked ODOT if they could make a garden on the ODOT land across the street from them. They will be turning about 1/3 of the strip, the closest to the cars, into a garden of native plants. They already pay for landscaping; the landscapers are willing to prepare the land at a discount, then the community will plant the plants. The cost is \$4500 for everything, they've already raised \$1800.

Here is the link to the go fund me: <https://gofund.me/34c5c5c7>

5. POA - Janice Grube - development

Janice Grube has complained that the fruit bearing trees that hung over their outdoor patio area have been cut down by the developers. They filed a complaint with the city. The developer had used a loop hole with affordable housing. Parallax is putting in a juice and smoothie shop, which would be a direct competitor. The BNA needs her to put forward a proposal that we could endorse, but we cannot take the lead.

6. Boise Eliot Native Grove

Still holding back on public events because of Covid. They have donations to continue planting. The oak tree died, Howard is preparing the soil for a new white oak. Some shrubs need replacement after this summer's drought. They have been talking with the kids at BEH who have asked for a permanent chess table in the grove.

7. Mississippi Trash Cans - Quintin Bauer, Public Trash Collection Program Manager, BPS

Quentin: Who manages the trash cans on Mississippi? Cloud Burst. He would like to connect with them because they are overflowing. BPS will be adding more trash cans in Spring. He would like to know if the old cans can also be replaced.

Howard: Cloud burst does a weekly schedule, but with all the take out these days it's overflowing more than usual. The existing cans were made by school kids a long time ago.

Quentin: The new ones will be emptied twice a week. They will be large 65 gallon cans. They will be sending a survey to ask where cans should go.

Karis: How do you decide where cans go?

Quentin: He uses a heat map to see where the biggest need is. All major intersections will get one.

Howard: Will the pick up be separate from the neighborhood pickup times?

Quentin: Yes, they are not using large waste management companies. They are working with women and minority owned businesses that will pick up trash twice/week not in concordance with the regular neighborhood trash pick up days.

Jen: How is it paid for?

Quentin: Commercial tonnage fee from businesses.

Howard: What do the trash cans look like?

Quentin: Like in the Pearl, black metal, tall, fun with artwork. The cans and bottles would be able to be collected by canners. The cans could be locked, but won't be to avoid broken locks and so that canners can make money from cans that can be removed easily. They will be looking for artwork for the cans soon. All artists are from Portland.

8. Mesothelioma Center - Edlin Valencia. Wants to post asbestos info on our page.

Howard: How much are we exposed to asbestos in our neighborhood?

Owen: By law, a developer needs to do an asbestos and lead survey. Home owners can abate their own asbestos as long as they follow the rules. Not much exposure here.

Karis: We should just post things that pertain to our neighborhood. Asbestos isn't necessarily specific to our community. There are lots of great nonprofits, but we can't post for all of them.

9. Neighborhood notices

1. 751 N Prescott
2. 3923 NE Rodney
3. 341 N Ivy, Opus 479 - Questionnaire and Insurance? Confusion between us and the HOA. The companies need to ask their HOA.
4. Williams & Russell Project - news? The contractor has been selected and they are moving forward.

10. New Business

11. Open Remarks

The BNA will close the 2 fundraisers we started at the beginning of the year for Boise Eliot Humboldt (BEH) elementary school and Airway Science for Kids (ASK). The community donated \$1245 for BEH and at least \$250 for ASK. The BNA will donate \$250 to each organization.

12. Conclusion