

January 12, 2016 meeting of the Sunset Neighborhood Association was called to order by Michelle Doane, neighborhood president, at 6:30 pm, at the Department of Transportation office on State St. 12 members were in attendance.

First order of business was final review and approval of minutes from the prior meeting. No changes, moved, seconded and accepted as writ.

Introduction of new attendees:

Matt Shapiro of the Northend neighborhood attended as a guest, and will present later in the program. Jeff Borsheid, new as of the last meeting, was also in attendance. A total of 12 members were present.

Michelle called for a review and vote on the updated Bylaws and Articles of Association. Motion carried to accept the Bylaws with updates, changes, and corrections. Motion carried to accept the Articles of Association with changes and additions. Michelle will complete the annual report, and include the Bylaws and Articles of Association with the template to be submitted to the city by January 31, 2016.

City Notices:

- a. None of us are allowed to go before the city and speak on behalf of the Sunset Neighborhood Association, only as individuals.
- b. Neighborhood Watch – interest shown, and we can obtain more information on particulars by contacting Sgt. \_\_\_\_\_. (Michelle, please fill in name and contact information).
- c. 3511 W Hill Rd – east of the intersection of 36<sup>th</sup> and Hill, approval of a new home
- d. 32<sup>nd</sup> and Good – sold to Harding Homes – builder is requesting a variance for a set back for a garage
- e. Todd mentioned Forestry St planning – changes to parks (?) again, Michelle, can you please clarify this?)
- f. 2308 N 29<sup>th</sup> – owner wants to subdivide and develop the lot
- g. Complaints have been voiced and posted regarding certain properties in our Neighborhood, which is a complaints and compliance issue, not a forum for complaints regarding individuals. As this is a complaint issue, everyone is hereby notified to contact Boise City Code Enforcement as individuals at: 208.384.3845
- h. 28<sup>th</sup> and Bella – house remodeled, subdivided lot for sale – if we see issues, go back and work with the ordinances through the city
- i. Question about an update on signage for the Sunset Neighborhood Association. As of this date, the grant application has been submitted and we will not have an answer until March.
- j. Question re: our non-profit status and a \$400.00 filing fee – we can go forward on non-profit status once bylaws and articles are filed with the city.

- k. 32<sup>nd</sup> St traffic issues – Todd is monitoring. He said that another measurement of cars and speeds was done at the end of 2015, and to let him know about traffic studies and what we can do to register traffic issues with ACHD.

**New Business:**

Matt Shapiro, who has been on different boards and neighborhood associations, introduced his new non-profit called "Boise Commons", a non-profit pilot project, with the intent of developing the capacity for many and varied things to happen within neighborhoods. He intends to get small groups out in respective neighborhoods to take surveys. Some of his past projects include "Neighborhood Game" - a scavenger hunt which included a spontaneous parade, buying a stranger in the neighborhood a cup of coffee, finding the oldest and youngest members of a neighborhood, and the "Empty Chair" project, all with the intent of increasing the capacity to find solutions to bypass polarizing and bring neighborhoods together. He mentioned the idea of a citywide survey of Neighborhood Association members to do a needs assessment in gaging the strength of the association, a seniors voting and insight, and a high school assessment to seek out the feeling of students and their level in neighborhood involvement.

Matt is currently looking for a place to meet, create a scope and focus around this non-profit, to include planning, transportation, the arts, budget, historical focus, and an ideal focus, as well as the relationship to and with the city and the need for moneys for projects. He is working to develop a survey, volunteer list, and analyze results (possibly Survey Monkey). Ultimately the institution will be non-partisan engagement, will build capacity and collaboration. He mentioned the City Club as a model, which meets monthly to foster dialogue. Looking at the Jump Center as a permanent home for the non-profit.

Please send all agenda items to Michelle at least a week in advance. Michelle will announce the next meeting date.

Moved, seconded and passed to adjourn at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Annie Anderson on behalf of Shane Lowe