

NENA Spring Meeting 2018 Notes

Date: April 25th, 2018

Location: Beall Park

Notes submitted by Vickie Backus, NENA Secretary:

- Open remarks were given and the meeting chaired by David Chambers.
- In attendance from the City were Terry Cunningham (City Commissioner) and Tanya Andreasen, (Neighborhoods Coordinator), and Brit Fontenot (Bozeman's Director of Economic Development and Community Relations).
- 65-70 people in attendance.
- Elections for president and vice-president were carried out by Vickie Backus (secretary).
 - Jackie Wilson nominated Amy Kelley-Hoitsma for president. Amy was elected by majority vote.
 - No one challenged Paul House for vice president and he was re-elected by majority vote.
- Treasury Report was given by Jeanne Wesley-Wiese.
 - Currently we have \$365.57 in the treasury. After paying some outstanding bills, the balance will be \$261.77.
- Police Report by Andy Knight.
 - There were 49,967 calls for service in 2017. There were no numbers specifically for NENA provided. Most calls within B2 designation are Walmart & Super 8, both outside NENA boundaries.
 - General Info
 - Lock your cars; with better weather there is an increase in car break-ins.
 - Don't let door-to-door salespersons in your house. They must have a business license. You can call the police dept to find out.
 - You can request a speed trailer on your street online. You can get a print out of results.
 - Shovel side-walks in the winter.
 - Don't put stuff on the boulevard. It's illegal.
 - Questions from Members:
 - **Q1** – The big building on L Street which use to be the Yellowstone Processing Plant looks like there are people living in there and is unsightly.
A1: Chris Nixon commented that this building is part of the land purchased by Trust for Public Lands to create the Story Mill Community Park. Asbestos has been found in the building and they are seeking funds to clean it up.
 - **Q2** – Do the door-to-door sales people have a card if they have a business license.
A2: No.
 - **Q3** – Regarding the Law & Justice Center possibly being built on Rouse (old MDT lot), will there be more sirens and people going to court hanging around.

A3: Yes, likely for the sirens; not so much from police cars which often go without sirens, but the fire engines are required by law to use their sirens. No, regarding the people hanging around going to court.

- **Q4** – Should you call the police for people trespassing on your lawn or is that too small of an issue for the police to handle.

A4: Yes, you should. There are no issues that are ‘too small’ to report. A NENA member gave an example of a situation in which they called the police about a seemingly minor incident that in fact was something more ominous.

- Open Lands Measure by Peter Brown of GVLT
 - Results from the investigation by the Open Space Commission suggested that incentives would work best for conserving open lands. Incentives to landowners are conservation easements that prohibit or limit development. Gallatin county voters passed bonds in 2000 and 2004 to raise \$20 million for conservation easements.
 - GVLT was able to raise additional money to put towards easements (5:1 on tax payer dollars)
 - The Open Lands Measure is a levy not a bond. A levy is an increase in taxes and accrues over time. The levy will be limited to 15 years. It is estimated the levy will be \$6.08 for every \$100,000 taxable value of a property.
 - This is different than Trails, Open Space and Parks (TOPS) bond. The TOPS money could only be used within the city limits.
 - Reasons why the levy is needed
 - The money from the bonds were exhausted in 2017
 - Growth potential in Gallatin County is huge.
 - We are losing open space at the fastest rate ever.
 - Currently, more support by the agricultural community for easements.
 - The levy will be on both ag and non-ag lands, whereas ag-land owners were exempt from the previous open space bonds.
 - **Q1** - Are there currently lands under consideration
A1: Yes, but Peter could not discuss the details.
- NURB update by Bobbi Clem
 - The NURB board is working with the federal railroad administration to get a quiet zone implemented in Bozeman. The zone would include three railroad crossings: L Street, Rouse, and Griffin.
 - The NURB can only spend TIF money within NURB (i.e. L spur) so they are trying to find funding for the other two.
 - Suggestion made that developers looking at properties near the RR (e.g. Idaho Post & Pole site) would have an interest in quiet zones and should want to pay to make that happen.
 - NURB would like input on whether or not you think this is worth pursuing.
- Road Construction Update by Shane Strong
 - Peach
 - The street needs to be filled to grade and repaved.
 - Striping will be added.
 - Cracked sidewalks repaired/replaced.
 - Sidewalk on Avocado will be completed (this is not part of NURB project)

- Tamarack will be completed. It is up for bid and construction will start this summer. This will include a conduit for high speed internet.
- Aspen Bridge by Jeanne Wesley-Wiese
 - Jeanne presented reasons for support of a bridge over Bozeman Creek in the location of Aspen street. One obstacle is that the city requires sidewalks on the north side of Aspen and NURB money can only go towards roads.
 - Some members of NENA raised the question, “Is a bridge over the creek really necessary given that there are already bridges and crossings at Tamarack and Peach, and with the stop light at Tamarack, this a much safer crossing of Rouse Avenue?”
- Bozeman Wetlands by Chris Nixon
 - This wetland is located east of the Village Downtown. When the Village Downtown was developed this wetland was proposed to parklands; however, the City of Bozeman opted for cash-in-lieu of parks because they said they needed ball fields not open space.
 - Sacajawea Audubon has looked at the historical records and found that at one time everything east of Rouse was a wetland so the property is indeed a wetland.
 - Sacajawea Audubon has been in discussion with the Delaney’s about the property.
 - Those interested in getting involved should contact Chris.
- VisionNE & Website by Amy Kelley-Hoitsma
 - VisionNE will now be a subcommittee under NENA.
 - There will be other subcommittees under NENA in addition to VisionNE: NENA Businesses, Traffic Calming, Parking and Roads, Quiet RR Crossings, New Trails, Bozeman Wetlands Creation and Preservation, Parade of Sheds and Outreach Events.
 - There are several developments proposed within NENA: One11 Lofts (corner of North Willson and Lamme, currently a parking lot); BG Mill-Granary; the Merin (prosed 3-story condominiums across from Dave’s Sushi); and multiple duplex condominiums with ADU garages proposed for current trailer park on North Willson.
 - Amy contacted Andy Holloran about the One11 Lofts and he is open to giving a presentation after May 11th.
 - A member suggested that we have a speaker on affordable housing at the Fall NENA meeting.
 - Amy has been working with David Viciendo on a NENA website (NENABozeman.org)