

**Pierce Park Neighborhood Association
Board Meeting, April 17 2021, 10AM, via Google Meet**

Board Present:

Crissy Kojima (president)
Adam Warr (VP)
David Meyer
Anthony Sanchez
Wade Dorrell (secretary)

Board Absent:

- None (Shawn resigned prior to this meeting)

Members/guests:

- Susie Herndon

Announcements (out of order, pulled up from the minutes as they may be of more general interest):

- Shawn (treasurer) resigned from board
- Adam has been in contact w/ Boise Fire Department, and we continue to get indication that Gary Lane won't be pursued for the fire station location.
- Veterans Park sent a letter asking if other NAs would support their position on Interfaith Sanctuary
- CCDC asked if PPNA had questions about the proposed State St. urban renewal district. More info at <https://www.ccdcstatestreet.com/>.
- Canals Connect Communities has informational meetings for people who are interested
- Anthony asks people to be on the lookout for a library project to bring free Wi-Fi by van e.g. to schools with the outside-school meal programs.

Minutes:

Meeting started at about 10:02AM.

- Regarding reimbursement for website hosting & domain, and budget,
 - We have no mini-grant funds available, and we hadn't heard back on website hosting & domain because we submitted to wrong/old address. **Will pay Wade directly by check from account for 2021 hosting/domain.** We'll need to do a new grant to pay back Jonathan's receipts for 2020 and before.
 - **Crissy will do mini-grant application by May 1st so funds will be available June 1. These will be general grant funds e.g. to pay Jonathan for hosting/domain, printing/advertising.**

- Anthony asked if any money by grant is available for community events. Crissy mentioned that likely is separate application from general funds needed, and that we haven't planned any community events for this year.
- Adam asked if we could budget for soil sterilizer for the east-side Gary Ln sidewalk. Crissy said when learning how to use the new grant system she'd figure out how that could work. Adam said he'd probably do it personally regardless. David mentioned he has been doing this personally from Dufferin Ct to State St.
- Susie advocated for park, community, service to neighborhood. Hadn't realized she was in this larger association until she saw our road/speed signs.
- Crissy opened a conversation about next year, what she was thinking about departing the presidency/board.
 - Crissy mentioned we've had a hard time keeping people in board positions, that one option might be to split the NA to Northwest and Collister (since it has the physical division anyway.)
 - Anthony & Wade mentioned there might be lack of appropriate representation as a result of splitting. Anthony is more familiar with Collister, from his work at the library, and noted that its focus seems to be more on the area immediately near Collister Dr, Sunset, as opposed to the west edge.
 - David expressed interest in aligning work with big projects e.g. State St. intersections, and noted that Pierce Park is definitely growing/changing - that it is helpful to keep the association specific to the area. On the other hand, a split would let voices join both associations, and could become loud voices there.
 - Crissy talked about time commitment, how much it can vary as a choice on the part of the association - from only doing the required annual meeting/elections, to regular community events, regular attendance of city council meetings. PPNA hasn't done much historically (a few annual events), but we tried to be here for the community. There are a lot of changes coming, e.g. State St urban renewal, transit oriented development, however none of the people serving current/historically have time/energy to take on much. Dave mentioned as another example of large projects that might be the type that need to be tracked are shelters e.g. Interfaith Sanctuary in Veterans Park area.
 - Susie said she likes having our smaller association. Has observed NWNA and its great leadership, but likes what we have - is willing to help with what she can do well, willing to put time in because she does value it. **Adam suggested that he/Crissy get together with Susie to talk about what president/NA entails, and they will plan a date/time.**
- January meeting follow-up:
 - Crissy asked if would still like to do follow-up on crosswalk study. In prior meeting, John Wasson from ACHD said we could follow up directly with him. ([from Jan 2021 meeting minutes.](#))
 - Wade hasn't heard back from Collister re: feedback on sidewalk.
 - Speed study between Pierce Park Ln and Gary on Gills still an option. David mentioned speed study also could be considered on Pierce Park Ln itself. Wade

mentioned a study was done recently, and he has results (anyone can ask ACHD for changes to reduce speeds: [Contact Us \(achdidaho.org\)](http://achdidaho.org) **Wade will pass old results along to David.**

- Dave will ask River Club if there is any new information about plans for the island/river-crossing/course, better access to river/Greenbelt through that area as they redesign.

Next meeting:

May 8 (2nd Saturday as usual), 10AM - if Crissy hears back from a CCDC contact, perhaps he will be a guest re: urban renewal districts. Can review application for mini-grants.