Bigelow Neighborhood Association
Meeting minutes
Tuesday, January 19, 2025

Present:
Peggy O'Keefe, co-president
Michelle Reynolds, vice president
Robby McClellan, secretary
Barb LaForge, treasurer
Debra Walter, member-at-large

Agenda:
1. Matching grant deadline and possible projects
2. Budget update
3. Mailing list
4. Springs cleanup
5. Website
6. Neighborhood concerns
7. Partner organizations
8. Scheduling next meeting

Meeting began at 6:47pm

1. MATCHING GRANT DEADLINE & POSSIBLE PROJECTS
The deadline is February 28.
Grant could be used for: Mural, orchard, traffic enhancements, website, block party, graffiti cleanup, other possibilities.

- MURAL: Possible graffiti deterrent, but mural requires more advanced planning than we could do for this particular grant.
- ORCHARD: The orchard trees are still producing fruit but they require a lot of work.
- TRAFFIC SAFETY MEASURES: Yellow paint on stop sign corners, other striping, flags or ways to make stop signs more obvious, speed bumps/humps, et cetera.
- WEBSITE: Grant funds could go toward subscription and domain fees. Robby will provide cost of the subscription plan to Peggy for consideration.
- BLOCK PARTY: Grant funds could help with our annual picnic.
- GRAFFITI: Funds could go toward graffiti cleanup in various locations
- OTHER: Walking maps, Street banners, Festival materials, Bulk mailing to residents, Garden and park improvements, Signage

At this time, traffic safety improvements seem the most realistic – Peggy will have a follow up discussion and future walkthrough with John or Dan from traffic/utilities to review options.

2. BUDGET
Barb reports around 1k in the budget. If the grant is not used for traffic safety requests or other things,

it's possible that we could use some of it to pay for web subscription and domain fees.

3. MAILING LIST
Michelle and Robby have successfully rebuilt the email list and tested it with the announcement and cancellation emails for the Bigelow Springs Park Cleanup. Continue to monitor email signups.

4. SPRINGS CLEANUP
After cancellation of December cleanup, board decided that two annual cleanups should be in April and October. Peggy has checked in with the stewardship program rep and scheduled the spring cleanup for **MAY 3 at 10am – 12pm.**

5. WEBSITE:
- Website rework is underway - Robby will have a prototype website by the March meeting
- Laurie's email has been removed from all webpages
- Add Debra and Steve to email list.
- Robby to get historic commission/preservation/restoration info from Michelle

6. PUBLIC WORKS
- Graffiti: Barb spoke to the women down the street. They said they were not interested at this time in collaborating on graffiti cleanup. Jennevieve recommends taking it to the city since contact has been made and the city offered to clean it.
- Lighting: Blue house with bright light: No one has yet approached them but the light seems dangerously bright and possibly a hazard for drivers and an issue for neighbors. Is there an ordinance about light pollution, or facing light downward? Follow up at next meeting.

7. PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS
- Jennevieve to keep an eye out for CNA meetings that work with her schedule
- Michelle to attend ONNA meeting on 1/15, where they will review the subarea plan, though it does not appear that the scope and area of work being done will significantly benefit Bigelow residents.

NEXT MEETING: March 18th at 6pm – Barb's

For future meeting discussion:
- Zoning and considerations with possible future development
- Connecting with Bigelow House Museum partnerss
- Caroling planning
- Finalizing details for May Bigelow Springs cleanup

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm