Barber Valley NA Meeting Agenda
12 December 2019 ~ Mill District Clubhouse

• Intermountain Bird Observatory Update – Greg Kaltenecker, BSU
• Neighborhood Access Review – Jeremy Maxand, Idaho Access Project
• Gateway Reserve – Fred Boelter, RHP Risk Management (and ISF Board)
• Miscellaneous (Time Permitting)
  • Transportation survey results
  • Floater parking
  • Development – Warm Springs Condos
  • Annual Meeting
  • Volunteer Opportunities: Re-Seeding with IDFG
• Thanks to our guest speakers!
• 25 neighbors in attendance
• Board Members
  • Present: Miller, Mooney, Moore, Nice, Stark, Veasy, Vincent
  • Absent: Bellomy, Crowley, Durtschi
Welcome to the
THE DIANE MOORE NATURE CENTER
INTERMOUNTAIN BIRD OBSERVATORY ON THE RIVER

Interpretive trails, boardwalks, wildlife viewing structures, river access and educational programs.

Open Now
With Planned Future Attractions

1. ACCESS POINT
2. BUS PARKING
3. COVERED AMPHITHEATER
4. RIVER SIDE CHANNEL
5. WILDLIFE VIEWING STRUCTURE
6. BOARDWALK
7. NATURAL SURFACE INTERPRETIVE TRAIL
8. WETLAND BACKWATER

Please help this vision become a reality. Make charitable donations to Boise State University. Contact Melanie Bannister (208-426-4950) or Greg Kutzmecker (208-426-4154) for more information.
Intermountain Bird Observatory

- Boise State University
- Research and Community Outreach unit
  - Department of Biological Sciences
  - College of Arts and Sciences
- 26 years in operation
- Mission:
- Combine Research, Education, and Outreach
Annual Migration Project: Lucky Peak Field Station

- At Core of IBO Mission
- World Class Migration Site
- Research
  - graduate theses
  - Publications
  - international collaboration
  - long-term monitoring
  - 26 years and counting
Award-winning Outreach

- Hands-on experiential learning
- Wholesome family activity
- Discovery of nature
- Host 30-50 groups per fall
Outreach Goals

• Increase awareness and appreciation for nature
• Introduce community to accessible, real science
But IBO is So Much More!

- Annual research budget > $1M (Dr. Jay Carlisle)
  - 5 western states
  - 5 countries
- Over 35 professional partners (local, state, federal, private)
- Ranked among Top 5 Bird Observatories in North America
  - Annual budget
  - # staff (full-time and seasonal)
  - # projects
  - Volunteers
Outreach Touches Thousands of Children Annually

• Example: Curlews in the Classroom
  – 5 Years
  – 30 Schools
  – >10,000 Students Reached
Limitations, Dreams, and Possibilities?

• Signature Project: Lucky Peak Migration
  – 3 months during year
  – Poor access
  – Horrible road!

• SOLUTIONS?
• Site With Year-round Access!
Boise River

– PERFECT place!
  • Year-round access
  • Thousands of annual visitors possible
  • Birds, Other Wildlife, Native Habitat, Water Quality

– So Many Local Partners!
  • Boise City
  • Idaho Shakespeare Festival
  • Idaho Foundation for Parks and Lands
  • Golden Eagle Audubon Society
ITD Property

- ~12 acres
- 2012 Management Agreement
- Under Boise State control
Boise State Purchase?

- 2014 Purchase
- ~10 acres of adjacent property
- Creative purchase agreement (Tony Roark, Dean COAS)
- Long-term payment using proceeds from:
  - Diane and Winston Moore Family Endowed Fund for IBO!
  - Boise State now controls over 22 acres of Boise River bottomland!
The Grand Vision

- Community Education and Outreach
- Student Research and Internship Programs
- Maintain and Improve Access
- Interpretive Trail System
- Ecological Restoration
  - Uplands
  - Riparian
  - Re-water a Historic Side Channel
An Outdoor Laboratory

- Hands-on Learning
- Discovery of Nature
- Participate in Science
Boise City

• 2018 Open Space and Clean Water Partnership >$440,000 Grant
  – Create Interpretive Trail System and Boardwalks

• City’s Goals:
  – Protect Critical Open Space
  – Provide Connectivity
  – Contribute to Clean Water
  – Restore Native Habitats
  – Promote Community Engagement and Partnerships
Sue Howell Park
A New Twist: Sue Howell Park

- City plans new park on adjacent property
- Two themes: Exercise and Science
  - Boise State Science Partner
- Access to Greenbelt
- Bus-accessible parking
- Restroom facilities
- Covered amphitheater space
- Trail connection to IBO properties
- Will allow IBO to engage THOUSANDS of children annually!
Expanded Vision: Lasting Partnership with Boise City

• Imagine........
  – Thousands of Children
  – Community Events
  – A Place:
    • One of Boise’s True Gems!
    • Define and Differentiate our City
Why Good For Boise State?

• Engage the Public in Novel Ways!
• Broad Public Appeal
• Expand Base of Community Support
Recruit and Retain!

• Unique introduction to STEM disciplines
• Wow! Boise State Does this?
• I can do this when I grow up?
• Build on Existing Strengths – Areas of Excellence
  – Birds
  – Raptors
  – Science
Benefits to Students!

- Research
- Internships
- Communication Skills
- Professional Experience
Already Moving Ahead

- Developing Education/Outreach program since 2015
- 2019:
  - 1,600 Community Visitors
  - >650 students from 16 Schools
  - >200 Community Volunteers
Heidi Ware Carlisle

- Education/Outreach Director
  - NOT a state-funded position
  - Multiple sources
- Diane and Winston Moore Family Endowment for IBO
Side Channel: Engineering Design Study

- Diane and Winston Moore Family Endowment for IBO
Engaging Students, Volunteers

- Habitat restoration
- Monitor success
- Pollinator meadows
- Monitoring Birds
  - Mist netting
  - Now engaging over 1000 public visitors annually
We Still Need Your Help!

- Property in place
- But not there yet
- Need financial support to make vision a reality
Naming Opportunities

- From $1.5 M to $5,000
- Create Endowed Fund
- Side Channel Construction
- Student Support
- Construction of infrastructure
- Research
NEIGHBORHOOD ACCESS REVIEW

Barber Valley Neighborhood
December 2019
What is the Idaho Access Project?

- The Idaho Access Project is a non-profit organization composed of board members who have physical or sensory disabilities. Our mission is to eliminate physical, attitudinal, and policy barriers to ensure people with disabilities can live, work, and play in our neighborhoods and communities.
From April to October 2019, the Idaho Access Project (IAP) conducted a Neighborhood Access Review to evaluate the accessibility of Barber Valley through the lens of various disabilities.

Geographic scope: Everything between the Boise River and foothills, from the Parkcenter Bridge by Bown Crossing to the intersection of Warm Springs and Highway 21.
Project Purpose and Scope

• Specific Focus
  - Barriers to Barber Valley amenities that may limit the experience or quality of life for people with disabilities.
  - Opportunities to incorporate emerging accessible design features and technology into future developments, including parks and trails, business districts, and education and cultural resources.
  - Partnerships between the private and public sectors to align plans and resources.

• Report Format and Limitations
What is a Neighborhood Access Review

• Phase I – Research
  - Plan Review
  - Community Listening Sessions
  - Focus Groups
  - One-on-One Conversations
  - Personal Experience

• Phase II – Accessibility Reviews

• Phase III – Analysis
  - Recommendations
Findings

• Positive Observations
  - Developer
  - Shakespeare Festival

• Inventory
  - Issues identified by impacted disability and responsible agency
  - Identified 50 specific issues
  - Recommended actions

• Recommendations
  - Multiple issues result in several key recommendations
Recommendations (examples)

- Harris Ranch Town Site
- Visitability
- Neighborhood Association Enhanced ADA Toolkit
- Roundabouts
- Foothill Trails
- Disability Advisory Council
- Digital Wayfinding
- Pedestrian Connectivity
Next Steps

• Empower people with disabilities to use what we’ve learned, and to conduct their own reviews, to improve accessibility in their neighborhoods.

• Provide insight to municipal planners who review and approve plans for new developments, all of which have long-term impacts on the quality of our communities and lives.

• Create opportunities for highway agencies to engage people with disabilities to test new ideas and push the envelope on ways we can make the public rights-of-way safer and easier to use.

• Strengthen neighborhood associations by removing barriers and increasing participation by people with disabilities.

• Set our city on a course for a visionary future where universal design and emerging technology is the norm, not the exception, enhancing the quality of life for people with disabilities.
Parks & Trails Committee

Steve Moore, BVNA Board
THE GATEWAY RESERVE UPDATE

WINTER STABILIZATION
NATIVE PLANT RESTORATION
PLEASE STAY OFF

December 12, 2019

Pat Wickman, Forsgren
Fred Boelter, RHP
Mark Hofflund, ISF
Transportation Committee

Celeste Miller, BVNA Board
2020 Call For Neighborhood Association Transportation Project Requests

- City asks for each NA to submit a list of up to 3 projects
- Projects will be prioritized by the Neighborhood Association and submitted no later than 18 December
- Survey conducted over past few weeks – 87 total responses
1. Comprehensive improvements to Warm Springs Ave. between Eckert Road and Highway 21
2. Expedite bridge re-construction to facilitate a bike and pedestrian underpass under Eckert Rd.
3. Work with ITD, ACHD, Idaho Fish and Game, COMPASS, and other wildlife conservation stakeholders to identify funding opportunities to construct a wildlife underpass along Warm Springs Ave. between Maynard Gulch and Pet Haven Gulch.
2020 Submission to City – 2 Projects

Project 1. Work with Idaho Power Company to safely relocate the first IPC power pole on Barber drive, east of the Harris family home which creates a safety hazard due to its proximity to the paved southbound travel lane. Do you support this submission?

87 responses

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2020 Submission to City – 2 Projects

Project 2. Install 4 digital speed readers registering and posting driver speeds at the following locations on Warm Springs Avenue (also depicted on the graphic below): a. Eastbound/uphill approaching Maynard Gulch to mitigate pedestrian crossing risk to the Greenbelt and wildlife crossings to/from the Boise River, and, b. Eastbound/southbound approaching East Valley to mitigate pedestrian crossing risk to the Greenbelt and wildlife crossings at Pet Haven gulch to/from the Boise River, and, c. Northbound approaching Teresa Drive to mitigate pedestrian crossing risk and calm speed at a school bus stop location, as well as reduce wildlife crossing risk at Pet Haven gulch, and, d. Northbound/eastbound approaching Maynard Gulch to mitigate pedestrian crossing risk to the Greenbelt and wildlife crossings to/from the Boise River. Do you support this submission?

87 responses
Selected Comments (excerpts)

• Speed signage on Eckert. People drive too fast.
• Digital speed signs around East Jr High
• Crosswalk at ISF and/or Maynard to Greenbelt
• Pedestrian crossing should be HAWKs
• Plan to recondition the roadway (Warm Springs/ Park Center) from Hwy 21 to Eckert Rd?
• Project 1 should include a "Wildlife Crossing" traffic sign.
• Would you be able to confirm that a crosswalk is still planned in 2020 at East Arrow Junction Drive and Eckert Rd.
• Add crosswalk across Harris Ranch Rd to safely connect paved walking path within Idaho Power corridor and West Spring Creek entrance/path.
• Digital speed readers would also be helpful on the Warm Springs bypass as many deer frequent this area.
• Better signage/speed readers also for the area coming into the Eckert/Warm Springs intersection.
• Reduce speed limit on Warm Springs Blvd to 35 MPH
• Digital speed readers/recorders will not be effective at reducing speeding in this valley! Propose photo enforcement.
• Add traffic control lights to Warm Springs/Eckert 4-way stop at Ranch Market.
Selected Comments 2

- Future congestion and inability to effectively get from one side of Barber Valley to the other.
  - Future round-a-bouts on the WSA “bypass” and the addition of the E. Barber Dr speed bumps
- Better intersection and lighting at S Eckert and S Millbrook Way.
  - Bicycles almost always fly through the cross walk without stopping, cars drive so quickly on Eckert.
- Widen Warm Springs to three lanes!
- Add a pedestrian crosswalk to access the Shakespeare Festival from River Heights
- Barber Drive is too narrow for bikes east of the Harris family home. Could there be a gravel path/trail built on the north side of the road near the canal to allow for connection to HRN and over to the Homestead trailhead, for safety?
- The Teresa Drive intersection is increasingly dangerous with 45mph speed limit and limited visibility around the corner, as well as the sharp turn required into the Brian & Finis Terra neighborhoods.
- There needs to be more incentive (higher speed limit) to use the Warm Springs ‘bypass’.
Summer Float Season Parking - Update

• BVNA engaged with Ada County, Boise City, and neighbors to resolve overflow parking issues

• Barber Junction neighborhood parking signage
  • Could be installed as early as spring 2020 if residents approve of the very limited no parking periods
  • Enforcement would continue to be an issue; parking control doesn’t work Barber Valley; ticketing would be responsibility of BPD
Development Update

John Mooney, BVNA Board
**Barber Valley Overall Development Status**

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- Based on 4,434 units, that’s approximately 10,400 people at final buildout.

Please Help pass this along. Especially to new neighbors!
DHE 18
Multi-Family ‘on the bypass’

- 7.45 acres, 6 lots + 2 common lots
  - Planning Reference
- Initial Construction will include all roadways & infrastructure
- Condo buildings planned to be phased over “multiple construction seasons”
- RRFB planned at WSA & S. Millbrook Way
- PZC Recommended Approval: 18 Nov
  - City Council hearing expected in Feb/Mar
Proposed Bike/Ped Connectivity

- Millbrook & Warm Spring connection
  - Good sidewalk (only 6’?)
  - RRFB crossing of high traffic/high speed intersection
- No bicycle connectivity planned?
  - Road cross section: 8’ parking lane (no bike facility)
SE5 Block connectivity should be inclusive of entire SE quadrant of Harris Ranch (bikes & peds)

• How will bikes/peds move across Warm Springs to access SE5 prelim plat?
  • …..and other SE quadrant plats, Village Green, Town Center?
  • More importantly: how will children cross and access SE7 (new school)?
Is the Woodcutter Street Cross-Section the template for School and Village Green bike/ped traffic?

If this street cross-section is extended west to the school site there are no bike facilities (see next slide)
TWO-LANE MIXED USE LOCAL ROAD WITH URBAN SIDEWALK (SECTION B-B)

E. WOODCUDDER ST.
ACHD Definition of Low Stress Bicycle Facility

1. **Low volumes & speeds**: motorists & bicyclists share the same space
   - Traffic calming and other treatments along corridors may be used to manage speeds and volumes, creating an environment that is comfortable for a wide range of ages and abilities.

2. **Appropriate crossing treatments at intersecting arterials & collectors**
   - Desirable range of traffic volumes is ≤ 1,500 ADT (up to 3,000 ADT)
     - 4 September 2019 ADT was 6702
       - E. Warm Springs Avenue west of Eckert Road
     - Desirable speed range is ≤ 25 mph
       - Current posted speed limit is 40mph
   - SP-01 (new amendment) requires traffic counts for prelim plats abutting Warm Springs
     - Staff decision to proceed w/o counts and but make available for City Council in early 2020?
Placemaking Report built on SP-01 foundation

- Funded by LeNir in 2016
  - Executed by McKibben & Cooper / Idaho Smart Growth
  - Identified ‘what people want and where’
- 2017 Wayfinding project built on Placemaking Report
  - Jointly funded by the City and LeNir (2017)
  - Contracted with ISG to carry out three tasks:
    1. Identify destinations to be used for these directional signs and future wayfinding effort
    2. Identify low-stress biking and walking routes in the Barber Valley - current and future
    3. Produce a sign schedule that indicates sign locations and identifies destinations to be included at each location
      - Source: April 2018 Wayfinding and Network Signage Final Report
- 2018 City-funded neighborhood mapping project
  - Identified additional trail networks in neighborhood
BVNA has consistently expressed concern about bike/ped/vehicle traffic flow in this area of Harris Ranch

• City Council agreed and conditioned the approval of the SP-01 Amendment (Paragraph 2c, CC Action Letter, 10 April 2019):
  • The applicant shall review with Boise City and Planning Development Services staff conceptual pedestrian connections from the north side of Warm Springs Avenue (within Block SE5 or SE11) to the south side of Warm Springs Ave (within Block SE14) and in the area of Millbrook Avenue. This preliminary plan shall be presented to City Council with the first reading of the ordinance, approving the present amendment. Final configurations of pedestrian crossings shall be reviewed in connection with applicable preliminary plats.

• The Barber Valley Neighborhood Association Board position is the SP-01 transportation plan could be improved to more effectively encourage pedestrian AND bicycle connectivity
Miscellaneous Topics
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- Annual Meeting 9 January
  - Board officer election – 5 seats open – accepting applications until 1 January
- Fish & Game Volunteer Opportunities – Reseeding
  - Saturday, 14 Dec from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm @ Spring Shores
  - Wednesday, 18 Dec from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm along Hwy21
    - Meeting location for both is WMA Headquarters @ 8:30am - 13000 East Highway 21
- HR Elementary School Planning Charrette Status
Past Business

- Firewise Letter to HOAs
  - Action to John to draft letter to HOA boards
- Election Meeting logistics – building access, agenda, voting
- Existing Grant Status – Toppers and Stand-alone signs
- New NIP Grants – WSA Right of Way – U of Idaho contribution?
  - Hank: new program guidelines
December New Business

- NAR volunteer to coordinate and work with Jeremy at BSU?
  - Board took no action.

- Board vacancies?
  - 5 board seats are up for election: Bellomy, Durtschi, Miller, Moore, Nice
    - Bellomy, Durtschi, and Miller will not run for another term; Moore and Nice wish to continue another term

- Business membership/sponsorship?
  - Board discussed asking for businesses in the valley if they would be interested in sponsoring their membership to offer another funding source for the NA. Unanimous decision to table this and discuss again at a later date.

- BSD Outreach to BVNA
  - Expect to receive an invite from BSD to update BVNA membership in late January or early February
  - Coordinating to conduct special BVNA meeting at East Junior High to increase seating capacity

- Annual Report Assistance: Mooney & Veasy will compile annual report due NLT 31 Jan

- Harris Crossing HOA Transfer from LeNir to owners