Barber Valley NA Monthly Meeting
12 March 2020
Barber Valley NA Meeting Agenda
12 March 2020 ~ Mill District Clubhouse

• Parks and Trails Update – Steve Moore, BVNA Board
• Alta Harris Park Update – John Mooney, BVNA Board
• Firewise – Hank Vincent, BVNA Board
  • We have a neighbor that’s volunteered to lead our BVNA ‘network’ to help connect the various HOA efforts. Hank will discuss the status of BVNA coordination as well as solicit membership feedback on the various HOA efforts to mitigate the risk of wildfire and improve emergency response in the Barber Valley.
• Transportation – Rob Stark, BVNA Board
  • Update on the floater parking issue as well as other ACHD projects in the BV. Also discuss the ACHD call for Community Program Requests which are due NLT 20 March.
• Development Update – John Mooney & Gary Veasy, BVNA Board
  • Update of upcoming public hearings and the progress of developments throughout the Barber Valley. This may also include a brief summary of the elementary school planning charrette process and the current status of that planning which is being led by the Boise School District.
• Board Meeting / Discussion
  • Barber Valley Signage & Neighborhood Low Stress Bike/Pedestrian Network
  • Road Adoption – Hank ’adopted’ Warm Springs Avenue between Eckert Corner and East Valley. We need to discuss the BVNA role in organizing road cleanup crews.
  • Neighborhood Event Plans? Courtney to continue the discussion from our February get-together at Lucky 13.
  • BVNA Committee Chairman Assignments – Confirmation.
  • Firewise followup.
  • Upcoming testimony assignments – ACHD and City.
• Meeting conducted at the Mill District Clubhouse, 12 March, 6:30pm start time

• Approximately neighbors in attendance

• Board members:
  • Present: Crowley, Mooney, Nice, Reinhart, Santillan, Stark, Veasy, Vincent
  • Absent: Moore, Swain
BVNA Meeting
3/12/20
Trails and Parks Update
Steve Moore

Ridge above E Warm Springs Ave & E Barber Drive
Boulder Heights – Overview

• Objective: develop recreational connections from Barber Valley to Ridge to River trail network
• Developer (M3) is highly motivated
  • Trails are a community amenity
• M3 seeking BVNA support for a waiver
  • Development conditioned to improve Starview Drive
  • Engineering analysis of Starview widening indicates risk of failure
• Public Meeting
  • 18 March, Riverside Elementary, 6–7pm
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Starview Lane Improvement

Steep slopes in landslide Debris.

M3 Boulder Hts 8 & 9

MTB/Hiking

Downhill MTB

Trail/Corridor

Access Corridor
• Engineering studies and modeling indicate likely slope-stability failure of originally proposed road reconstruction.
• Original plan included an uphill bike lane, but now will not be done.
• Starview Lane has been stable for about 50 years. However, increasing road cuts on lower end of road would likely destabilize the steep slopes.
• Extending the east-side of Starview Lane via a system of retaining walls will not be done.
• Lack of a bike lane will be mitigated by creation of mountain bike and hiking trails in the corridor on the east side of Starview Lane.
• Instead improvements will include:
  1. Re-engineering of upper hairpin, reduction less-steeple slopes
  2. Rebuilding of intersection with Warm Springs Ave., including improved Greenbelt connection, Ped crossing and Rapid-flashing beacon.
  3. More Info? Neighborhood Meeting at Riverside Elementary School on Weds., 3/18, 2020, 6:00–7:00 pm.
DEAR NEIGHBOR,

You are cordially invited to attend an informational neighborhood meeting regarding a proposed development agreement modification in your area. Mark Tate, representative for the applicant, will be at the meeting to address your questions for the applicant, MJ ID Boulder Heights, LLC.

DEVELOPMENT DESCRIPTION:

The applicant will be submitting application the City of Boise for a development agreement modification regarding Starview Lane, located southeast of Boulder Heights Estates, Boise, Idaho. The modification is expected to include changes to address hillside and grading issues. Many of the changes to Starview Drive approved in 2018 are proposed to remain the same including improving the Warm Springs Avenue intersection, adding a pedestrian crossing, adding a rapid flash beacon, improving the Greenbelt connection, and making improvements to the driveway. The modification relates to the widening of the street and hillside engineering constraints. This meeting is an opportunity to review and discuss the application with neighbors and neighborhood association representatives.

DEVELOPMENT LOCATION:

Starview Lane
North of Warm Springs Avenue and Parkcenter Boulevard

APPLICANT:

MJ ID Boulder Heights, LLC
S/O Alan Tate
contact@clairascle.com

MEETING DATE & TIME:

Date: Wednesday, March 18, 2020
Time: 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

MEETING LOCATION:

Riverside Elementary School
2100 E. Victory Road
Boise, ID 83706

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.
Proposed Barber Valley Trail Users Group (BVTUG)

- Looking for volunteers to help with planning and trail construction around Barber Valley
- Several folks have already expressed interest (you know who you are).
- Want to help? I’ll get you on the list!
- Please email Steve Moore: star_garnet@msn.com

First project this Spring likely to be help with Idaho Fish & Game trail improvement on Wildlife Management area.
Wildlife Management Area –
Foothills Reminders from the Harris Ranch Wildlife Mitigation Association

• Wildlife that survived the winter weather remain extremely vulnerable
• Reminder to leash dogs at all times on the WMA
  • (which is ALL of the foothills in the Barber Valley)
• Foothills volunteer seeding opportunity – this Saturday (1–4pm):
  • Eligible HR homeowners can qualify for partial or full Mitigation Fee Refund.
  • Help plant bitterbrush seedlings to restore foothills habitat for wildlife
  • Harris Ranch volunteers collected thousands of Bitterbrush seeds years ago
    • Those seeds have matured at the Lucky Peak Forest Service Nursery – now ready to plant
  • HRWMA ecologist, Mike Pellant, and WMA manager, Krista Born will co-lead the planting of 500 Bitterbrush seedlings. 20 volunteers maximum
    • Sign up: info@hrwma.org; Questions? Call the office: 208–515–7413
• Also: PLEASE stay off the trails when it’s muddy!!!!
Alta Harris Park

- Planning and Zoning Public Hearing – 6 April, 6pm, 3rd Floor City Hall
  - Boise River System Permit: approval from PZC required before grading begins
- BVNA supported the revised master plan – October 2019
  - We expressed concerns about the floater parking issue and how the Alta Harris parking would be impacted (parking spots reduced from 225 to 127)
  - We noted the increase in the number of pickleball courts and the natural playground.
  - We applauded the improvements on weed abatement and walking paths planned for the adjacent Idaho Power Corridor.
Alta Harris Park – Proposed Enhancements

• Scooter/Skate Park
  • Ethan Santillan

• Post – Mtg Notes: Ethan Santillan is a 13-year-old neighbor who attended the Alta Harris public open house last year. He requested a scooter/skate park and was disappointed that it was not included. He spoke at the BVNA meeting and presented his case exceptionally well. He took questions and suggestions from the audience and he will present his case in public testimony at the 6 April hearing. If other neighbors wish to testify regarding the park plans, please contact the Boise City parks project coordinator, or attend the hearing and sign in to testify in person.
  • KBurrows@cityofboise.org, 208–608–7634
Firewise

Hank Vincent, BVNA Board
We Live With Wildfire!
BVNA seeking to facilitate coordination amongst various HOAs

• SW Idaho is one of the most fire-prone areas in the western United States.
  • Barber Valley homes are mostly in the wildland–urban interface (WUI)
  • Therefore, it’s essential that our community adapt to the rising threat of wildfire by creating plans to mitigate wildfire risks.
  • Fire plays a necessary role in our ecosystem; we must learn to live with wildfire.

• Harris North is leading the neighborhood on this effort
  • Their action plan covers ‘annual vegetation clearance’ and their HOA dues cover the cost for all 172 homesites.

• BVNA Firewise Chair has been vacant since last spring
  • We may have a volunteer for this immensely important coordination effort
  • What can you do: Energize your HOA to take this seriously and invest HOA resources (time & money)
Firewise Post-Meeting Note

• Dr. Tanner Gronowski is an East Valley resident and has volunteered to chair the BVNA Firewise committee.

• The BVNA objective is to help coordinate Firewise efforts amongst all the various HOAs in the Barber Valley.

• Tanner will begin with his neighborhood HOA – East Valley. He will work through the coordination process with advice from the Harris North Firewise chairman, Justin Milander.

• When Tanner is complete with the East Valley effort, he will focus on assisting the River Heights HOA in their efforts to secure Firewise certification.

• If other neighborhoods are already in the Firewise coordination process (e.g. Spring Creek?), please contact Tanner at the BVNA address and he may be able to assist in expediting the process: board@bvnaboise.org
Transportation Committee
Rob Stark, BVNA Board
Roadwork in the Area (as of 12 Mar)

https://www.achdidaho.org/Departments/PR/Rita.aspx
Post-Meeting Minutes

• Please note the proposed CLOSURE of the Warm Springs ‘bypass’ through Harris Ranch – 23 March through 3 April

• The Roadwork In The Area (RITA) interactive map is updated daily. Please refer to the latest from this link: https://www.achdidaho.org/Departments/PR/Rita.aspx
ACHD Community Programs Request
http://www.achdidaho.org/Departments/PlansProjects/CommunityProgHowTo.aspx

• Option #1: Reach out to Partner Agencies
  • City of Boise:
    • Karen Gallagher: kgallagher@cityofboise.org or 208-608-7094
    • Zach Piepmeyer, zpiepmeyer@cityofboise.org or 208-608-7096

• Option #2: Submit a Community Programs Application
  • http://www.achdidaho.org/Documents/PlansPrograms/CommunityProgramsApplication.pdf

• Option #3: ACHD Commissioner
  • District 1 – Jim Hansen (Jhansen@achdidaho.org)
Post Meeting Minutes

• Please note this program and outreach is for improved connectivity and safety for those that walk and bike.

• If you are concerned about how the neighborhood children will walk/bike to the new Harris Ranch elementary school, it’s complicated:
  • The school is not yet a “thing” that ACHD acknowledges. So, to make a case for improved connectivity into the center of Harris Ranch, where the school will likely be sited, please note that you are concerned about the following:
    • ACHD is preserving the option of expanding the Warm Springs ‘bypass’ from 2 lanes to 4 lanes if future traffic warrants the expanded capacity. This will present a huge problem for bike/pedestrian connections across the ‘bypass’. Ask for ACHD to change the “Master Street Map” from 5 lanes to 3 lanes.
    • The proposed elementary school will likely be sited adjacent to the Village Green and all ages moving on foot or by bicycle, e-bicycle, scooter should have safe and separated facilities to access the “Town Center”.
    • The currently proposed Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs) that will assist a crossing of Warm Springs at Millbrook will be yellow (just like at Spring Creek). They will NOT be red flashing that requires motor vehicles to stop for the waiting pedestrian or bicyclist (like the crossing at Barber Valley Drive at the entrance to Marianne Williams park).
Suggested wording for Engaging with ACHD on this Barber Valley 'connectivity' issue
Email our District 1 Commissioner Directly: jhansen@achdidaho.org

Dear Commissioner Hansen,

We are greatly concerned that the long range ACHD plans may be to expand Warm Springs Avenue from it's existing configuration in the Harris Ranch area to a 5-lane arterial. We believe the already accomplished traffic studies indicate a 3-lane right of way will support all future traffic projections. We request ACHD change the master street map from E. Barber Dr to S. Eckert Road from 5-lanes to 3-lanes. Furthermore, we request that Haystack and Woodcutter streets that feed into the Harris Ranch Town Center are built with separated facilities for bicyclists and pedestrians. Finally, we request that the RRFBs that will protect bike/ped crossing of the E. Warm Springs bypass are of the 'red flashing' variety (not yellow – those have not been effective at the Spring Creek crossing).

The emerging Harris Ranch Town Center will be exceptionally difficult to access from outside Harris Ranch and the Greenbelt if the Warm Springs "bypass" is expanded to 5-lanes. In addition, the SP-01 ordinance sites the future elementary school adjacent to the Town Center and all children not living 'inside' Harris Ranch proper ('outside' the bypass) will have a very difficult Safe Route to School. There is no excuse for this when the infrastructure (Haystack and Woodcutter Streets) are not yet built and we have the opportunity to make a good plan even better.

Thank you for your continued advocacy of active and alternative transportation in Ada County.

Sincerely,
Development Update

Gary Veasy, 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 21 April, 6pm
Is the Woodcutter Street Cross-Section the template for School and Village Green bike/ped traffic?

- Existing/Future Haystack
- Future Harris Ranch Elementary School (2022)
- Proposed Preliminary Plat Roadways

If this street cross-section is extended west to the school site there are no bike facilities.
E. Woodcutter Street – Westbound to HR School
Haystack Subdivision #1 – Final Plat

Planning and Zoning Public Hearing
13 April, 6pm, City Hall
Harris Ranch Elementary School Charette

- Katie Swain – now a BVNA Board member – represents BVNA in the planning process
- Next meeting next week
- BSD may issue a communique next week (~20 March)
- BSD may schedule a public meeting in ‘mid-April’
- City, LeNir, ACHD, and BSD are collaborating on numerous issues and there is not yet clarity on a school design
Past Business 1

- Firewise Letter to HOAs
  - Action to John to draft letter to HOA boards
- WSA Landscaping at proposed Sue Howell park
  - Rob and John will transfer this project to Dave Reinhart
- Pet Haven Gulch Conservation Easement (or another project that may garner funds from the Open Space and Clean Water Committee)?
- Business membership/sponsorships?
  - Courtney will contact the Downtown Neighborhood Association and ask about their approach to partnering their NA with businesses in their neighborhood
    - Tim Flaherty (tim@astegos.org)
New Business

- Neighborhood Investment Program – Sign Toppers: Kay
- Financial Status – Hank
- Barber Valley Signage & Neighborhood Low Stress Bike/Pedestrian Network
  - The Board discussed the upcoming 24 March meeting with Deanna Smith to attempt to finalize a low stress bicycle network in the valley
- Road Adoption – Hank 'adopted' Warm Springs Avenue between Eckert Corner and East Valley. We need to discuss the BVNA role in organizing road cleanup crews.
  - The board agreed to combine a road cleanup event with a neighborhood gathering to include the Energize ‘party truck’ and possibly food/drink. The first cleanup party/event will be this fall.
- BSD Meeting logistics for proposed mid-April meeting
  - If the Boise School District reaches out to BVNA for a public meeting, BVNA will host at East Junior High School and will moderate the discussion