October 2020 Board Meeting
Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams – 8 October 2020

Barber Pool Conservation Area
Photo Courtesy of Idaho Foundation for Parks and Lands
BVNA Board Attendance – October 2020

• Absent:
  Rob Stark (travel), Courtney Santillan (Switchback event)

• Present:
  Everyone else (8)
Agenda

- Welcome and Meeting Process - John Mooney, BVNA Board
- Neighborhood Signage - Kay Nice, BVNA Board
- Transportation – Rob Stark, BVNA Board
- Parks & Trails - Steve Moore, BVNA Board
- Harris Ranch Elementary – Katie Swain, BVNA Board
- Harris Ranch CID – John Mooney, BVNA Board
- Development – John Mooney, BVNA Board
Wayfinding & Signage

Kay Nice, BVNA Board
Wayfinding & Signage Update

• 2019 Grant COMPLETED - logo sign toppers
  • INSTALLATION COMPLETED
    1. Parkcenter Blvd/Barber Valley Dr – north side
    2. Parkcenter Blvd/Barber Valley Dr – south side
    3. Warm Springs/Parsnip
    4. Eckert/Millbrook
    5. Warm Springs/Shakespeare
    6. Warm Springs/Sky Bar
    7. Warm Springs/Teresa

• 2020 Grant $20k - standalone signage
  • In production – Neighborhood Improvement Project (NIP) manager, Nikki Drake overseeing and will advise on progress of Signs2U fabricators
  • Approved Locations:
    1. Eckert & Warm Springs Avenue in front of the Market
    2. Parkcenter Blvd – south side on curve at bottom of bridge on MA Williams property

• 2021 Grant $2,100 – Greenbelt ped/bike signage
  • APPROVED grant for 11 signs with final locations TBD
  • Committee forming to work with advisor on wording and locations
  • Project Manager is Wendy Larimore at Parks & Recreation
Transportation

Rob Stark, BVNA Board
Bypass Lane Restrictions Begin on 13 October – thru 16 October

• Water Connection
ACHD Candidate forum was 7 October

• Recording of our District candidates can be accessed at this link:
  • https://youtu.be/86tsRMqvKb4

• The Barber Valley is in ACHD District 1
  • Incumbent candidate is Jim Hansen
  • Challenger is Kara Veit

• This is an extremely important position, and the elected commissioner will have immense influence on the public right of way development in the Barber Valley
  • Our primary ACHD issue is the future of E. Warm Springs Avenue (2 or 4 lane parkway); listen in to the candidate forum to get a sense of how our commissioner may respond to our request to keep the road limited to single lanes in either direction.
Parks and Trails

Steve Moore, BVNA VP
15 November – WMA closed to motorized traffic

- Wintering wildlife will be returning soon!
- Our backyard is the Boise River Wildlife Management Area (WMA)
- This 36,000-acre WMA supports more than 300 species of wildlife including the largest wintering mule deer herd in Idaho.
  - Motorized access is restricted in the winter to protect wintering wildlife
  - Hunters and trappers are active on the WMA
  - Dogs are required to be on leash on the Boise Front segment
    - Off-Leash pets are a stressor to wintering wildlife
  - Mountain bikes are permitted on designated trails
BRWMA MISSION

- Sustain high-quality winter habitat for mule deer & elk
- Provide habitat for a diversity of other wildlife species
- Offer hunting, fishing, trapping & other compatible recreational activities on the property

• The WMA can close when/if the wintering game populations become stressed during severe weather
  • Violations of closure jeopardize future recreational access (hike/bike)
• Trailheads at Homestead, Highland Valley, and Peace Valley will be marked with closure information if the WMA is closed by IDFG
  • Please honor the closures and find alternative recreational outlets
  • BVNA continues to work hard to identify and coordinate alternative recreational outlets (e.g. Peace Valley Overlook Reserve)
From 26 April 2017....we had a problem

Playing Outdoors

Boise Foothills’ eastern trails will re-open Monday; more than 11,000 violated closure

By Chadd Cripe

ccripe@idahostatesman.com

APRIL 24, 2017 10:26 PM, UPDATED APRIL 26, 2017 11:18 AM
BIG GAME SEMI-ANNUAL MIGRATION

- 5,000 – 8,000 deer
- 500 – 1,200 elk
WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP PROTECT WINTERING BIG GAME?

Remember ....

• Human or dog presence alone is enough to cause animals to move & act differently than they would have without that disturbance.

• A single instance of disturbance may not be that disruptive, but several days of that activity & disturbance may have a detrimental effect on an already stressed animal.

• The energy used by animals reacting to repeated disturbances becomes significant over time.
WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP PROTECT WINTERING BIG GAME?

1) Refrain from recreating in areas where big game congregate during the winter/spring months

❖ Even if access is allowed, please consider the potential stress caused to wintering big game. Remember, just because you can go somewhere doesn’t mean you should!

❖ Females in poor condition may have smaller fawns that are less likely to survive than fawns born to females in good body condition

❖ Avoiding these areas until late spring may help make a difference in long-term health of the herds
WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP PROTECT WINTERING BIG GAME?

2) Keep dogs under control

- Although your dog may not chase big game animals, its presence alone may be enough to cause animals to expend unnecessary energy they would not have otherwise used.

- Diverts time away from important behaviors such as feeding and resting.

- To big game animals, a dog is a predator and the impacts of free-running dogs on wintering game can be substantial.
WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP PROTECT WINTERING BIG GAME?

3) Recreate responsibly and legally by only using open roads and trails

❖ Stay on designated routes since big game can be disturbed by humans & dogs up to 800 feet from a trail/road
WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP PROTECT WINTERING BIG GAME?

4) Respect seasonal closures, especially during extreme winters, to minimize mortality of big game

❖ Displaced mule deer may be forced to move from higher quality range to lower quality habitat

❖ Providing secure areas for these animals to weather the storms, without additional stress from human disturbance, can improve their chances to survive the winter

Boise River Wildlife Management Area Closure

= Areas CLOSED to ALL Public Entry to protect wintering wildlife.

Contact: Boise River WMA (208) 334-2115; IDFG Region 8 (208) 465-8465
WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP PROTECT WINTERING BIG GAME?

5) If you see people or their dogs harassing mule deer, report it to Idaho Fish and Game

- Southwest Regional Office
  208-465-8465
- Boise Headquarters
  208-334-3700

6) Watch from a distance

- Binoculars & spotting scopes provide the ability to watch wildlife from great distances
- Use equipment from a distance & the animals will be better off.
Harris Ranch Elementary School

Katie Swain, BVNA Director
Preliminary school design ideas underway with Boise school district’s architecture firm, CSHQA.

2 Design ideas shared with Patrons at the Oct 6 Charrette:
- 2-3 story buildings
- Bus/parent drop off/safety & health concerns discussed
- Contained 3-acre parcel being fully utilized

Also....
- No changes to existing SP-01 streetscapes
- Public access to ‘community use’ areas in discussion
- Student safety primary concern
  - Classroom placement & ability to get to classrooms from different areas
  - Drop off & campus access points

Village Green status undetermined at this point ("blank slate")
Harris Ranch Community Infrastructure District
References to BVNA in the article:
• “The Barber Valley Neighborhood Association, which includes CID homeowners and those in all of the surrounding neighborhoods, takes a neutral position on the issue and is trying to educate residents about the CID and how it works before they buy.”

Comments from Steve Moore:
• “Steve Moore, who moved to Harris Ranch in 2017 from Eagle, said he has been shocked in recent years at how high the taxes for the district are.”

Of note:
• “The way the CID taxes are levied is unique. In most situations, when the property values increase and the number of properties paying taxes go up, the levy rate goes down unless the base rate is increased. More simply, the more people paying, the lower the burden per homeowner.
• “That’s not the case with the Harris Ranch taxing district. The levy rate remains fixed for each homeowner, which means as values continue to increase, so does the tax rate. Moore said he doesn’t necessarily object to paying the increased taxes or the concept of the district, but he would like to see it changed so as values increase or more homes are added the amount each resident pays decreases.

From the developer:
• “Fowler acknowledged taxes will continue to go up as values increase, but he said the tax increase is worth the appreciation in value for your home. “The good news is once (the CID) goes away, all of the (things) it paid for stay,” Fowler said. “The conservation easements, the village green, the wide sidewalks, the 8-foot wide planter strips. All of those amenities will stay.”
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th></th>
<th></th>
<th></th>
<th></th>
<th></th>
<th></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>Boise City - 208-972-8147</td>
<td>0.005698506</td>
<td>$2,521.59</td>
<td>33.3%</td>
<td>$2,521.59</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>School No 1 M&amp;O - 208-854-4029</td>
<td>0.003179737</td>
<td>$1,407.03</td>
<td>18.6%</td>
<td>$1,407.03</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>School No 1 Bond</td>
<td>0.000686282</td>
<td>$303.68</td>
<td>4.0%</td>
<td>$303.68</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>School No 1 Other</td>
<td>0.000008916</td>
<td>$3.95</td>
<td>0.1%</td>
<td>$3.95</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>School No 1 - Perm Override</td>
<td>0.000402259</td>
<td>$178.02</td>
<td>2.3%</td>
<td>$178.02</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td>(*) Harris Ranch 1 CID Administration</td>
<td>0.000050223</td>
<td>$22.22</td>
<td>0.3%</td>
<td>$22.22</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7</td>
<td>(*) Harris Ranch 1 Bond - 208-972-8174</td>
<td>0.002849741</td>
<td>$1,261.01</td>
<td>16.6%</td>
<td>$1,261.01</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8</td>
<td>Ada County - 208-287-7000</td>
<td>0.002549212</td>
<td>$1,128.03</td>
<td>14.9%</td>
<td>$1,128.03</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9</td>
<td>Ada County Highway - 208-387-6123</td>
<td>0.000771526</td>
<td>$341.40</td>
<td>4.5%</td>
<td>$341.40</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10</td>
<td>College of Western Idaho - 208-562-3295</td>
<td>0.0000128580</td>
<td>$56.90</td>
<td>0.8%</td>
<td>$56.90</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11</td>
<td>Emergency Medical - 208-287-2962</td>
<td>0.0000121963</td>
<td>$53.97</td>
<td>0.7%</td>
<td>$53.97</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12</td>
<td>Mosquito Abatement - 208-577-4646</td>
<td>0.0000217675</td>
<td>$9.63</td>
<td>0.1%</td>
<td>$9.63</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>13</td>
<td>Total Mill Levies</td>
<td>0.016468748</td>
<td>$7,287.42</td>
<td>96.1%</td>
<td>$7,287.42</td>
<td>$6,004.19</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Other Assessments:**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th></th>
<th></th>
<th></th>
<th></th>
<th></th>
<th></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>14</td>
<td>(*) CID Harris Ranch 1 Special</td>
<td></td>
<td>$294.92</td>
<td>3.9%</td>
<td>$294.92</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>15</td>
<td><strong>Subtotal - Harris Ranch CID Taxes - $</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>$1,578.15</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>16</td>
<td>Harris Ranch CID Taxes - % of Total Tax</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>20.8%</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>17</td>
<td><strong>Total Property Taxes - 2019 (with &amp; without CID)</strong></td>
<td>$7,582.34</td>
<td>100.0%</td>
<td></td>
<td>$7,582.34</td>
<td>$1,578.15</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>18</td>
<td>Harris Ranch CID Taxes - $</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>$1,578.15</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>19</td>
<td>Harris Ranch CID Taxes - % Increase</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>26.3%</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Example - Estimated Taxable Property Values:**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Total Assessed Value</th>
<th>$542,500</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Homeowner's Exemption</td>
<td>$(100,000)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Total Taxable Value</td>
<td>$442,500</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Development Activity

John Mooney, BVNA President
Recent Staff Background to City Council

Figure 4: Barber Valley and Harris Ranch, Red Areas Not Built-Out
Taper Condos

- Part of Dallas Harris Estates Sub #9
- Previously approved via Design Review in June 2020
  - 4 attached townhome units; 3-story building with 30 units
- 20 October City Council hearing for final plat (SUB20-00040)
  - Zach Evans Construction
Dallas Harris South Sub #2

• 6 October City Council hearing – final plat approved

• Mixed-use subdivision comprised of 4 buildable lots adjacent to the Warm Springs bypass in the SP-01 (Harris Ranch Specific Plan) zone.

• ACHD Project Report
  • This is a preliminary/final plat application to develop 4 lots for mixed use and an elementary school lot on 12.04 acres
  • Staff recommends that the applicant be required to dedicate additional right-of-way at the Millbrook Way/Warm Springs intersection consistent with the template shown as attachment 3 to accommodate the future construction of a dual lane roundabout at the intersection.
    • BVNA was successful in lobbying to the City that the future roundabout should be single lane versus dual lane. This issue is still outstanding and the City is awaiting response from ACHD on their request to change the Master Street Map
Dallas Harris South Sub2
Includes the elementary school parcel
Foothills East – last month’s breaking news.....

Nothing new to report
- Sold to Boise Hunter Homes
- Entitled for 178 homesites
- BHH will develop 60-78 homesites (by agreement with Barber Valley DevCo)
- Trail easement to Peace Valley Overlook Reserve is included in the agreement
Meeting Wrap-up
40 reported stolen bikes in September 2020. Bikes were primarily taken from residential yards, stairwells, and businesses.

- Store your bike inside if possible. A closed/locked garage or inside your home will keep it safer.
- If you have to leave your bike outside, whether at home or at the store, make it difficult to steal. Securing your bike to a bike rack though the rear tire and frame using a U style bike lock or combination of a U-lock with other locks will make it harder to steal (Cable or chain locks are frequently cut)
- Register your bike with Bike Index through the City of Boise at www.cityofboise.org/bikeindex. If we find your bike, we can easily track it back to you (and it’s free!)

Be aware of and report suspicious activity that seems oddly out of the ordinary for your neighborhood.

If you are a victim of a stolen bike or observe suspicious activity, please call Boise Police Non-Emergency at 208-377-6790. Likewise, if you find an abandoned bike, please contact Police Non-Emergency for follow-up.
Misc 2 – Increased Theft/Burglary in SE Boise

• VEHICLE THEFTS (BREAK-INS) – Boise Ave and Apple Street area
  • Normal advice (lock your vehicles and remove valuable items.....)
  • Plus......Check that your garage door is closed and pet doors are secured. Confirm that all inside doors leading to the garage or to the outside are locked.

• Barking dogs can be an indication of unusual activity around your home. Pay attention and report any suspicious activity immediately to police at 208-377-6790 (suspicious) or 911 (urgent).

• FIREARM THEFTS
  • Many of the break-ins involved firearms.
  • Record serial numbers – don’t forget binoculars, range finders, and other high dollar equipment. Catalog your equipment and store in a secure location.
Old Business

- Dog Park – how do we proceed?
  - Issues: Idaho Power (Pam Sprute) and a NA volunteer
  - Update: 12 October email - Idaho Power indicated that the location requested (see graphic) “is not a possibility. There are some on-going issues within the corridor that I do not see being resolved any time soon.”

- Succession Planning – up for election in January:
  - John, Gary, Hank, Larry, & Rob

- Switchback – off-season plans

- HRCID
  - Board voted to continue to facilitate information from the City.
New Business

• Election Administration/Execution
  • Gary Veasy will coordinate a postal mailing announcing the January annual meeting and board-member election.
  • Steve Moore will conduct the January meeting and election process

• Upcoming Grant Cycle
  • Board decided to ask for neighbor input for the next grant cycle.

• Taper Condos – 20 October Hearing
  • Gary will represent BVNA if required; John will draft letter of support based on the expectation there will be no issues