Barber Pool Conservation Area
Photo Courtesy of Idaho Foundation for Parks and Lands
Agenda

• Welcome and Meeting Process
• Wayfinding and Signage Update
• Transportation - Warm Springs Avenue planning changes
• Parks and Trails - Alta Harris Park delay & Barber Pool projects
• Development - Review of Barber Hill Vistas & upcoming projects
• Neighborhood Grant prioritization
• New Elementary School - upcoming design charrette
Wayfinding & Signage

Kay Nice, BVNA Board
Wayfinding & Signage Update

• 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
  • Project Manager is Wendy Larimore at Parks & Recreation
  • Four preliminary locations at edges of Marianne Williams Park and two locations within the park
  • Locations, destinations and number of signs currently being vetted
Transportation

Rob Stark, BVNA Board
Transportation Update

• Crossings in Limbo:

• Arrow Junction/Eckert Crossing along with changes in Eckert streetscape are on hold until development of Alta Harris Park
• Warm Springs/Maynard is delayed due to COVID will be completed “perhaps” early next year.
• Warm Springs/Skybar also has an accessibility issue that must be mitigated: the walkway down to Greenbelt is not ADA compliant.
Barber Junction Float Parking

- Rivernest will be signed for parking restrictions for the next floating season after getting 76% of the homeowners to sign petition.
- Boise Police Chief Lee is supportive of using extra resources - similar to policing downtown bar scene
Warm Springs Master Street Map Change

• Residents and BVNA successfully lobbied ACHD to update the MSM to reflect Warm Springs between Wise Way and Eckert as a dual lane parkway
  • effectively preserves a single lane in each direction, rather than expanding to dual lanes in each direction as is Parkcenter beyond the Harris Ranch firehouse
• 145 residents emailed the commissioners in the days leading to the hearing.
• ACHD still retains the original right of way
  • Future use of that RoW will be determined later (same as from Eckert to Hwy21)
• SP01 will still need to be amended, but this was a huge first step
• Keeps Harris Ranch and Barber Valley the livable, walkable, bikeable and safe community always envisioned.

• THANK YOU!!!!!
ACHD Commission Meeting Minutes Excerpt
28 October 2020 Public Hearing

• ACTION TAKEN: Jim Hansen made a motion to Adopt the Master Street Map and include the City of Boise's request that the ultimate build out configuration of Warm Springs Avenue between Wise Way and Eckert Road from 5 to 3 lanes and retain the preservation of the Right of Way. Kent Goldthorpe seconded.

• Mr. Price (General Counsel) provided comment on the motion: 'Include a note within the Master Street Map that it is preserved for 5 lanes, but any future configuration would be for a 3-lane road. .....the ultimate configuration would not exceed the 3 lanes as requested by the City of Boise.’

• Motion went to vote and carried 3-2.
  • Ayes: Mary May, Kent Goldthorpe, and Jim Hansen.
  • Nays: Rebecca Arnold and Sara Baker.
Barber Valley Transportation Priorities?

- City wants our “Top 3” transportation priorities for consideration by ACHD.
  - Lower speed limit on Warm Springs between Shakespeare and Highway 21?
  - Digital “Your Speed Is” signage on Warm Springs?
  - Wildlife crossing – under/overpass or technology solution?
- Something else? Please submit any other ideas to BVNA by 30 November
  - board@bvnaboise.org or through the website contact form at bvnaboise.org
- The BVNA Board will prioritize the neighborhood list at the 10 December meeting
Barber Pool Conservation Area

• IBO/Diane Moore Nature Center with support from Micron will be rewatering a dried-up sidechannel beginning in Fall 2021
  • Expected to take 4-6 months
• IBO received a $440,270 Open Space Grant from the City of Boise for building trails and boardwalks.
• Ongoing fundraising for other infrastructure.
Barber Pool Update

• The Ada County Commissioners are looking to designate Ada County property in the Barber Pool as a conservation area. This will be the first county-owned land to receive this designation.

• It will be managed by Scott Koberg, Director of Ada County Parks and Waterways. He intends to support efforts towards conservation and habitat restoration in the Barber Pool, working closely with IFPL to reach the overall goals for the Barber Pool.

• Proposed uses: walking/hiking, painting/drawing/photography, wildlife observation.

• Proposed restrictions: pedestrian only/no bicycles, dogs on leash, pick up pet waste, no camping, fires, BBQs, smoking, alcohol or glass containers, littering, stay on designated trails, no disturbing of wildlife, possible seasonal closures to protect wildlife.

• Please express your thoughts on this via our email: board@bvnaboise.org or via our website contact form: bvnaboise.org

• The Ada County resolution is at this link:

• The hearing will be conducted on 1 December at 9am. If you have inputs on this proposal, please consider written testimony directly to Ada County (via email: bocc1@adacounty.idaho.gov) or via email to BVNA (board@bvnaboise.org)
Parks and Trails

Steve Moore, BVNA VP
Alta Harris Park Development of the park has been delayed.

- According to Jennifer Tomlinson (Boise Parks & Recreation Dept), 10/27/2020: “Bids came in about $1 million over budget and while we have been looking for funding since bids closed, we have been unsuccessful. We have rejected all bids and are postponing development of the park. We have never experienced a construction environment like this and bids were the highest we have ever seen on a project like this.”

- Boise is updating the capital plan next year and hope to relook at the park improvements and if there are opportunities through impact fee collections to make up the difference, or if anything changes in our construction environment.

- Planned budget was $1.96 million that included:
  - Harris Family Contribution, $600,000
  - SW Idaho Soccer League, $160,000
  - Remaining funds (from Development Impact fees), $1,200,000
History:
Back in May 2020, BVNA commented on the “Floodplain Review” which included a need to correct a “pedestrian connectivity gap” and to consider the floater parking problem in the Alta Harris Park planning.
BVNA requested 11’ vehicle lanes with 6’ bicycle lanes to improve bicycle assess.
BVNA agreed with ACHD to construct a RRFB crossing in the immediate area, but also to include bicycle as well as pedestrian activation.
We also were very encouraged that the city had secured an agreement to allow park footpaths in the adjacent Idaho Power corridor.

Outlook:
Look to FY2021 improved funding...

Other solutions?
Good News:  Golda Harris Nature Preserve Opened on October 28

- BVNA Directors John Mooney, Kay Nice, Larry Crowley, and Rob Stark attended the ribbon-cutting
Golda Harris Nature Preserve-

Nice area to stroll and enjoy wildlife adjacent to Arboretum Apartments at Barber Station

Named for Dallas Harris’s sister-in-law that was married to Ivan Harris, partner in the Harris Brothers Lumber Company.
• Any other issues to discuss with Parks & Trails?

• It is still a primary trails goal to connect Barber Valley with the Mesa Reserve and Table Rock with a trail connection. Seeking some updates on this possibility.
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
Using trails when they are muddy is the leading cause of trail damage on the Ridge to Rivers system.

HERE ARE THE TOP 5 REASONS THAT YOU SHOULD NOT USE MUDDY TRAILS:

When trails are muddy, users invariably travel along the adjacent vegetation to avoid the mud. This tramples and kills trail side vegetation and widens our trails - and thus we lose the single track character of our trail system.

As trails widen, erosion increases and the trails become increasingly difficult to maintain sustainability. Trail crews cannot adequately repair this type of damage in the Foothills.

Drainage structures put in by trail crews to divert water and curtail erosion are trampled and flattened - making them ineffective and again increasing erosion along our trail system. No one likes to travel along deeply eroded trails - so they travel to the side and create additional, parallel routes. This again leads to loss of vegetation and eventual increased erosion.

Those deep foot prints, hoof prints, tire tracks and yes - even paw prints invariably freeze and become ankle twisting, teeth chattering experiences for those trail users trying to do the right thing - travel on trails when they are frozen (or dry).

We are trying to maintain and manage the Ridge to Rivers trail system not only for ours, but for future generations. Continued irresponsible use of our trails will ensure one thing - that our children will not be able to enjoy the experiences that we currently have.

Please help up preserve the integrity of our trail system by doing the following:

Stay off of muddy trails. Pay attention - if you are leaving tracks, turn back.
In winter, ride or hike early in the morning when trails are frozen hard.
Check daily trail conditions on our website or on Facebook to know whether you should be on the trails during winter months.
If you encounter short stretches of mud, ride or walk through them. Don’t leave the trail as this kills trailside vegetation and leads to trail widening.

Daily Trail Report
• Ridgetorivers.org
• facebook.com/ridgetorivers
Development Activity

John Mooney, BVNA President
Build-Out Status – Barber Valley

May 2019

Barber Valley Overall Development Status

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Please Help pass this along. Especially to new neighbors!

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

October 2020

Buildout Summary As of October 2020

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September 2020 Staff Background to City Council

In reference to our request for the MSM amendment

Figure 4: Barber Valley and Harris Ranch, Red Areas Not Built-Out
Barber Hills Vista

- Previously approved by the City in 2018 after a long series of hearings and adjustments
  - 2017: What began as 125 total residential units in 17 apartment buildings....
  - 2018: approved for 42 homesites
  - Now being developed by Biltmore Company (Meridian) as previously approved
Recent Grading
Barber Hill Vistas – permit status
(environmentally sensitive site)

• 22 Sep: Land improvement, grading, cutting in pond and using the pit run from the pond excavation to use as structural fill for the project. Installing utilities, pave streets and installation of concrete curbs, gutters and sidewalks.

• Residential Rough Grading Permit – 16 October
  • Excavation of ~ 815 cubic yards for a new residential subdivision
  • All 8.65 acres of the parcel affected by grading permit
  • WETLAND AND CREEK CONSTRUCTION NOT PERMITTED UNDER THIS APPROVAL. POND EXCAVATION PERMITTED.
    • City reviewed the Final Grading Plan (By Rock Solid Civil dated August 12, 2020) and approved based on the developer’s compliance with the signed conditions.
    • The applicant shall prevent the tracking of mud or dirt onto public rights-of-way and shall immediately clean up mud or dirt if tracking occurs.

• Residential Alterations – 16 October
  • Permit to construct rock retaining walls and related site work. Project is adjacent to a Wildlife/Wetland Corridor. No sewer construction approved at this point.
• Biltmore Company is the landowner, the land developer and the home builder for Barber Hill Vistas Subdivision.

• We are in the middle of designing new house plans specifically for Barber Hill Vistas Subdivision and should be finished with the house designs in about 2 months.
  • Some of the homes will be daylight basement designs that will create great views to the south. The new house designs will be semi custom homes and will fit in well with the surrounding neighborhood house designs.

• There are 42 home lots in the subdivision.

• We are planning on starting home construction around mid to late spring 2021.
  • This of course can vary depending on how winter weather plays out.
Dallas Harris South Sub2 – Mixed Use Subdivision

- 1 December City Council hearing – 6pm
- BVNA submitted support of this prelim/final plat when heard by the Planning and Zoning Commission (5 October 2020)
- This preliminary/final plat establishes the final infrastructure and streetscape for the immediate area surrounding the future Harris Ranch elementary school
- BVNA continues to support but with reservations on the bike/ped infrastructure surrounding the school site
Proposed New Elementary School Site

- No Bike Lanes currently in the plan on these two streets
- ACHD didn’t condition the applicant to make a change
- They will respond with “paint is easy”
Harris Ranch Elementary School

Katie Swain, BVNA Director
Charrette Notes

- October Notes
  - 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”)

- This month (November) update:
  - Next neighborhood Charrette meeting to be held in early December.
Neighborhood Investment Program

Hank Vincent, BVNA Treasurer
Two Grant Opportunities - NIP

1. Neighborhood Investment Program (NIP)
   • The NIP is a partnership between the City of Boise and City registered neighborhood associations.
   • The program funds comprehensive neighborhood plans and capital construction projects to help enrich the lives of our citizens, enhance the identity and quality of life in our neighborhoods and encourage a strong sense of community.
   • Funded projects will provide a public benefit to all members of the community. The city’s registered Neighborhood Associations are eligible to apply for project funding.
   • Individuals and community groups must work with their neighborhood association to apply.
   • All projects must be located on public property.
   • Applications for FY22 projects will be accepted from Nov. 1, 2020 to Jan. 31, 2021 via ZoomGrants.
Two Grant Opportunities - ACT

1. Activate. Connect. Transform (ACT) Grants:
   • Only Neighborhood Associations are eligible to apply for these funds.
   • A maximum of $2,500 may be awarded to an association each fiscal year.
   • Any improvements/ events/resources funded through this program must be located on public property and free and accessible to all residents.
   • This program is competitive; applications are accepted on a rolling basis, with evaluations and funding determinations made three times each year.
   • Neighborhood Associations may apply for projects that fit within any of the funding categories below. There is no maximum or minimum number of applications a neighborhood association may submit within any grant cycle, or for the fiscal year, but the maximum amount of funding any neighborhood association can receive within a fiscal year is $2,500.
   1. Planning: These efforts will help provide strategic direction and guidance for implementation of future neighborhood projects, placemaking activities, events, and other initiatives. Maximum funding award: $1,000
   2. Implementation: These projects will address a community need, making visible neighborhood-level change. Maximum funding award: $2,000
   3. Capacity Building: These activities will support neighborhood residents by providing educational/skill-building opportunities and/or improved access to resources. Maximum funding award: $250
   4. Celebration: These projects will support vibrant neighborhoods by engaging residents through events and placemaking activities. Maximum funding award: $1,000
   5. Administration & Support: These efforts will support the daily operations for associations, including communications and annual meetings. Maximum funding award: $1,000
BV Resident Ideas

- Mill District Request (Adrian Rita)
  - There are a total of 6 lamp posts on S Mill Site Lane and the neighborhood would like to add double electrical outlets to the 6 poles so that we may add some decorative seasonal lighting.
- Greenbelt signage for biking routes (Lisa Hecht)
  - Identify and sign “bike train routes” or preferred safe cycling routes to schools
  - Provide (a) safe cycling class(es) for both children and adults, taught by League of American Bicyclists (LAB) instructors.
- Crosswalks
- Bus stops
- Bike Repair Station
- New trail construction or trail repair
- Art projects (e.g. public art in traffic roundabouts)
- History of neighborhood featured in storymap or digital trail (leveraging previous 2016 NIP grant for Barber Valley history)
- Walking/bike tour including historical landmarks
- Beautification project for streetscapes or other areas
- Tunnel under warm springs for wildlife – or technology solutions for wildlife passage
- Tunnel under warm springs from Greenbelt to Village Green/School
- Tunnel under Eckert connection Alta Harris to Greenbelt
- Picnic Shelter along Greenbelt
- Greenbelt pedestrian lighting
LeNir/Harris Ranch Office Update

Effective 11/2/2020 the LeNir/Harris Ranch/Barber Valley Development office has moved to downtown Boise.

At the beginning of 2020 our office building at E Mill Station Dr was sold leaving us in need of finding new office space. We are now located in the Wells Fargo Building at 877 W Main St, Ste 501.

We anticipate being back out at Harris Ranch in 18-24 months. In the meantime we still have an open door policy and homeowners are welcome to call to make an appointment to stop by.

Barber Junction Postal Pavilion

The Postal Pavilion on E Rivernest Dr. is on track to be finished around Christmas this year. We have heard from 2 homeowners that they were told by construction workers that the building was a public restroom—we assure you it is not.
Old Business

- Dog Park – how do we proceed? **CLOSED**
  - Issues: Idaho Power (Pam Sprute) and a NA volunteer
- Succession Planning – up for election in January **OPEN**
  - John, Gary, Hank, Larry, & Rob
- Switchback – off-season plans **OPEN**
- HRCID position **CLOSED**
  - Do you invite LeNir to November meeting?
New Business

• Election Administration/Execution
  • Virtual Voting plans – great job Gary with the voting form (the City may use it as a benchmark)!

• Upcoming Grant Cycle

• Upcoming Hearings
  • 1 Dec: Dallas Harris Sub2 (school infrastructure)
New Business – Barber Dam Access Area

• Unkempt fenceline (paralleling Sawmill Mill Way): “these specific property lines are unclearly defined. The physical fence belongs to Harris Ranch, but the embankment that abuts this fenceline is the unsightly, weed infested, fire hazard to which I speak”.

• “Relating to this specific area, could someone address the ownership status of the hydroelectric dam?” Specifically how this change of ownership might positively/negatively impact our neighborhoods. We need their support in understanding that the public corridor that accesses the hydroelectric dam/Boise River is not secure, or monitored. That gravel roadway/corridor was heavily used this last summer resulting in a scenario similar to what we have been experiencing near the Barber Bridge ... graffiti, dogs, littering, noise, illegal parking (per signage) obstructing mailbox and fire hydrant access, unloading of river gear and litter onto our lawns, etc, etc. This beautiful and environmentally sensitive area is potentially endangered by public misuse. I would suggest that the BVNA become friendly with the new ownership so that they can be apprised of our concerns???
BVNA Board Attendance – November 2020

• Present: Mooney, Moore, Veasy, Crowley, Nice, Reinhart, Santillan, Swain, Stark
• Absent: Vincent
Meeting Notes 1

**Transportation**
- Project List to City: Board voted to accept suggestions until 30 November and then prioritize the list for submission to the City NLT 15 December.
- Other ideas suggested included sidewalk maintenance in areas of the BV with older infrastructure (e.g. Mill District & Spring Creek).
- Question about the Warm Springs/Skybar crossing: Rob Stark explained the plan is for a **Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacon** (RRFB) with a crosswalk. Problems with the ramp to the Greenbelt that would be supported by this crossing.

**Parks**
- Discussion about submitting a letter to the City emphasizing neighborhood support for completing the park as soon as feasible. No action taken.
- The relationship between the Harris Ranch Community Infrastructure District (HRCID) and park funding was discussed. There is no known relationship between city park department funding and the HRCID.
  - Related – Larry Crowley (BVNA Director) noted there is a group of neighbors working with state legislators to propose property tax legislation in the upcoming winter session.
- If there are neighbors interested in devoting time to a public fund-raising effort to supplement the Alta Harris park funding shortfall, please contact BVNA at **board@bvnaboise.org**. We have previous success with these efforts and can assist in guiding a new outreach effort
  - BVNA raised $425,000 from neighbors and conservation organizations to purchase what is now the Peace Valley Overlook Reserve
• **Neighborhood Grant Submission**
  
  • Board voted to continue to gather project suggestions and then prioritize those projects at the December meeting for submission NLT 31 January
  
  • New ideas presented during discussion included the *Neighborhood Access Review* conducted by Jeremy Maxand in 2018 with a contract from the Barber Valley Development Company. John will contact Jeremy to determine next steps for a grant submission on behalf of the Idaho Access Project.
  
  • Another idea was submitted from a Mill District neighbor concerned about the growing use of the Barber Dam access road and maintenance of the path/road to the dam portage area.
    
    • A related idea would be to request funding for a public service announcement/video explaining “how to float the Boise River” to emphasize using the shuttle and parking downtown, rather than parking near Barber Park.