

The Barber Valley NA submits our 2018 annual report in memory of Mr. Jeff Steele. Jeff served as our Vice President after many years serving on the board of the Harris Ranch/Spring Creek Homeowners Association. Jeff was always there with a smile and wise advice - we miss him dearly.

**Finis Terra Subdivision:** BVNA initiated a multi-jurisdiction planning effort in January to kick off the application to develop 12 acres between Warm Springs Avenue and the Hammer Flat area of the Boise River Wildlife Management Area. The parcel is Not a Part (NAP) of either SP-01 nor SP-02. The applicant proposed to develop approximately 44 homesites and BVNA initiated an effort to attempt to synchronize the development with numerous other issues in the immediate area. Those issues included (1) the proposed Sue Howell City Park across Warm Springs Avenue (WSA), (2) the abandoned and extremely wide right of way (ROW) along WSA at the intersection of Finis Terra and WSA - this area is an abandoned Idaho Transportation Department truck weigh station that is now poorly maintained by ACHD, (3) the proposed Intermountain Bird Observatory which will be developed in coordination with the new City Park, (4) City annexation of the new park and Bird Observatory properties, which now makes this the southeast entry to the City as traffic enters the City from State Highway 21.

BVNA initiated the planning effort and the City hosted the following agencies in January at City Hall: ACHD, City Parks, City Arts and History, Idaho Fish and Game, City Transportation Planning, City Planning, and the applicant developer. BVNA then hosted a series of neighborhood charrettes between engaged neighbors and the Finis Terra applicant. The result of the January meeting, neighborhood charrettes, numerous public hearings, and multiple meetings between the developer, City Planners, and BVNA was a City Council approved application with revised conditions issued in November 2018. BVNA successfully advocated for an on-site wildlife corridor, as well as an easement for a possible future connection to the Barber Valley Trail which currently terminates north of Finis Terra on Highland Valley Road. Finis Terra annexation was approved with R-1C/DA zoning and the preliminary plat was approved for 45 homesites with 3 common lots.

**Pheasant Heights Subdivision:** BVNA hosted a series of charrettes between engaged neighbors and the developer of this 17-acre parcel. The result of the charrettes was BVNA support for the development. The City did honor the BVNA request for the requirement that future residents participate in a wildlife mitigation fund as well as a public easement through the parcel to accommodate the possibility of a future trail connection to the Warm Springs Mesa neighborhood and the associated Ridge to River trail network in the Mesa area.

**Peace Valley Overlook Reserve:** BVNA successfully transferred ownership of the 25-acre parcel (fka "Ramaker") to the City in September 2017. The City Foothills Director engaged with BVNA membership and many area neighbors participated in steering committee meetings in 2018. The result of the steering committee was a recommendation for naming and a master plan for future development of the parcel. The City officially named the parcel in October 2018 and trail building was immediately begun with a volunteer trail building crew. BVNA volunteers helped finish the trail in November 2018 (picture attached).

**Barber Valley Trail:** BVNA discovered that the Barber Valley Trail installed by the developer of the East Valley subdivision was unusable for walkers (and most bicyclists as well). The City had conditioned the development of this subdivision with a continuation of the Barber Valley Trail from the River Heights neighborhood to Highland Valley Road. We initiated an attempt to solve the problem by unsuccessfully approaching the developer (Mr. Jim Conger). We then approached the 'vertical' development company

(BlackRock Homes), which was also unsuccessful. We finally approached the original landowner (Harris Family). Mr. Doug Fowler from the Barber Valley Development Company also reached out to the developers (Mr. Conger and Mr. Centers) but was also unsuccessful. Mr. Fowler graciously offered to fund the trail repairs. BVNA then coordinated with the City Ridge to Rivers trail experts who recommended Cuddy Mountain Trail Company for a contracted repair. The trail was repaired with a soil stabilizer in July 2018 and future maintenance of this problematic section of the trail will become the responsibility of the East Valley Homeowners' Association. Trail repair picture attached.

**2018 Election:** BVNA conducted the annual meeting on the second Thursday of January 2018 and conducted a board member election to fill five 2-year term vacancies. Two new members were elected to the Board, Phil Carrillo and Dan Winans. Three current board members were reelected: Brandy Wilson, Leslie Wright, and John Mooney. Unfortunately, both Phil and Dan resigned mid-year. Phil moved to another neighborhood and Dan was unable to provide availability for board meetings with a young family and growing professional demands. In addition, Brandy Wilson resigned when she was elected to lead another volunteer board effort. As a result, the BVNA Board appointed three new members in accordance with the BVNA Bylaws: Gary Veasy, Kay Nice, and Stasi Bellomy. Sadly, our Board Vice President, Mr. Jeff Steele passed away unexpectedly in September 2018. We elected to leave that position vacant until the 2019 board elections which were conducted on 10 January 2019.

**2018 Neighborhood Investment Program:** BVNA was awarded a grant in 2015 to conduct a Placemaking study which was published in May 2016. The Placemaking study was the foundation for the 2017 NIP submittal for neighborhood signage which was awarded in July 2018. BVNA continues to coordinate with the City staff for the execution of the 2018 award which will fund initial graphic design costs as well as a small number of neighborhood signs in 2019. We submitted our 2020 NIP grant request for additional signage that we hope to continue this project.

**2018 Warm Springs Avenue Corridor Planning:** BVNA joined a NA working group led by the East End NA which is seeking to resolve traffic issues on the Warm Springs Corridor. This NA collaboration led to a series of BVNA meetings (August through November) where we sought community feedback on the direction of the WSA corridor. The result of those meetings, combined with social media input, informed our 2020 submission to the City Transportation Planners for a project to utilize the abandoned ACHD right of way on Warm Springs Avenue adjacent to the new Sue Howell City Park.

**Specific Plan Review:** BVNA was invited to participate in a series of meetings to review the proposed changes to the Harris Ranch Specific Plan (SP-01). The meetings were held in the Barber Valley DevCo (LeNir Ltd) offices in Harris Ranch and attended by 8 members of the BVNA membership (to include 4 board members). The result of the meetings was clear understanding of the administrative changes to SP-01; BVNA elected to offer our support for the changes to the City Planners which was realized with a letter of support to the Planning and Zoning Commission in January 2019.

**Barber Valley Neighborhood Map:** BVNA was approached by the Foothills and Open Space Manager (Sara Arkle) to see if we would support a neighborhood trails mapping project. The City assigned an intern (Doug Hansen) who prepared a draft map using Arc Info ESRI Geographic Information System (GIS) software. BVNA energized our Parks and Trails Committee to review the draft map and provide edits and suggest improvements. The changes were incorporated, and the map was then further edited and approved by the City Trails/Outdoors Coordinator (Martha Brabec) who then was able to provide linkage to the new map on the "Other Trails" section of the City's Ridge to River website.

**Greenbelt Alignment:** BVNA initiated contact with neighbors in the Mill District impacted by the proposed realignment of the Greenbelt. The new Alta Harris park development will also lead to a new Greenbelt alignment in the Mill District area of the Barber Valley. BVNA met with concerned neighbors and then coordinated a series of meetings with the City Parks Superintendent (Jennifer Tomlinson). The resolution of a final Greenbelt alignment is still unresolved, but we expect final determination and neighborhood interaction in early 2019.

**Guest Speakers:** this past year, BVNA hosted the following guest speakers:

- Scott Jenkins, Owner/Developer of Aspen Valley Senior Living
- Jamison Nakaya, development manager, Boise Hunter Homes (Wolf Tree Square)
- Scott Koberg, Ada County Parks and Waterways: Greenbelt Improvements and float parking concerns
- Bob Taunton, Finis Terra development
- Jennifer Tomlinson, City Parks Superintendent (Sue Howell, Alta Harris, Peace Valley Overlook)
- Gregory Kaltenecker, Boise State University, Intermountain Bird Observatory development plans
- Krista Biorn, Wildlife Biologist, Boise River Wildlife Management Area
- Katelyn Menuge, City Geographic Area Planner (GAP)
- Don Kostelec, Active transportation & healthy places planner
- Fred Boelter, The Gateway Reserve (adjacent to the Idaho Shakespeare Festival – Idaho Foundation for Parks and Lands)