8 August 2019 Meeting Minutes

Approximately 70 neighbors in attendance.

Board Members Present: Mooney, Moore, Veasy, Nice, Miller, Crowley, Stark

Board Members Absent: Durtschi, Bellomy, Vincent
Meeting Summary

• Elementary School: BSD presented the status of their activity and fielded questions and concerns that focused on the school site, BSD plans, surrounding development, and shared use of the Village Green area. LeNir (Doug Fowler) answered questions regarding the school siting and developer plans that began with the 2006 Harris Ranch charette planning process. The BSD presentation is included with these minutes.

  • Note: Neighborhood Associations are formed to tackle these types of issues. The BVNA board is composed of volunteers serving in support of our community. In this case, the complaints of many that “they didn’t know” or “don’t have an input” are unfortunate. For example, the March BVNA Meeting minutes clearly outline the latest (of many) opportunities for parents and neighbors to politely engage in this public dialogue (link here). If you wish to become more involved, 5 of the 10 BVNA Board positions will be filled at the January election.

• BVNA Bylaws: the BVNA board tabled changes to the bylaws until the September meeting. Changes involve the staggered 2 year terms, refinement of the election process, and clearly identifying that the second Thursday in January is the annual meeting of BVNA membership.

• BVNA Signage: The Board selected the final sign from a choice of 5 total. The $16K city grant will result in the installation of these signs in the coming year. Phase 2 of the program should involve the purchase of larger signs at significant community locations. The ‘winning’ logo is the next slide and is also used as the slide master in the upper right of each slide. Thanks to the 250ish BVNA members that participated in this process via our survey(s) and meeting attendance – we all owe board member Kay Nice a big thank you for her time, energy, and leadership on this project!
Barber Valley NA Meeting Agenda

8 August 2019 ~ Mill District Clubhouse

• Harris Ranch Elementary School - Brian Walker, Boise School District
• Neighborhood Signage - Kay Nice, BVNA Board
• Parks and Trails - Steve Moore, BVNA Board
• Development Updates - John Mooney, BVNA Board
• Transportation - Celeste Miller, BVNA Board
• Firewise - John Mooney, BVNA Board
If you’re not on the BVNA email distribution list....
Please Sign In 😊

If You’d Like to Volunteer to Serve on a BVNA Committee.....
Please Sign In 😊
e.g. Schools, Firewise......
Harris Ranch Elementary School Update

Presenter: Brian Walker, Boise School District (BSD), Timberline Area Director

Also In Attendance

Lisa Roberts, BSD Deputy Superintendent of Schools
Tom Willis, BSD Facilities
Ryan Hill, BSD Communications
Curtis Anderson, BSD Riverside Elementary School Principal
Jason Adams, BSD Adams Elementary School Principal
Doug Fowler, LeNir Ltd/Barber Valley Development Co.
Katelyn Menuge, City of Boise, Geographic Area Planner – Barber Valley
New Harris Ranch Elementary

Project Update
August 8th, 2019
2017 Boise School District Bond Facts

- BSD hired DeJong Richter to conduct facilities audit in 2015.
- Outcome of Facilities Audit- Identified needs and set educational standards.
- Voters approved 172.5 million.
- Allows the District to invest in every existing school.
- Allows the District the ability to build a new elementary school in Harris Ranch. (Phase 3 originally)
- Increases student and staff safety.
- Modernizes classrooms and schools.
New Harris Ranch Elementary School Site Facts

- Land donated by the Harris family. (2.5 acres)
- Includes daily access to green space and playground on Village Green Site. (Developer has agreed to allow the school to access approximately 2-2.5 acres of the Village Green Site for play area)
- Village Green and School Site will be connected during school hours.
- School Programming- In total, the school will be accessing approximately. 4.5-5 acres of space daily to provide educational programming.
Boise School District
Educational Standards- What we look at?

- Student Safety
- Functionality of indoor and outdoor areas of school site
- Classroom size
- Technology in the classroom
- Provisions for administration, guidance, and tutorial areas
- Building Space allows us to deliver the desired educational programming
- Sufficient size of core spaces- gym, cafeteria, library/media center
- Adequate provisions for outdoor activity- Green space, playground structures, blacktop space
- Adequate provisions for separation of bus and parent drop off
New Harris Ranch Elementary Timeline

- Village Green Currently in Design Phase
- Tentative School Design Phase- 2020-2021
  - Architect- CSHQA
- Tentative School Build Phase- 2021-2022
- Tentative School Opening- Fall of 2022

* School opening date is dependent on Harris Ranch Development infrastructure timeline.
Questions?

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Wayfinding & Signage Committee
(Sub-Transportation)
Kay Nice, BVNA Board
WAYFINDING & SIGNAGE UPDATE

FY2019 Neighborhood Investment Program (NIP) Grant - Phase 1

BVNA Winning identity design

Color Version due mid-August

Proposed locations at NA entry points to Grant Committee /ACHD by mid-September

Installation this fall
Neighborhood Investment Program (NIP) Grant - Phase 2

FY2020 awarded on July 24 - $20,000 to provide 3-5 free-standing signs at “significant / meaningful locations” within Barber Valley.

Neighborhood Investment Program (NIP) Grant - Phase 3 (& 4 ??)

FY2021 apply in January 2020

Board will use the 2014 Idaho Smart Growth report as guide to request destinations on signs and locations of the signs. Greenbelt signs will be for walkers and bikers. Street signs will be for bikers only.
Parks and Trails Committee

Steve Moore, BVNA Board
1. Boulder Heights to Pheasant Heights trail connection

- BVNA continuing coordination with Boise City, Boulder Heights, and Pheasant Height developers.

- Tuesday, 8/6 Meeting with Mark Tate (M3-Boulder Hts Developer) and Sara Arkle, Boise City. Will put together a Donation Agreement to be the basis for a partnership to fund professional design and trail construction. Volunteers will be sought to build trail.

- 3 Phases – Will take time, but lots of enthusiasm for this project!
Trail Connectivity

Barber Valley to Warm Springs Mesa (Table Rock)

- BVNA continues to coordinate with both developers (Boulder Heights & Pheasant Heights), City of Boise, and SWIMBA to achieve hike/bike connectivity from our neighborhood to the Mesa trail network.

- Future outreach may include volunteer trail building as well as fund-raising to partner with the City and private developers for trail design and construction.

New Boulder Heights Development to include hike/bike connections

Existing Pheasant Heights subdivision includes public easement to connect ‘above’ to the mesa
Barber Valley Parks & Trails

2. Sue Howell Park status

- Aaron Howell is funding the design and construction of the park with Boise Parks specifications.

- Coordination with Boise City Parks & Rec is ongoing.

- Since Mr. Howell is funding, Boise City doesn’t have any control on the timeline. Jennifer Tomlinson (Boise City Parks & Rec): is having weeds trimmed down and posting no dumping signs after a massive amount of dumping has occurred.

- BVNA continues to seek a complimentary landscaping project to improve the old ITD weigh station (BVNA Transportation Committee).
3. Warm Springs Golf Course/Tram Trail Parking

- The project will go out to bid in August.
- Likely construction this winter.
4. Alta Harris Park

- Boise City has been working with Doug Fowler (Lenir/Harris Ranch)
- Close to establishing a solid timeframe
- Hope to get construction documents done and out to bid this winter so spring construction can begin
5. Boise River Floater Parking Overflow impacting Barber Junction

- Alta Harris Park delayed “greenup” contributed to the problem *(we thought we’d have Alta Harris for floater parking this summer)*
  - Curbside parking filled; congestion; alleged tailgating, etc.
- LeNir posted signs (next slide) on their estate lots
- Barber Junction homeowners may petition to have ACHD install ‘no parking’ signs within the subdivision if at least 75% of the residents on a street agree.
  - Sign to the right was proposed but residents must initiate the process with ACHD.
  - “All or None” ACHD policy means there is no recourse for parking to be restricted to “residents only”.
Floater Parking for Barber Park

- As of 8/5/19, 2 sandwich-board signs have been posted by walled off area on Millbrook. Asked Lenir about other signs on 8/5/19, no clarification yet.
6. Barber Valley Parks & Trails -- 3D Archery Range

- A short section of single-track trail closed to bikers but not hikers (red line at left)
- Mountain bike trail is re-routed up former road (green line at left)
- Issue: Lack of public outreach to discuss options to the bike trail re-routing

Archery Range is at crest of Highland Valley Trail
7. Goathead Signs

- 2 of these signs in Barber Valley
  - E Valley Trail
  - Greenbelt
- Pull them and dispose of when you can!
Development Update

John Mooney, BVNA Board
Seasonal Food Vending – The Switchback

• MOU between Harris Ranch (LeNir) and the Switchback
• Location change was necessary based on grade and parking limitations
• Temporary Food Vending Site: trial use until October
• No public hearings required (#123 City Zoning Certificate Application)
• Hours of operation: 9am to 9:30pm including set –up tear down
• Number of food trucks limited to eight
• 2 porta-potties are required and must be screened
Harris Ranch Community Infrastructure District

• Notes from BoiseDev regarding recent CID meeting
  • Lenir/Harris Family says it has $14 million worth of property in escrow set to close this year and next, with another $26 million worth of property in negotiations to sell
  • Two 30-unit condo apartments are set for next year
  • Between this fall and next year, another 100+ townhome units will hit the market
  • Next year, a 260-unit condo building is set to go up
  • Lenir/Harris Family hopes to put an underpass under the Warm Springs bypass from the future "Village Green" in Harris Ranch West to the Greenbelt
  • Doug Fowler said again that they are talking to three or four restaurants -- this is a recurring theme
Pheasant Heights Status

- **Background:** Pheasant Heights development of interest due to the Boulder Heights trail connection opportunity
  - Development Agreement in effect as of Jan 2019
  - Developer (Natalie Hernandez) noted in January that “we are moving forward with the approved development agreement with the City and hope to be able to sell lots later this year”

- **BVNA requested an update in July**
  - BVNA: “....the proposed connection through your Lot 11 is of great interest to our membership. Can you offer another update on the status of your development?”
  - Developer: “Still finalizing landscape plan and final submission, taking way longer than expected”

- **Existing approvals with the City are generally valid for two years with the ability to request extensions**
  - City is waiting for the developer/applicant (Natalie) to submit for final plat
  - The Development Agreement had to be recorded within one year, which they’ve done
Miscellaneous Development Topics

• Council Springs Apartments
  • BVNA coordination with City and Harris Ranch Design Review Board (color palette concerns)

• Barber Valley Storage
  • “We have a progress review schedule for tomorrow. If everything is approved by the owner, then we will go back to Harris Ranch for final approval and can send over the plans for your review. We will try to give you an update by Wednesday”
Transportation Committee

Celeste Miller, BVNA Board
Warm Springs Avenue (bypass) closure

• Subdivision Right of Way work
  • In support of Dallas Harris Estates Townhomes 9
• RITA – Road Work In The Area
  • Interactive map available at ACHD website
    • https://www.achdidaho.org/Departments/PR/Rita.aspx
• Work delayed – contaminated soil encountered
• Expect to re-pave, re-open o/a 16 August
• Contaminated soil issues will require more work later
Project Year: 2021

Project Location: Warm Springs Ave, Eckert / Hwy 21

Project Description: Pavement rehabilitation and upgrade of adjacent pedestrian ramps on identified arterial and collector road segments. Projects selected as part of ACHD’s Pavement Management Program.
WSA Resurfacing

• Scheduled for FY 20 (so could occur in 21). We sought enhancements (e.g. bikeable shoulders, middle turning lanes, crosswalks, etc.) but....
  • It is a federally funded program - no alterations, additions or enhancements are possible
• The scope of the project has shrunk. The area to be resurfaced is now Glacier Dr. to Hwy 21.
  • ACHD determined the road condition between Eckert and Glacier does not warrant re-pavement
WSA Right of Way

• In light of Sue Howell Park, new developments, etc.
• We continue to work on upgrades to the ROW near the Brian Subdivision as the City plans its park;
• ACHD now receptive to conveyance of interest to City (eg. licensing agreement)
• BVNA will submit grant request to City at year end
• Seeking design assistance from U of I landscape architecture students to estimate scope of funding request.
  • Meetings with City park planners have been encouraging and are ongoing.
  • Neighbor interests? Unique challenges
Please Provide Feedback on ACHD Integrated 5-Year Work Program

• The 2020-2024 Integrated Five-Year Work Program sets strategies and priorities for the agency.

• The public comment map shows proposed projects
  • [http://www.achdidaho.org/Departments/PlansProjects/IFYWP_2024draft.aspx](http://www.achdidaho.org/Departments/PlansProjects/IFYWP_2024draft.aspx)

• View the Draft Plan and provide comments by August 19th:
  1. Click on a project on the map, select the link in the pop-up box to provide comments
  2. Email general comments to projects@achdidaho.org

• We (BVNA) have 3 projects: Arrow Junction crossing, Glacier Sidewalk, and re-paving of WSA from Glacier to Hwy 21
Firewise

John Mooney, BVNA Board
Harris North HOA/Developer is leading BV efforts

- HRN awarded “Firewise Certification”
- Spring Creek HOA coordinated with HRN and Barber Valley DevCo for firebreak mowing earlier this summer
- We need River Heights and East Valley HOAs to get engaged – they are the most ‘at risk’ communities in the valley
  - If you’d like to serve on the BVNA Firewise committee please contact BVNA via email (board@bvnaboise.org) or via our website (BVNABoise.org)...or talk to a board member!
- BVNA is coordinating for a Firewise event at East Junior High in late September
Past Business

• BVNA Bylaws (Gary & Steve)
  • The BVNA by-laws designate January as the annual meeting due to the elections of the board members (Section 2.4 and 4.3). However, it does not establish a specific day for the annual meeting, such as the second Thursday of the month. Could BVNA amend the by-laws to designate that specific day at an upcoming meeting, per the standards in Section 7.1?
  • Election Lessons incorporated into bylaws. The by-laws say that each "residence" shall have one vote. Shall the board correct the wording to reflect “each resident“ (renter or owner). The bylaws also do not account for how votes are allocated. The past two elections, we permitted 10 votes per voter.
    • Action: Secretary NLT Oct 2019

• Firewise Letter to HOAs
  • Action to John to draft letter to HOA boards
  • Related Action: compile list of HOA contacts (Larry & Steve)
New Business

• Select BV Sign Color Palette - Kay
• Website Traffic and Lessons - Gary
• DHE Townhomes 10: SUB19-00042 City Council 20 Aug
  • Letter? Attend?
• Firewise workshop – late September at East JHS?
  • BSU PhD student seeking participants for a free 90-minute workshop/research study on wildfire household preparedness in Boise.
  • 10-20 neighbors interested in setting up a workshop?
  • Workshop will cover: steps to make your home/neighborhood/family safer with respect to wildfire, wildfire risks in Boise’s Wildland Urban Interface (WUI), where fires have happened before and could again.
  • Workshop is interactive and includes discussion and hands on activities. Short pre-and post-workshop surveys to measure how usefulness of the workshop
• Shall we schedule a date and facilitate for BVNA?
  • If so, avoid Wednesdays and Sept 16-19 & Sept 24-27
Backup Slides

Pheasant Heights Testimony Slides from 2018
Background to current Boulder Heights connection effort
There is a compelling need to manage recreation for a neighborhood blessed (and constrained) by the Boise River WMA and Barber Pools

- Only 2 Trailheads in the Barber Valley
- +10,000 population (2025)
- Restricted-use conservation lands
- Equals +11,000 trespassing incidents (winter 2016)

We can provide a managed recreation outlet by connecting the Barber Valley with the larger R2R trail system

.........this may be the last chance!
A **concept** to connect WMA trails with Table Rock

- Adjacent landowner (JH Wise) met with City and applicant representative on 6 December and agreed a trail connection from Pheasant Heights to Table Rock would be possible
- BVNA sought a public/private fundraising collaboration in August 2017 – made seller’s agent aware of BVNA offer to partner with a prospective buyer
- A lesson from the recent 25-acre Peace Valley Overlook (Ramaker) purchase:
  - ....our neighbors are conservation-minded and will contribute time and resources to well-devised public conservation campaigns