November 2022 Membership Meeting

Hybrid Meeting – 10 November 2022

Barber Pool Conservation Area
Photo Courtesy of Idaho Foundation for Parks and Lands
Agenda – 10 November 2022

• Welcome and overview – John Mooney, BVNA Board President
• Transportation Update – Zach Piepmeyer, BVNA Director
• Dallas Harris Elementary School Update - Katie Swain, BVNA Director
• Parks & Trails Update – Rob Stark, BVNA Vice President
• Firewise – Roy Tweedle, BVNA Director
• Development Update – Gary Veasy, BVNA Secretary
• Open Forum & Announcements
• Adjourn
• Board Work Session

• Meeting attendance
  • 6 neighbors in person, 5 online,
  • 9 board members: Crowley, Hall, Hallam, Mooney, Piepmeyer, Santillan, Stark, Tweedle, Veasy
    • Absent: Swain
Transportation Update

Zach Piepmeyer, BVNA Director
Barber Valley Neighborhood Transportation Plan (BVNTP)

- BVNA used this ACHD planning effort to highlight the problems with Warm Springs Avenue between Eckert Road and Highway 21
- Based on our written and in-person testimony in August and September, the elected ACHD Commission postponed the public comment period for the BVNTP
  - Many thanks (again) to the community for the numerous public comments using the ACHD interactive map in March and July
- Yesterday, 9 November, the ACHD Commission approved our requested change to the ACHD Master Street Map
- Warm Springs Avenue will now be reclassified from a residential arterial road to a collector road
  - This permits the City and ACHD to work to redesign the road to manage motor vehicle speeds
  - This will eventually greatly improve crossing safety for the community (and wildlife)
  - This will permit traffic calming designs that could be incorporated into the BV Transportation Plan (thus the postponed public release)
  - Could possibly impact the Woven (fka Atwell Place) site plan
Two Major Changes Decided Yesterday – November 9th

ACHD Staff Slides Below

14. Warm Springs Avenue, Eckert Road to State Highway 21

City of Boise Request
  Reclassify Warm Springs Avenue, Eckert Road to State Highway 21 as a 3-lane residential collector

Staff Findings and Recommendations:
  • Identified as a residential arterial in SP02 Barber Valley Specific Area Plan
  • ROW has been preserved for an arterial roadway
  • Connects a highway to an arterial
  • Warm Springs Ave will continue to function as an arterial
  • No previous study has determined the impact of this modification

12. Parkcenter Blvd and Warm Springs Ave

City of Boise Request
  Add a roundabout. Difficult to make a left turn to head eastbound from Parkcenter onto to Warm Springs Ave.

Staff Findings and Recommendations:
  • Not identified in SP01 Harris Ranch Specific Area Plan or SP02 Barber Valley Specific Area Plan
  • No ROW has been preserved for a future single-lane roundabout
  • No studies have been conducted on this intersection
Items 11-14 Approved Unanimously by ACHD Commission

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BVNA efforts to transform Warm Springs from a State Highway to a safe neighborhood street began in 2016 – 3 major efforts – all efforts were opposed by ACHD staff based on policy and procedure.

**#1 (2016):** WSA to SH21 - Change Master Street Map from build 5 lanes to build 3 lanes and preserve 5 lane right of way.

**#2 (2020):** Change Master Street Map from build 5 lanes to build 3 lanes and preserve 5 lane right of way.

**#3 (2022):** Reclassify Warm Springs from arterial to collector roadway.
This reflects the BVNA position on Warm Springs Avenue Eckert to Hwy21

If you need a sign to tell people to slow down... you designed the street wrong.

#slowthecars
Dallas Harris Elementary School Progress

**Update From:** Dr. Teri Thaemert, Area Director - Timberline Quad, Boise School District

- BSD ran two surveys during the month of October with families to help determine the school mascot and school colors.
- During the Boise School District November Board meeting, BSD will make the following recommendations for the school mascot and colors: Dallas Harris Elementary Coyotes ‘Yotes’ and Blue & Silver.
- BSD is currently working on interior furniture selections.
- The parking lot design is in its final phases with work to begin soon.
Dallas Harris Elementary School Progress

- The current construction schedule is behind, but we are still hopeful that time can be made up in future construction phases.

- Updated drone footage as of 10.23.2022: [https://vimeo.com/763238734](https://vimeo.com/763238734)

- Comments, feedback? Please email [Board@bvnaboise.org](mailto:Board@bvnaboise.org)
Approximately half of the trips to and from the school are expected to be walking or biking trips.

Vehicles will not be entering the school site and will circulate on the adjacent streets.

Benchmarked other ‘urban schools’ – Washington & Roosevelt – no expected problems with this plan.
Dallas Harris Elementary Traffic Circulation
(AND related Safe Routes to School plans)

• BVNA presented a possible school traffic circulation plan (see the previous two BSD slides) noting bus dropoff and parent pickup locations

• The result was a good discussion with those in attendance and an action item to BVNA to contact Boise Police Department to determine if they have begun to coordinate with Boise School District on traffic flow (and bike/ped plans)
Parks & Trails Update

Rob Stark, BVNA Vice-President
Alta Harris Funding

• January court hearing for the Harris Ranch Community Infrastructure District (HRCID)

• BVNA discovered a Park Planning Area discrepancy earlier this year and the City is now working to reprogram Harris North impact fees back into the SE Boise Park Planning Area
  • Current estimate of ‘returned’ impact fees is $200K
  • City staff is presenting to City Council next week and pending the outcome of that guidance, will brief the Development Impact Fee Advisory Council (DIFAC) in December
Two Trail Planning Opportunities
Tesoro/Boulder Heights & Peace Valley/Harris East

Thanks to the following for initial Tesoro work:
• Marshall Simmonds
• Steve Moore
• Nathan Hallam
• John Hall
If you’re interested contact board@BVNABoise.org
Birding at ISF – Next Saturday, 19 November

Pause, Look & Listen: Shakespeare Festival Grounds

Saturday, November 19, 2022
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Google Calendar • ICS

• ‘Pause, Look, & Listen’- focus on a stationary and holistic approach to observing birds and being in nature.
• Pre-registration is required at:
  
• Will also be held on 10 Dec 2022
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 on leash from 16 Nov to 30 April
    - Off-Leash pets are a stressor to wintering wildlife
  - Mountain bikes are permitted on designated trails
    - But pay attention to trail conditions and stay off muddy 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.
Roadkill & Salvage

Reporting roadkill mortalities gives Idaho Fish & Game and Idaho Transportation Department information to help prevent wildlife losses and make highways safer.

Salvaging? If you choose to salvage the animal, this form will generate the required CE-51 Wildlife Salvage permit.

https://idfg.idaho.gov/species/roadkill
Firewise Update

Roy Tweedle, BVNA Director
What is “Firewise”

- The national Firewise USA™ Program is intended to serve as a resource for communities across the U.S. who work toward a common goal to reduce loss of lives, property, and resources to wildland fire.
- BVNA has determined our role is to motivate and facilitate individual HOA efforts to reduce the threat of wildfire in the Barber Valley
  - We need your help: only Harris North and East Valley are participating in this program
  - How? Engage with your HOA and ask them what other issue is a greater threat to your home values – ask them to consider coordinating with BVNA on Firewise
- Multiple informational links at our website BVNABoise.org
  - “Elemental” https://www.elementalfilm.com is a new documentary film about our relationship with wildfire in the western United States.
    - The Egyptian Theater: 27-29 April 2023 (save the date!!!)
Development Update

Gary Veasy, BVNA Secretary
Barber Vistas

- 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

- November 2022 Update (Lisa Clayton, Biltmore Company Director of Sales)
- “We are currently designing the floor plans for Barber Vista and hope to be able to start construction at the beginning of next year”
Harris East Update

- Construction traffic will continue “the next few months” on Council Springs Rd
  - Sewer and onsite work begins after power pole relocation and gas/water lines installed
- Paving scheduled in late May or June – weather dependent
  - When paving complete, Homestead trail will reopen at the end of the pavement up to the WMA fence line
- There are some questions about the cut and fill operation
  - Is anyone interested in researching this issue with the City and Boise Hunter Homes?
- $30K to Harris Ranch Wildlife Mitigation Association will be paid in accordance with the condition of approval when the final plat is recorded
“Woven” Subdivision

• Applicant resubmitted last week - all documents are on city portal. PUD: https://permits.cityofboise.org/CitizenAccess/Cap/CapDetail.aspx?Module=Planning&TabName=Planning&capID1=22CAP&capID2=00000&capID3=00EKN&agencyCode=BOISE (go to documents tab)

• P&Z Hearing 12/12: PUD (Planned Unit Development), Subdivision, Rezone, Annexation - DRB (Design Review Board) is separate process

• 36 townhomes proposed

• 7 Two-Plex Bldgs (2,500 SF units); 4 Three-Plex Bldgs (2,400 SF units); 2 Five-Plex Bldgs (2,400 SF units)

• 2 and 3-store structures (2 story adjacent to East Valley)

• 11.25 units/acre (14.5 allowed in a R2 zone)

• Detached sidewalks are proposed

• Direct street access to Warm Springs Ave was not proposed (Note: Since the ACHD action on WSA last week, the developer is redrawing the project to include access)

• Not yet reviewed by BVNA team - will provide testimony regardless of position
“Woven” Subdivision

- Application includes lot size and setback reductions as part of the PUD:

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- Vehicle Parking Summary

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- BVNA has not reviewed as a team but will testify at P&Z regardless of position
“Woven” Subdivision - Site Plan

Anticipate developer resubmittal with access on Warm Springs
“Woven” Subdivision - Plat Map
“Woven” Subdivision - Plans / Elevations

Two-plex
2-story
Elevations

~28’ Tall
“Woven” Subdivision - Plans / Elevations

Three-plex
3-story
Elevations

~35’ Tall
“Woven” Subdivision - Plans / Elevations

Five-plex
3-story
Elevations

~35’ Tall
P&Z must find that all of these findings apply to the project in order to approve it.

Planned Unit Development (City Code Section 11-03-04.07(C7))
1. The location is compatible to other uses in the general neighborhood;
2. The proposed use will not place an undue burden on transportation and other public facilities in the vicinity.
3. The site is large enough to accommodate the proposed use and all yards, open spaces, pathways, walls, fences, parking, loading, landscaping, and such other features as are required by this Code. (This was primarily the basis for denial for the previous application.)
4. The proposed use, if it complies with all conditions imposed, will not adversely affect other property of the vicinity.
5. The proposed use is in compliance with the Comprehensive Plan.
Open Forum & Announcements

What Didn’t We Talk About That You Wanted to Hear About?
Or....
What Else Should We Be Working On?
Miscellaneous Topics

- City Council Districts – BVNA submitted request to the City Redistricting Commission to keep BV in same district as SE Boise versus current draft map including us with Mesa, East End, North End
  - Action to BVNA Board (Crowley) to contact other adjacent NAs (SENA) to determine if a future joint letter advocating our position is possible
- Sandwich board advertising was used for this meeting – will try again in December to see if that attracts neighbors that may not see our online meeting notices (Mooney)
Board Work Session
New Business

- BVNTP public hearing: TBD (delayed for WSA reclassification request)
  - BVNA took action to coordinate with ACHD staff (Bautista) to determine the next step in the Transportation Plan coordination (Piepmeyer)

- Neighborhood Collaboration
  - BVNA will attend the Zoning Code Rewrite Meeting with the City Planning Director on 17 November

- Woven (fka Atwell Place) Strategy & Actions
  - BVNA will inquire with City Planners to determine if the ACHD reclassification of Warm Springs will affect the Woven application (Veasy)

- Harris East trailhead turn-around
  - BVNA will re-engage with City Council to determine if this can be resolved (Veasy)

- Harris Ranch Community Infrastructure District
  - BVNA voted to draft a letter to the three parties in the CID litigation (Harris Family Trust – LeNir, City of Boise CID Board, and Harris Ranch CID Taxpayers Association). The letter will kindly request the parties resolve the dispute because all indications are this legal impasse will delay future development of Harris Ranch for many years and will thus adversely impact the community (Mooney)

- Succession Planning – terms ending - Mooney, Veasy, Stark, Crowley, Hallam
  - Mooney, Veasy, Stark, and Hallam will be candidates for the board again. Crowley will not run again.
  - Santillan submitted resignation with one year remaining on her term. Board voted that Hallam will fill the remainder of her term and he will then be up for a renewed term in January 2024.
  - There are 5 open seats and the postcard advertising the annual meeting and board election will be mailed in late November or early December.