August 2022 Membership Meeting

Hybrid Meeting – 11 August 2022
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- Welcome and overview – John Mooney, BVNA Board President
- Parks Update – Rob Stark, BVNA Vice President
- Dallas Harris Elementary School Update - Katie Swain, BVNA Director
- Development Update - Gary Veasy, BVNA Secretary
- Open Forum & Announcements
- Adjourn

Board Work Session

- Board Members Present: Crowley (virtual), Hall, Hallam, Mooney, Piepmeyer, Stark, Tweedle, Veasy
- Board Members Absent: Santillan, Swain
- Member Attendance: 13 neighbors online + 10 in-person
Parks Update

Rob Stark, BVNA Vice-President
Greenbelt Drainage Issues

- There have been ongoing Greenbelt flooding issues in front of Riverstone School and Idaho State Parks Headquarters.
- ACHD will be attempting to correct the drainage from Warm Springs in these two locations.
  - Timeline unknown, but they have already marked up the greenbelt in both locations in preparation for the work.
Peace Valley Overlook

• Parks & Recreation is putting out interpretive signs to be fabricated.
• Will also be installing an “outdoor classroom” near the switchback consisting of benches.
• Timeline is still unknown, but tentatively this year.
Catch Crayfish For Science

• Boise River Enhancement Network is collaborating with University of Idaho again this year on the Crayfish Mercury Project.

• They are testing mercury levels in the river by catching crayfish and testing them.

• This is a family friendly project for all ages to participate in on August 27

• More info and register at:

  • https://www.eventbrite.com/e/crayfish-mercury-project-crayfish-catching-tickets-375423410527
Boise River ReWild Project

- Golden Eagle Audubon Society - Community-led Conservation in Action
  - We seek to protect the Boise River, now and into the future.
  - Aspire to retain a beautiful recreational paradise and recognize what an important place it is for Idaho’s famed wildlife.
- Goal is to restore 50+ acres of important habitat along the Boise River by 2023.
- Focused around the Barber Pool Conservation Area in east Boise - between the Diversion dam and the Parkcenter Bridge.
  - Work will occur on public lands – City, County, and Private (IFPL)
5 Components – Funded by Boise City Open Space and Clean Water Levy

1. Invasive Species Removal

2. Native Plant Restoration


4. Litter Clean Up

5. Visitor Education
How Can you Volunteer?

• Volunteers can work on a single restoration event, serve on a project team to help design and implement the efforts, or be a river guardian and “adopt-a-plot.”

• Details at ReWild Website:
  • https://www.goldeneagleaudubon.org/restoration/boise-riparian-corridor-project

• How Does Adopt-A-Plot Work?
  • Gather a team of 10-20 volunteers committed to 6-8 service days/year (1-4 hours each day)
  • You’ll be supervised by a conservation scientist
  • You’ll ‘own’ a half-acre plot and will restore the plot with tools and resources provided by the Project Coordinator – River Guardian Team
Birding at ISF – Next Saturday, 20 August

- ‘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 17 Sep, 15 Oct, 19 Nov, 10 Dec 2022
Alta Harris Park Update

• Continues to be in a holding pattern. Per Travis Black (City Budget Director): “Dialogue is continuing with the developer, but as long as the CID litigation is out there, we don’t expect to reach a final agreement on this”.

• City requested the Harris Ranch developer to add $1.5 million to the City’s $4.2 million dollar budget and develop the park under a development agreement.

• The City expects approximately $200K of park impact fees to be ‘returned’ to the Southeast/Barber Valley planning district
  • This is a result of BVNA intervention regarding the City’s poorly devised park planning district boundaries. Those boundaries are now being corrected by the City
Tomorrow – 12 August!!!

Goathead pull at Alta Harris

Friday, August 12, 2022
8:00 AM – 10:00 AM

In support of Boise Goathead Festival and the Boise River ReWild project, join us to pull and bag goathead weeds. Please bring your water, sunscreen, hats, and gloves as we tackle this work together. The event area (Alta Harris plots) is located south of Barber Park and the Eckert Rd bridge. Please register at https://golden-eagle-audubon-society.volunteerlocal.com/volunteer/
Dallas Harris Elementary School

Katie Swain, BVNA Treasurer
Update From: Dr. Teri Thaemert, Area Director - Timberline Quad, Boise School District

• Completion date is still estimated August 2023 and BSD will continue to monitor the construction progress and plan for contingencies as needed.

• Principal Announced!
  • Wendi Forrey, the current principal at White Pine, will be the principal at Dallas Harris.
  • Wendi will be involved in helping oversee the construction process and will guide the school through the opening in the fall.

• We look forward to working with the new school community in the selection of the school mascot this fall.

• Comments, feedback? Please email Board@bvnaboise.org
Wendi Forrey - Principal, White Pine Elementary School


Principal Forrey is a confident, positive, energetic professional who is committed to supporting educational excellence in the Boise School District. To this end, she has served as a professional development trainer in support of the District’s Strategic Plan, including serving as a Look 2 Learning Trainer, Boise Instructional Model Trainer, Instructional Coach, and Professional Learning Community 4 REAL Trainer.

Principal Forrey also has extensive professional development experience with Boise School District’s Professional Development Modules, including Objectives, Thinking Levels, High Yield Strategies, Collaboration and the Boise Instructional Model. She currently serves on the District’s Insurance Committee, a committee tasked with evaluating and monitoring the District’s financial and health benefits.

She is dedicated to the District’s Vision of preparing each student for success in college, career and in life. To that end, she fosters strong parental involvement and supports a nurturing and safe school environment where each and every student can succeed.

Principal Forrey earned a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education from Boise State University, and a Master’s Degree in Educational Administration from the University of Idaho.
Development Update

Gary Veasy, BVNA Secretary
Current BVNA Board Efforts - Development

- **Harris East**
  - Ongoing efforts to solve Homestead trailhead parking turn-around
  - Future coordination on $30K developer grant to the Harris Ranch Wildlife Mitigation Association

- **Dallas Harris Elementary**
  - Open Fall 2023

- **Town Center**
  - No progress nor update from developer

- **Atwell Place Townhome project**
  - 1 August hearing – application denied
  - Applicant requesting reconsideration which will be an agenda topic at the 12 September PZC hearing

- **Stacker Condos**
  - Design review approved; construction should begin soon
Stacker Condos

- 3-Story, 30 unit, Multi-Family adjacent to the new Dallas Harris Elementary School

BSD Estimate of School Impact

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Atwell Place – 6760 E Warm Springs

• Application denied at 1 August PZC hearing
  • Conditional use request denied by PZC. PZC recommended denial of the annexation request and preliminary plat. Staff will prepare the PZC findings to be presented at the next PZC hearing on 12 September
  • Reason for denial was primarily because one of the code requirements for a conditional use permit is:
    • “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 primary influenced by the City’s condition for internal detached sidewalks and the requirement for reasonable guest parking
Next Steps – Atwell Place

• Applicant is requested “reconsideration” IAW City Code
  • This process is intended to minimize the number of appeals to City Council and resolve at the lowest level
  • We expect the PZC will accept the reconsideration request and PZC will consider it at the 12 September hearing
  • “Good Cause” is required before a reconsideration is accepted:
    • The party requesting reconsideration has relevant information;
    • The relevant information was not brought up at the previous hearing; and
    • The information was not previously available

• Reconsideration - Procedure:
  • A request for reconsideration shall include supporting information and shall be made prior to the deadline for filing an appeal.
  • A decision on a reconsideration is not appealable.
  • If reconsideration is granted, the time to appeal and any pending appeal shall be stayed. If reconsideration is granted and the appeal is withdrawn, the appeal fee shall be refunded in its entirety.
  • If the applicant has modified the application, the review body shall determine if the revised application shall be reconsidered or if a new application is required.

• Bottom Line: If there is “good cause” and a reconsideration is granted, the new application would be presented in a public PZC hearing in October or November
More Development is Coming!

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Board Work Session
New Business

- **Firewise**
  - Roy will follow-up with River Heights contact Joe Aja who plans to coordinate with East Valley HOA Firewise contact Tanner Gronowski

- **Collaborative Visioning (monthly NA collaboration)**
  - Larry Crowley provided a summary of the monthly discussion. Veasy, Stark, and Mooney also attended. The new City Planning director discussed the zoning code and took questions from the audience. Mooney asked about ACHD interactions and Stark followed up with a question about the opportunity for the City to engage directly with ACHD staff on the denial of the City request to reclassify Warm Springs Avenue on the Master Street Map.

- **Atwell Place Strategy & Actions**
  - BVNA awaits the application request for reconsideration and will represent the BVNA position at the September PZC hearing. The board remains focused on pursuing direct access to Warm Springs Avenue as well as a condition that all internal drives are at least 20’ in length to permit guest parking on-site

- **ACHD Neighborhood Transportation Plan**
  - The re-opened survey closes on 15 August and the Board elected to submit another summary letter capturing the highlights and emphasizing the need for a Warm Springs Corridor plan. Zach will draft an updated submission to ACHD

- **Harris East trailhead turn-around**
  - Board determined another attempt to contact the City leadership is warranted. Gary will contact or draft a letter to the two City Council members that expressed support for the proposed turn-around at the termination of Council Springs Road (Councilmembers Clegg and Bagaent)
Old Business – Open

• Harris East – hillside rehabilitation - $30K funding to HRWMA – coord with Triplett
  - Gary to follow up once Harris North Final Map is approved (last entitlement besides permits) -
  No action until map

• Landscape Project
  - Golden Dawn – ACHD had a Corrections Department road crew clean up the borrow ditch this month!

• Next Neighborhood Investment Program grant application
  - Board confirmed Katie will lead the processing of the application with Roy’s assistance
  - Board voted to pursue a submission for a roadside interpretative kiosk and parking at the intersection
    of Warm Springs and Maynard (near the entrance to the Gregerson life estate). Rob will coordinate
    with the IFPL Board to gather materials to draft the grant submission. The board voted to not submit
    until reviewed by the board to ensure neighborhood perspectives are accommodated in the
    application (e.g. streetscape improvements on Warm Springs designed to slow motor vehicle traffic, as
    well as community influenced re-routing of the Greenbelt in the vicinity of the proposed overlook).