May 2023 Membership Meeting

In-person and Recorded Meeting – 11 May 2023

Barber Pool Conservation Area

Photo Courtesy of Idaho Foundation for Parks and Lands
Agenda – 11 May 2023

• Dallas Harris Elementary - Guest Presentation
  • Spring 2023 Update
  • Safe Routes to School (SRTS) - Walking Buses & Bike Trains
• Warm Springs Avenue Crossings - ACHD
• Peace Valley Signage Update
• Harris East Flood Event Followup
• SH21 Bike/Ped Facility – Too Hard to Do 😞
• CID Litigation Status
• Open Forum - Questions or Comments?
• Board Work Session

Attendance: Approx. 32 neighbors plus some “ littles” attended
Board Attendance: Mooney and Caraway absent
Safe Routes to School and Spring Update
Dallas Harris Elementary

Terri Thaemert, BSD - Timberline Quadrant
Wendy Forrey, BSD - Future DHE Principal
Lisa Brady, VRT - Safe Routes to School Program Manager
INTRODUCTIONS

- Wendi Forrey, BSD Principal Dallas Harris Elementary
- Lisa Brady, Valley Regional Transit, Safe Routes to School Program Manager
- Dr. Teri Thaemert, BSD Area Director Timberline Quadrant
- Agenda
  - Review of the construction process and school updates
  - Review of traffic flow maps and walking routes
  - Review of best safety practices, walking school buses, bike trains
CURRENT CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS
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Recent Drone Footage: https://vimeo.com/825686802
STAFFING & OPENING OF DALLAS HARRIS

- Teachers placements were completed the week of April 10-14
- All staff and students will start the year at Riverside Elementary until Dallas Harris is ready to be occupied
- Once construction is complete, we anticipate being able to open Dallas Harris Elementary for students in mid-November
BOUNDARY COMMITTEE PROCESS

- Boundary Committee Establishment - January 2022
- Needs Analysis and Small Group School Discussions
- Communication of Proposal and Survey
- Analysis of Survey Responses
- Proposal to Board of Trustees - May 2022
- Notice of Approval - Dallas Harris Website and FAQ
LOGO DESIGNS

DALLAS HARRIS ELEMENTARY

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DALLAS HARRIS
CONTINUED UPDATES

- Dallas Harris Elementary School construction website
- Currently constructing the school’s website

Dallas Harris Elementary’s posts

Dallas Harris Elementary

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Making progress! TGIF! 💙

Did you know that there will be a sky light in the gym?!! I didn’t!! So excited for this! 💖
**Traffic Flow and Walking/Biking Paths**

- We encourage walking and biking to minimize traffic congestion near the school. Limited curb-approach drop-offs will be available around the school.
- In the Fall of 2023, we will also do classroom lessons on the walking/biking routes with the Dallas Harris students and continue to communicate these routes with our families.
**Traffic Flow**

Legend:
- School Buildings
- Student Safety Patrol
- Crosswalk
- Bus Loading Zone
- Student Drop Off
- Parking

Dallas Harris Elementary Traffic Flow
Walking Routes to School

Dallas Harris Elementary School
Suggested Walking Routes

Legend
- Dallas Harris Elementary
- Other Schools
- Pedestrian Lights
- Adult Crossing Guard
- Student Safety Patrol
- Crosswalk
- Walking Routes
- Pedestrian Paths
- Bus Zone
- Non-Bus Zone

Publication Date: 12/20/2022
TREASURE VALLEY SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

● Who is Safe Routes?
● Safe Walk/Bike/Roll Tips
  ○ Practice the trip to school in the morning and afternoon
  ○ Visibility/Predictability
  ○ Use marked crosswalks/bike lanes/sidewalks
  ○ Dealing with weather
Active Trips to School = Less Traffic!

- Bike Train Best Practices
- Walking School Buses
  - Walking School Bus: http://guide.saferoutesinfo.org/walking_school_bus/
- Why do this?
  - Congestion and safety!
- How can Safe Routes help you?
Thank you!

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Warm Springs Avenue Pedestrian Crossings

(Possible Early June Start Date!)

Rob Stark, BVNA Vice-President
Warm Springs Pedestrian Crossings: Sky Bar & Maynard

ACHD is designing enhanced pedestrian crossings featuring Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs) and street lighting at two intersections on Warm Springs Avenue:

- Warm Springs Avenue and Sky Bar Street Visual
- Warm Springs Avenue and Maynard Avenue Area Visual

The purpose of the project is to provide additional enhanced crosswalks on Warm Springs Avenue and increase safety for those crossing the road.

About RRFBs

When activated by pedestrians pushing the button, RRFBs flash in a distinct pattern, alerting drivers that pedestrians are actively in the crosswalk.

RRFBs have several distinct advantages in enhancing existing marked crosswalks:

- Increased pedestrian/bicyclist visibility.
- Reduction in pedestrian crashes.
- Increased safety with drivers more likely to stop for pedestrians/bicyclists using the crosswalk.
CONSTRUCTION
Early June - Early Fall 2023

Starting as early as June, the Ada County Highway District (ACHD) will start construction on the Warm Springs Avenue Pedestrian Crossings at Sky Bar Street and Maynard Avenue. The purpose of the project is to improve safety and increase connectivity for pedestrians. Construction is expected to be complete early fall of 2023.

Project Description
- Install a Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon (PHB) across Warm Springs Avenue at Sky Bar Street
- Install a Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon (PHB) across Warm Springs Avenue at Maynard Avenue
- Reconstruct adjacent pedestrian ramps to meet modern standards

*Due to high demand for contractors, labor and supplies, the construction schedules may change.

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CONSTRUCTION IMPACTS
- Pedestrian detours and sidewalk closures
- Lane restrictions with flaggers
- General construction noise, dust, equipment backup alarms and ground vibration
- Crews will work from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. unless otherwise approved
- The contractor will work with property owners to minimize impacts

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Warm Springs Avenue and Sky Bar Street
Peace Valley Overlook Signage

Rob Stark, BVNA Secretary

Sign fabrication underway and installation is imminent
Harris East
Gary Veasy, BVNA Secretary

3 items BVNA is tracking:
PVOR to Homestead Trail Alignment
$30K payment to HR Wildlife Mitigation Association
Flooding Event Followup
Updated Trail Alignment

*Draft alignment as of 13 April*

- Trail alignment included in final plat
- Submitted by BHH to City early May
- BHH will “look into the trail later this summer”
- Hydroseeding is underway
- Underground utilities going in late June
- PVOR signage in fabrication and will be installed ‘mid-May’
Harris East Flooding 31 March
*Impacting Spring Creek, Triplett Ranch, Council Springs Road*
Mistakes are Made in the Development Process

- PZC rendered a final decision on the Hillside Development (CFH21-00039) on 3 May 2021 (approval).
- Item iv. in Hillside Approval Criteria (City Code):
  - “The project does not create a potential hazard of flooding, soil instability, fire, erosion, etc.”
- The City’s Project Report response (approved by PZC):
  - “Correspondence received from commenting agencies confirm the project will not create a potential hazard of flooding, soil instability, fire, or erosion.”
• BVNA thanked the City but expressed concerns:
  • We would like to transition from appreciation for the response to a better understanding of how this happened and how to avoid a repeat occurrence at this site.
  • We don't have any further questions and we'll watch for updates at the Erosion Control link as well as at the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality Newsroom (QR Codes above).

• BVNA also stated:
  • ….we'd expect that city processes would assure the community that temporary facilities of all types would be as robust as the future permanent facilities - we shouldn't be at greater risk during construction activities.

• Update (May 2023): Assistant City Engineer is researching our questions regarding the PZC decision criteria and this flooding event. City erosion control also placed this project ‘on hold’ – next slide.
The record was placed on HOLD on 05/09/2023.
Condition: Special Stipulation & Condition  Severity: Hold
Total Conditions: 1 (Hold: 1, Met: 1)

Conditions
Showing 1-2 of 2

- Building - 1 Applied
- General
  Special Stipulation & Condition
  Fees pending on ESC22-00688 see record comments for details- NO INSPECTIONS ON RELEASED RECORDS GRD22-00042
  Additional Information:
  Applied | Hold | 05/09/2023

- Default - 1 Not Applied
- Erosion
  Forced Corrective Action
  Do not final or approve any final inspections for permits until the permit holder pumps out receiving storm drain interceptor on Council Spring Road that received muddy runoff from site. Call Andy Long 208 794-8996 with questions.
  Additional Information:
  Not Applied | | 05/09/2023
City Responding to BVNA Questions

• Assistant City Engineer, Fred Ostler, is currently researching our concerns

• Engineering reports that are submitted for a development application do not seem to be ‘critically reviewed’ by the City
  • The seal of the Professional Engineer that authored the required engineering report is deemed ‘final’ and the City does not appear to have an option to insist on more robust engineering infrastructure
VRT Proposed Elimination of BV Bus Route (Route 1)

Gary Veasy, BVNA Vice-President
VRT Proposed Elimination of BV Bus Route

VRT evaluating frequency and performance on its 18 routes

Impact to BV: Potential elimination of Route 1 in the BV

Route 1 is in the bottom 25% based on performance (ridership)
VRT Proposed Elimination of BV Bus Route

• “Better Bus Routes” proposals explained here: https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/d9f2c9e1f8c3495a8421eb89e947b7d7

• You can vote/provide comments on existing routes here: https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/fbc9f2522b0246a19338e1acf6f6b538

• You can vote/provide comments on the proposed route changes here: https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/0a456167ea3842d0b4993319c770c518

• Website does not include a deadline for participating.

• BVNA board will consider taking a formal position in its work session tonight which may include support, objection, or support for a short term elimination with reconsideration in 12 months (or some other duration) when all our housing comes online
Barber Valley Neighborhood Transportation Plan

Rob Stark, BVNA Vice-President
• After extensive work by BVNA member Derek Smith, BVNA has determined that the pursuit of a bike/ped facility crossing the SH21 bridge is a ‘bridge too far’

• Derek’s work to outline the problem and propose solutions was great work

• From Idaho Transportation Department:
  • *This bridge was constructed in 1995 and meets design standards for vehicular traffic. It was not designed as a true multi-modal facility and the requested change will not fit the bridge deck area.*

• A separate bridge will need to be constructed to support safer bicycle and pedestrian crossings - future advocacy work for BVNA
Harris Ranch Community Infrastructure District

Rob Stark, BVNA Vice-President
Latest Ruling from Fourth Circuit Court – 25 April

• CID Taxpayer’s Association has filed a second lawsuit with the Court and has stated it intends to appeal the first decision
• The full text (64 pages) of the most recent ruling is here
For the foregoing reasons, the Court denies Petitioners’ Petition for Judicial Review. While aggrieved homeowners have standing to challenge a CID’s final decisions, they must do so within sixty days as required by Idaho Code section 50-3119. After this window closes, a CID’s decisions are considered valid and uncontestable and a collateral attack on the legality of a CID’s formation, prior project, or past decision cannot be the basis for a challenge to a new final decision.

Moreover, the Court finds the 2021 Resolutions are not in violation of the CID Act, the District’s Development Agreement, the Idaho Constitution, or the United States Constitution. While the Court understands why Petitioners feel aggrieved by the ad valorem taxes levied pursuant to the 2021 Resolutions, the Court is also mindful that nobody is obligated to purchase property within the District and that a purchaser of real property “is charged with every fact shown by the records and is presumed to know every other fact which an examination suggested by the records would have disclosed.” W. Wood Invs., Inc. v. Acord, 141 Idaho at 86, 106 P.3d at 412. As such, all claims in the Petition are denied and the Board’s adoption of the 2021 Resolutions is affirmed. The Court denies Opponents’ request for attorney fees as it finds Petitioners acted with a reasonable basis in fact or law.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED this 25th day of April 2023.
Pollinator Project

- If interested, they may still have mixes available
Trees (Available free!)

• Treasure Valley Canopy Network [https://www.tvcanopy.net/](https://www.tvcanopy.net/)

• Elaine Clegg City of Trees Challenge [www.CityOfTreesChallenge.org](http://www.CityOfTreesChallenge.org)

Open Forum

What Didn’t We Talk About That You Wanted to Hear About?
Or....
What Else Should We Be Working On?
Meeting Wrap-up
Board Work Session
New Business

• Future BVNA testimony – “minority positions”
  Discussed insuring all points of view are considered and board approved positions is represented in testimony and that timing is often critical so must weigh in promptly.

• Modern Zoning Code – BVNA Council Testimony
  Stark to draft verbal testimony will be drafted for board reviewsimilar to P&Z but in a bit stronger tone

• BVNA position on VRT elimination of BV bus route
  Board voted to have Hallam draft BVNA position letter. Several positions were discussed and final position (to oppose but offer no other alternatives we would support) was approved 5-3 (Hallam first; Swain second; Stark, Veasy, Tweedle opposed)

• Warm Springs Mesa – Nathan coordination with WSMNA?
  Nothing current at this time

• Neighborhood Collaborative Meeting Summary - Roy
  Tweedle provided summary which mostly centered around the Treasure Valley Tree Network - BVNA will share information in minutes email