January 2023 - Annual Membership Meeting

Hybrid Meeting – 12 January 2023
Agenda – 12 January 2023 (Annual Meeting)

• BVNA Board Director Election
• Annual Summary – CY2022
• Board Work Session

Board Attendance - Present: Mooney (remote), Veasy, Swain, Crowley, Hall, Hallam, Piepmeyer, Tweedle Absent: Santillan, Stark

Neighborhood Attendance - Approximately 16 online and 19 in-person
BVNA Board Election

- BVNA did not receive any board director interest before the 4 January deadline
  - 5 vacancies with 3 applicants (incumbent board directors – Mooney, Stark & Veasy)
  - Disappointing, given USPS postcard mailing to ALL addresses in the Barber Valley (funded by the City of Boise)
- Bylaws permit direct appointment of existing directors and direct appointment of any community member to a vacant position during the period between annual elections
  - 2 Board vacancies remain after this election and the BVNA Board will discuss options at the work session this evening with results communicated in the meeting minutes later this weekend.
    - We have one late applicant to consider (see work session minutes)
BVNA Board Director Status

• From the BVNA Bylaws:
  • The Board is obligated to conduct a meeting of the membership annually during the month of January for the purpose of electing Board members, each of whom shall be designated as either Class I (Directors with terms ending in an odd year) or Class II (Directors with terms ending in even years) at the time of election to maintain staggered Board terms.
  • Each Director term is for two years from the date of election.
  • The Board shall elect from within its membership a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer (or a Secretary-Treasurer, at the board’s discretion).
  • Many thanks to “retiring” BVNA Board Directors Courtney Santillan & Larry Crowley!

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• Transitioned from virtual only meetings to hybrid meetings
  • More responsive to those that wish to dial-in versus attend in-person meetings.
• Conducted 10 monthly meetings (July & September ‘vacations’)
• Dallas Harris Elementary (DHE) School
  - BVNA provided written testimony for the December 2021 City of Boise Design Review Board approval of DHE.
  - Testimony focused on ensuring the school design accommodated future after-hours public access to the school facilities.
  - Result: Boise School District indicated it is their intention to make both indoor and outdoor spaces available to the community after-hours and will make design accommodations, as necessary, to do so.

• BLM Land Acquisition from Alta Harris Family Foundation.
  - BVNA provided written testimony in support of a proposed Bureau of Land Management (BLM) land acquisition of 275-acres located 1.5 miles NE of Harris Ranch.
• **Alta Harris Park.** BVNA identified a problem with the City of Boise Park Planning boundaries which resulted in Barber Valley foothills impact fees going to the “North River” park planning area instead of the Southeast/Barber Valley planning area.

  • Result: The result of this city planning oversight was the recognition that significant impact fees collected from Harris North (and future Harris East) properties where not supporting park facilities in the SE/BV planning area
    
    • Estimated $200K shortfall to SE Boise park facilities
    
    • BVNA continues to work with the City Budget Director to make SE/BV “whole”
• **Park Planning Boundary Correction.** BVNA drafted a testimony template that neighbors used to submit individual written testimony regarding the park planning and Alta Harris park construction delays.

  • BVNA provided verbal testimony at City Council which was bolstered by the 100+ letters submitted from BV neighbors.

  • Council President Elaine Clegg reacted to BVNA testimony and responded by “*directing staff to immediately begin exploring a process to look at the Foothill neighborhoods in the Barber Valley and determine if they can be moved into the Southeast Planning Area and report back to Council with a way forward.*”
• **Barber Junction Special Parking District.** BVNA worked diligently with City Council members and Boise Police to establish only the third special parking district in the City.

  - City Council approved the new parking district on 15 March with testimony from the BVNA Board and online voting from 100 Barber Junction neighbors (98% in support of new parking district in their neighborhood).

  - The new parking district will restrict parking during Boise River float season (June-August) and limit parking to 30 minutes with residents provided 2 on-street resident and 2 guest permits.
• Reclassification of ACHD Master Street Map – Eckert to Highway 21.
  • BVNA initiated effort to reclassify WSA to permit future speed management design changes that are currently not allowed on arterial roadways by ACHD policy
  • Result: City of Boise submitted an official interagency request to ACHD to “Reclassify Warm Springs Avenue, Eckert Road to State Highway 21, as a 3-lane residential collector”.
• Atwell Place
  • BVNA hosted the neighborhood meeting for the proposed townhome development adjacent to the East Valley subdivision. BVNA Board in attendance as well as approximately 40 neighbors.

• Barber Valley Neighborhood Transportation Plan
  • BVNA advertised and organized community input to the ACHD Neighborhood Transportation Plan which resulted in more than 300 survey responses and more than 400 interactive map inputs to ACHD from our neighborhood.

• Firewise
  • East Valley HOA successfully gained Firewise certification and now joins the only other Firewise neighborhood in the BV – Harris North.
    • Dr. Tanner Gronowsky led the successful East Valley effort and continues to provide ‘Firewise consultation’ to other engaged Barber Valley HOAs. Thanks to Tanner!
• Park Planning Boundary Update
  • BVNA continued to press the City for a resolution to the park impact fee collection problem and park planning boundaries.
  • City’s Budget Supervisor (Travis Black) responded in May and noted the City will continue to research how to change the boundary which will be a lengthy process involving public hearings.
  • The City noted they do not have an approach for making the Southeast/Barber Valley park planning area ‘whole’ but “I can assure you that we are working towards a solution per Council Member Clegg’s recommendation at the hearing in March. We will be sure to keep you updated as things progress”.

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• Park Planning Boundary Update
  • The City updated BVNA on the status of the park planning problems identified in March and stated the City expects approximately $200K of park impact fees to be ‘returned’ to the Southeast/Barber Valley planning district.

• Atwell Place
  • BVNA provided written and verbal testimony before the City’s Planning and Zoning Commission and recommended the application either be denied or revised to account for BVNA insistence on Warm Springs Avenue access which would reduce the adverse impact to the East Valley neighbors as well as offer the opportunity to change the Warm Springs streetscape to manage motor vehicle speeds.
  • Result: PZC denied the application but did so based on the site not being large enough for the planned units with the required detached sidewalks and resident/guest parking.
• ACHD Neighborhood Transportation Plan
  • The second public comment period was complete in July but there were very few community inputs to the draft ACHD plan
    • BVNA successfully convinced ACHD staff to extend the comment period
  • BVNA submitted written feedback providing a very detailed summary of transportation projects for ACHD consideration
    • BVNTP will be considered for ACHD adoption in early 2023 and BVNA remains engaged with ACHD on finalizing the plan
• Dallas Harris Elementary School Parking
  • BVNA engaged with the City and Boise School District to request covered bike parking, Electric Vehicle charging, and an improved school employee parking lot.
  • Result: BSD noted the covered bike parking could be a future patron project to raise funds for a covered bike facility. BSD also noted they would install conduit to the employee parking lot for EV charging and would consider the proposed parking lot design changes (which were adopted in November).

• Tesoro Trail Connection to Table Rock
  • BVNA kicked off a new trails subcommittee charted to coordinate plans for a trail connection on the public easement on Lot 11 of the Tesoro subdivision.
  • The trail subcommittee is chaired by former BVNA VP Steve Moore and includes current BVNA Board members John Hall and Nathan Hallam along with former BVNA Board member Marshall Simmonds.
• **Master Street Map Reclassification – Warm Springs Avenue**
  - ACHD Commission voted to reclassify Warm Springs Avenue between Eckert Road and State Highway 21 from residential arterial to residential collector roadway.
  - Culminated a long and labored BVNA effort involving extensive written and verbal testimony and meetings with the City staff, ACHD staff, and ACHD commissioners.
  - This permits the City and ACHD to work to redesign the road to manage motor vehicle speeds which will eventually greatly improve crossing safety for the community (and wildlife).
    - Also impacts the Woven annexation, subdivision, and planned urban development adjacent to East Valley subdivision.

• **Master Street Map – Roundabout**
  - The newly adopted Master Street Map also included a future roundabout at the intersection of Warm Springs Avenue and Parkcenter Boulevard. This change was proposed by the City of Boise in response to problems that Valley Regional Transit buses were having negotiating that intersection on VRT Route #1 (Harris Ranch).
9 November ACHD Approvals for Barber Valley

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 Warm Spring 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
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
• **City Council Redistricting**
  
  • BVNA submitted a request to the City Redistricting Commission to keep BV in the same district as SE Boise versus the current draft map which would group Barber Valley with Warm Springs Mesa, East End and North End neighborhoods.
  
  • Result: Unsuccessful - Barber Valley was included in the redistricting map with the Mesa, East, and North End neighborhoods and passed City Council on 29 November.
• Woven Project Adjustment
  • BVNA efforts to reclassify Warm Springs Avenue led to extensive changes to the Woven project that greatly improved the project.
  • These changes will be heard in a reconsideration of the project before the Planning and Zoning Commission in January 2023.
  • The Warm Springs streetscape will now be permanently altered to hopefully reduce motor vehicle speeds in the area, improving crossing safety for East Valley residents traveling to/from the Greenbelt.
  • The new Woven layout also reduced impact to the East Valley residents concerned about traffic and parking congestion overflowing from Woven into East Valley.
“Woven” Subdivision
(fka Atwell Place)

Gary Veasy, BVNA Director / Secretary

HOW? Because of the professional engagement and coordination with the City and ACHD from BVNA Directors Gary Veasy, Zach Piepmeyer, and Rob Stark. THANK YOU!!!
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• Harris Ranch CID Litigation
  • BVNA voted to engage with a ‘third-party” letter to the parties involved in the ongoing litigation
  • Result: responses from the HRCIDTA and the Barber Valley Development Inc. and verbal discussion with HRCID Board
  • HRCID Board Treasurer encouraged BVNA to bring all parties together after the January 2023 District Court hearing
Current BVNA Efforts

- Harris East – Homestead Trail parking and traffic circulation
- DHE Safe Routes to School
- BV Neighborhood Transportation Plan – Finalize
  Neighbors, please provide input on the plan in writing or in-person. The planning process is an every 10 year opportunity so propose opportunities even if they are not in the plan! The project page is here.
  How to participate:
  - In-person - Join us at 3775 Adams Street in the Auditorium.
  - Virtually - The meeting will be live-streamed and members of the public who wish to watch and ask questions can do so using Zoom. Meeting log in information can be found here
  If you are unable to attend the meeting but would like to submit comments, please send them to 3775 Adams St., Garden City, ID 83714 or email projects@achdidaho.org

- ACHD Integrated Five Year Work Plan – get a BV project in the budget

- Facilitate communication between the parties engaged in the CID litigation which is impacting the development of the Harris Ranch Town Center and related public infrastructure
Open Forum & Announcements

*What Didn’t We Talk About That You Wanted to Hear About?*

Or….

*What Else Should We Be Working On?*
Topics Discussed

• Alta Harris Park
  • BVNA to follow-up with city to determine what needs to occur to get the park back on track

• Development Application?
  • Question was raised about a possible ~20 lot subdivision just north of “The Cottages” on the Harris property. BVNA to determine.
Meeting Wrap-up
Board Work Session
New Business

- BVNTP public hearing: TBD (delayed for WSA reclassification request)
  - Strategy going forward? Team to review ACHD recommendations and determine stance on verbal/written testimony

- Collaborative Visioning (monthly NA collaboration) Crowley update - Several NAs are concerned about the Zoning Code re-write (which does not materially impact BV). Board will monitor the proposal regarding the role and involvement of NAs in the development/entitlement process and other matters we provide input on. We want to insure we have a voice on behalf of the neighborhood.

- Harris East trailhead turn-around – Gary Waiting to hear back from city on its willingness to support proposal

- Harris Ranch Community Infrastructure District: Status and Strategy Update Waiting for oral arguments to occur next week then attempt to get parties to the table to discuss a resolution

- Board Director Vacancies The Board unanimously voted to 1) appoint Peggy Caraway to one of the two open positions (Hall motion; Hallam second), 2) confirm Mooney, Stark, and Veasy for another term (Crowley motion; unanimous second) and, 3) to leave the second open position open until/unless it decides to appoint another member as a director

- Board Officer Selections To be discussed and finalized in February with full board