Agenda – October 2023

• Schools
  • Dallas Harris Elementary update

• Transportation
  • Dallas Harris Traffic Impact Study
  • New Warm Springs speed limit change(s)
  • Valley Regional Transit - Route modifications

• Parks and Trails
  • Alta Harris Park – Peace Valley Overlook – Ridge to River Trail Survey

• Development Update

• Miscellaneous Topics

• Board Work Session

Attendance: All BVNA Directors and approximately 15 neighbors
Dallas Harris Elementary

Katie Swain – BVNA Treasurer
UPDATE: On Friday 10/13 we were advised that the school opening has been delayed and will now open on November 13.

FIRST DAY IS MONDAY, OCTOBER 23RD

SCHOOL STARTS AT 9:10am AND RELEASES AT 3:45pm

KIDS WALKING / BIKING 8:30 – 9:15am AND 3:45 TO 4:15pm
Colored circles indicate Safe Routes To School meet up spots.
BSD looking for a Crossing Guard

- Dallas Harris Elementary looking for an Adult Crossing Guard for Eckert Rd and E Arrow Junction Dr.
- See link below for further information:
  https://jobs1.boiseschools.org/winocular/jobs/JobPost.exe

There were questions from neighbors about flashing 20MPH signs like there are at East Jr. High and why none have been installed at DHE. Discussions with ACHD and school administration indicated it is the BSD’s responsibility to install, not ACHD’s. Information from the administration indicated that the construction team “is working with Boise School District to get them installed. We expect a bit of a delay, so we are working on a temporary solution. There are a few options for this, so I hope to know more soon.”
Updated Photos: Classroom
Updated Photos: Playground
Updated Photos: Basketball court
Transportation
Zach Piepmeyer – BVNA Director
DHE Traffic Impact Study – April 2022

• BVNA received the Apr 22 TIS for Dallas Harris Elementary

• Idaho Statute requires specific elements to be studied for schools:
  • Land use master plan
  • School bus plan
  • Access safety
  • Pedestrian plan
  • Crossing guard plan
  • Barriers between the highways and the school
  • Location of the school zone
  • Need for a flashing beacon
  • Need for traffic control signal
  • Anticipated future improvements
  • Speed on adjacent highways
  • Traffic volumes on adjacent highways
  • Effect upon a highway level of service
  • Need for acceleration or deceleration lanes
  • Internal traffic circulation
  • Anticipated development on surrounding undeveloped parcels
  • Zoning in the vicinity
  • Access control on adjacent highways
  • Required striping and signing modifications
  • Funding for highway improvements to accommodate the development
  • Proposed roadway projects in the vicinity
  • Any other issues as may be considered appropriate to the particular application
DHE Traffic Impact Study

- Percentage of students arriving via vehicle vice non-vehicle is 55/45
- This is a BSD-wide average – can we do better here in a community designed as walk/bike friendly?

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TIS recommends that additional bulb-outs be installed on either side of the mid-block curb cut to further differentiate the bus load/unloading area.
• Access Safe
  • The school site will not have any traditional access points to the street system for bus or vehicle traffic. All bus and vehicle traffic and circulation will occur on the surrounding street system.
• Pedestrian Plan – see above
RRFB or HAWK Installation plus School Crossing Signage (combined with crossing guard)
RRFB installation
School Crossing Signage and Stiped Crosswalk

Exhibit 10. Pedestrian Crossing Recommendations
School Access Comments

• The students that walk or bike to the school should have sidewalk connections on all streets within the Harris Ranch development

• There are bike lanes provided on Parkcenter Boulevard, Warm Springs Avenue, Old Hickory Way, and there will be bike lanes on S Barnside Way leading directly to the school site

• A RRFB or HAWK installation along with school crossing signage is recommended at the Warm Springs Avenue/S Millbrook Way intersection given the posted speed on E Warm Springs Avenue.
  - This is recommended in conjunction with a crossing guard

• Given the low speeds (assumed to be the posted 20 MPH speed) and relative low traffic volumes on the surrounding transportation network, no other active devices are recommended (now)
  - Recommended monitoring traffic volumes on E Parkcenter Boulevard. If pedestrian crossing volumes are found to be significant at other crossing locations or if traffic volumes increase, ACHD and the school district should review the option of providing a PHB, RRFB, or pedestrian activation to the roundabout or other crossings on E Parkcenter Boulevard at the S Barnside Way intersection.
School Crossing Guards

• E Haystack Street/S Brookridge Way – school safety patrol
• E Brightside Street/S Brookridge Way – school safety patrol
• E Warm Spring Avenue/S Millbrook Way – contracted crossing guard
  • The crossing guard at E Warm Springs Avenue/S Millbrook Way is recommended given the posted speed and traffic volumes on E Warm Springs Avenue. There are currently 64 students living on the SE side of E Warm Springs Avenue within walking distance that the crossing guard could serve.
Parent Drop-Off & Pick-Up Notes

- Approx half of all student arrivals are expected via walk/bike
- Bike Lane on Barnside
- TIS recommends BSD restrict parent pick up, drop off, and parking on S Barnside Way given the bike lane
- Drop off and pick up maneuvers will conflict with bicyclists in the bike lane so it is recommended that parking be used for staff or visitor parking which typically occur outside of when students would be using the bike lane
Each of these potential parent drop off/pick up areas allows students direct access to the sidewalk adjacent to the school with no street or driveway crossings required.

This would allow for approximately 35-40 vehicle to be parked at the same time with direct school access.

Based on observations at Washington and Roosevelt, each parent dropping off or picking up had their car parked for approximately 5 minutes while they got their child out of the car and walked their child to the school yard.

Assuming the same at DHE, it is feasible to accommodate a total of 140 to 160 vehicles in just the school site curb adjacent on street parking in the 20 minutes before and after school.

It is anticipated that some parents will use the available on street parking on the other side of Haystack Street and Brightside Street or may park in the neighboring blocks.

The school site curb adjacent parking can accommodate nearly the expected number of peak hour vehicles coming to the school – therefore overflow parking is expected to be minimal.
Traffic Investigations Requests – ACHD inaction

Traffic Investigation Requests
1) Parkcenter
   • Improved signage routing traffic to WSA

2) Millbrook
   • 2200 daily traffic count – 30mph average speed
   • Posted at 20mph
   • ACHD justifies using 85th percentile method
ACHD Response to MillBrook Complaint(s)

• Millbrook was constructed as collector street with collector street width which encourages speeding (wide sight angles for motorists) but is classified as a local street on the Master Street Map.
  • Boise Fire has determined they will use a local street, vice collector or arterial, to respond to an emergency.
• ACHD has researched Millbrook traffic calming in the past and as a result the street is on the ACHD list of approximately 100 other locations for a digital speed reader sign.
  • ACHD purchased a number of new digital speed signs and Millbrook is ‘in the que’
• BVNA suggests a next step would be to approach the City leadership (District 5 Councilmember or City Transportation Planners working with Boise Fire leadership) to reconsider how they approach emergency response routes. Boise Fire could communicate to ACHD that they will respond via Eckert and Warm Springs, rather than cutting through Barber Junction (Millbrook).
BVNA Requests to ACHD – Big Win Yesterday!

- BVNA request to ACHD for modifications to streets near Dallas Harris Elementary
  - Signage and Pavement markings that will hopefully calm WSA ‘bypass’ traffic
- Valley-Wide speed reduction to 35mph
- Centerline pavement markings on WSA: solid double yellow to prohibit passing

*Figure 1: Current Posted Speed Limits on Warm Springs Ave/Parkcenter Blvd*
Warm Springs Avenue Speed Limit Actions

- ACHD staff agreed with BVNA request for reduction from 40mph to 35mph on “west segment” of WSA
  - Signage changed last week
- ACHD staff recommended to ACHD Commission to retain 40mph from Shakespeare to Hwy 21
  - BVNA testimony requested consistent 35mph throughout valley
  - ACHD Commission agreed and directed 35mph limit despite ACHD staff recommendation
- Next steps are “design changes” to encourage slower vehicle speeds in east segment of WSA
  - East Valley HOA coordination to install/maintain street trees on their frontage of WSA
    - Possibly work with Finis Terra and River Heights HOAs to do the same
  - Future Sue Howell City Park and Intermountain Bird Observatory development
SafeAcross is a pedestrian safety initiative that pairs specialty signage with playful educational messages to train drivers to recognize crosswalks and yield for pedestrians. The various elements of SafeAcross aim to normalize courteous behavior and promote pedestrian-friendly communities.

**Pedestrian fatalities have been on a dramatic rise across the nation since 2009.**

The **Governor’s Highway Safety Association** estimates that in 2021 around 7,485 pedestrians were killed – the largest number in four decades. Many factors have led to this dramatic increase:

- The vehicle market has shifted to producing larger, heavier vehicles.
- Nowadays’ personal devices constantly compete for our attention.
- The way our streets have been built to primarily serve vehicles.

**Achieving zero traffic deaths is a national priority.**

The **Safe System Approach** builds a culture of safety and identifies the following principals to save lives, including those of most vulnerable pedestrians:

- Zero is the Goal.
- Humans make Mistakes.
- Humans are Vulnerable.
- Responsibility is Shared.
- Safety is Proactive.
- Redundancy is Crucial.
Valley Regional Transit – Route Changes

- Another BVNA Win!
- Thanks to the many neighbors that submitted public input to the proposed VRT route changes
- VRT Board voted to maintain a modified version of Route 1 (now VRT 17)
- VRT thanked BVNA for advocating for this route:
  - “At our last visit to the neighborhood association meeting, we committed to working with you all to better promote the service and we’re looking forward to holding to that commitment. We’re organizing our efforts for the spring to make sure riders are aware of changes, and we’ll reach out to you toward the end of the year with more details.”
  - BVNA will followup to ensure the problems identified at our August BVNA meeting are tackled – specifically getting better public notice/education for our new neighbors that may wish to use this transit route (December BVNA Action)
2024 BUS NETWORK REDESIGN
ROUTE 1 HARRIS RANCH VIA PARKCENTER

Route description:
- Route 1 will be consolidated with the Route 17, which will run a one-way loop along Warm Springs to Harris Ranch, returning to downtown Boise along Parkcenter.
- Riders can use expanded Lyft Transit Connection, Route 2, and the new Beyond Access service for lost Access service area.

Route map:
- Harris Ranch via Parkcenter
- Warm Springs/Parkcenter

ROUTE 1 HARRIS RANCH
Feedback overview:
Responses: 69
Current riders:
Yes: 58
No: 11
Nature of impact:
Positive: 0
Negative: 57
None: 1

ROUTE 4 ROOSEVELT
Feedback overview:
Responses: 40
Current riders:
Yes: 36
No: 4
Nature of impact:
Positive: 0
Negative: 34
None: 2

ROUTE 6 ORCHARD
Feedback overview:
Responses: 35
Current riders:
Yes: 25
No: 10
Nature of impact:
Positive: 6
Negative: 18
None: 0

ROUTE 2 BROADWAY
Feedback overview:
Responses: 31
Current riders:
Yes: 25
No: 6
Nature of impact:
Positive: 1
Negative: 1
None: 1
Parks and Trails

Nathan Hallam, BVNA Director
Alta Harris Park Status

• BVNA met with City of Boise Mayor and staff – 11 October
• Meeting Summary
• Reading Comprehension Testing
  • Does This Response:
    • “I’m curious to hear your thoughts on innovative funding solutions, among other things.”
  • Make Sense Based on This BVNA Statement:
    • “As part of this process, the city should pursue innovative funding mechanisms to cover park construction shortfalls without relying on CID taxes.”
  • Sorry...couldn’t resist since they’re kicking the case (24 cans!) down the road
Peace Valley Overlook Reserve

• Trail Signage installed earlier this month
• Action Letter – SUB21-00009 – Boise City Council – 2 July 2021
  • The applicant shall work with Ridge to Rivers to identify a sustainable trail route for the connection from the Homestead Trail to the Peace Valley Overlook Reserve. The trail shall be constructed by the applicant in collaboration with Ridge to Rivers staff and a public trail easement shall be dedicated prior to the approval of the Final Plat.
ANNUAL RIDGE TO RIVERS SURVEY IS NOW OPEN

COMPLETE SURVEY
Development Update

John Mooney, BVNA President
Community Development Tracker

- Lot 7 Retail Shell
- Hygge Condos – 39 units ("Hooga")
- Wood Duck Habitat Restoration
- East Junior High Sign
- Performance Park – Hayden Beverage
- Woven Townhomes
- Side Channel Pedestrian Crossing
• Design Review 11 Oct

• 2,300 square feet are allocated for BodyBar Pilates. This is a locally owned franchise that currently operates in Eagle and will be opening its second location at this property.

• Letter of Intent to lease an extra 2,500 square feet for a quickservice restaurant that focuses on healthy dining choices. It’s worth noting that this restaurant won’t require a drivethrough and will prioritize fast, casual, and health-conscious meals.

• Remaining 5,500 square feet of space is being designed and developed to be adaptable for various potential tenants. Interest in the site has been expressed by a locally owned upscale restaurant, a brewery, and potential users interested in establishing physical therapy facilities.
Hygge Condos

- A 39-unit Townhome development on Parcel SW11 of the SP-01 ordinance.
- 11 Sep: PZC recommended approval to CC
- CID Boundary complications
Hygee Condos ("Hooga") (SUB23-00018)

- Specific Plan 01 – Subdivision & Design Review 3
  - 3688 E WARM SPRINGS AVE
- A 39-unit Townhome development: Parcel SW11 (SP-01)
East Junior High School Monument Sign

- Electronic Monument Sign
- Neighborhood Mtg 15 Sep
- Applicant Submitted 5 Oct
- Staff returned to applicant 6 Oct
Woven Final Plat

Woven Townhomes

- City Council 17 October
Woven Final Plat – South
City Council 17 October
The low-water public pedestrian access crossing is necessary to provide ingress to the Highway 21 Island. It will serve as a designated human access point along an interpretive trail system through the side channel riparian habitat restoration site.
Miscellaneous
Harris Ranch Wildlife Mitigation Association

• $30K funding directed by City to HRWMA with the purpose as stated in the condition of approval for the Harris East development:
  • The applicant shall donate $30,000 to the Harris Ranch Wildlife Mitigation Association for vegetation and hillside improvement projects on the hillside located above the Triplett Ranch Subdivision and below the ridgeline to be developed with this application.
    • Source: 2 July 2021 City Council Action Letter (Conditions of Approval)

• BVNA coordinating with HRWMA and Triplett HOA and Boise Hunter Homes
  • Next step is for Triplett HOA to complete Firewise certification to inform how to best support HRWMA efforts.
ADOPT-A-Plot
OPPORTUNITIES STILL AVAILABLE

- Gather your team of 10+ OR be placed with other individuals
- Connect with FUN volunteers
- Work OUTSIDE near the river
- Make a lasting impact on the Boise River
- Your team name will be featured on a sign at your plot!

Scan this code to help as an INDIVIDUAL
Scan this code to sign up a GROUP

Learn more and get involved at bit.ly/BoiseRewild
ADOPT A PLOT: Part of the Boise River ReWILD Project

Saturday, October 14th: 10AM-1PM. Meet us at the Eckert Bridge parking area. We will take a short walk to our Alta Harris plot, east of the bridge.

We will be planting native shrub, grass, and wildflower seedlings by hand. We will provide all of the tools, unless you would like to, then you can bring your own gloves and trowel.

This is the second fall that we are planting to bring back natural vegetation, to land adjacent Boise River, for pollinators, birds, and wildlife.

Be prepared for fall weather by dressing in layers and wearing sturdy shoes.

Register online at www.hrwma.org.

Contact Karie@hrwmawildlife.org if you have any questions.
Volunteer to Plant Natives in Your Neighborhood

Join us to plant native shrubs, grasses, and wildflowers, by hand, to beautify the neighborhood and to enhance habitat for pollinators and wildlife.

You will also learn more about restoration efforts going on in this area!

We will meet near the Coffee Mill Parking Lot and then drive and park near the Barnyard Daycare. We will walk from there to connect to a nearby stretch of the greenbelt, which is close to the corner of Warm Springs Creek.

We will meet at 10am and wrap up by 1pm, so we will plant for less than 3 hours. Please be prepared for fall weather by dressing in layers and having sturdy shoes. Plants and tools are provided, but if you would like to bring your own gloves and trowel, then please do so.
Pause Look Listen (14 Oct 9-1030am)

- Space is limited. To affirm a place at this event, registration is required.
- Golden Eagle Audubon "Pause, Look & Listen" series incorporates a mindful birding approach to observing birds and being in nature. This is an opportunity to connect with nature in a small-group setting that encourages personal observation and reflection. We will spend most of the hour sitting as a group to observe what birds we can see and hear while being stationary. This should facilitate learning from each other while allowing birds to come to us. We will be walking less than 1/4 mile on smooth pavement and/or gravel paths with little to no incline.
- All birding levels are welcome. This event is appropriate for those with limited mobility and/or visual impairment. Binoculars will be available if needed.
- Participants younger than 12 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian and participants younger than 18 must have a parent/guardian sign the liability release.
- **Meeting Place** Idaho Shakespeare Festival's parking lot next to main entrance.
- **What to Bring:** Binoculars, chair, blanket or whatever you like to enjoy some time being (mostly) still in nature. No dogs please.
- **Restroom Availability:** There are no open restroom facilities on site.
- **Contact Information:** Jim Lyons at jflyons@gmail.com
- **Register at the QR code to the right**
Candidate Forum
Mayor & City Council
Hosted by District 5 Neighborhood Associations

Cathedral of the Rockies
717 N 11th St. Boise, ID
Oct. 19, 2023
6:00 PM

Register here:
Open Forum & Announcements

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

- Alta Harris strategy – meeting (11 October) - prepare templates for neighbors to send to city
- District 5 Candidate Forum (19 October) – submit AH Park question? Other issues? - submit Alta Harris question after board approval
- School TIS review - no further action and monitor after school opening
- Neighborhood Collaborative - Roy shared update
- Neighborhood Investment Program
  - 13/14 November – Who (Katie, Nathan, Roy)? Projects? - Katie will take lead and work with BVNA board to identify project(s). Katie, Nathan, and Roy to attend city training session
- Web services – contractor retiring - Gary to review options and share with board in Nov/Dec
- IFYWP Roundabout Parkcenter and WSA (VRT route cancel) - Kristy Inselman - no immediate action
- Tesoro Easement – actions? - stand down now but monitor. At some point the dirt mound must be removed on the easement parcel
- VRT Route modifications – letter of thanks to City and VRT ? - John
- Succession planning - discussed plans with those with terms up. John Hall will not continue so one open seat + four others eligible for re-election. BVNA to communicate board member opportunities - and encourage neighbors to volunteer. Election in January
New Business - Follow-Ups

- Warm Springs Scoping - John to check with ACHD
- Pace Valley sign quality - Nathan to ask city about options
- School zone 20MPH signs at DHE - Gary to check with ACHD and Erin with BSD
- Harris East - Gary
  - When will full access to Homestead Trail be established
  - Status of drainage system
- Invite NCO to November meeting to address vehicle speeds, racing, any other neighbor concerns
New Business
Old/Ongoing Business

• CID debrief from meeting and next steps (if any)
  • Discussion of NA membership list per Erin Barker's question Barker to contact city to determine requirements, if any
• Carry-overs from last month:
  • Warm Spring (East End) corridor study - updates? Piepmeyer to continue to monitor
  • “Passive” donation update? Swain working with Zion Bank to determine Zelle or other options for member donations
• BVNA will discuss damage caused by The Timbers to public areas on Warm Springs (street trees and sidewalks). BVNA will also inquire as to the status of the Parkcenter/Warm Springs proposed roundabout, given that VRT is retreating from the Barber Valley and they initiated the roundabout project – does that remain a high priority City transportation project? (Mooney)
New Business
Board Focus Areas & Leads
Chart from October 2022

Other Focus Areas / Roles?
Add officer responsibilities?
Is everyone in their intended area?
Does this provide clarity?

Org Growth – we’re getting busier with added neighbors & need a bit better organization and sharing of duties
Discuss roles and responsibilities further in September