July 2023 Membership Meeting

In-person and Recorded Meeting - 13 July 2023

Barber Pool Conservation Area
Photo Courtesy of Idaho Foundation for Parks and Lands
Agenda – July 2023

• Dallas Harris Elementary Update – Katie Swain, BVNA Treasurer
• Development Application Summaries
  • Gary Veasy, BVNA Secretary & John Mooney, BVNA Board President
    • Harris East – Woven – Diane Moore Nature Center – Hayden Beverage Event Center (Amity Rd) – Idaho Outdoor Fieldhouse – Hygge Condos – Harris Gate Condos
• Miscellaneous Topics
  • Neighborhood Interactive Agenda (Downtown JUMP)
  • Hillside Restoration (above Triplett)
  • Firewise Update
  • ACHD Open House for HOAs & NAs
  • Valley Regional Transit Harris Ranch Route
• Board Work Session
• Attendance
  • Board: All present except Hall, Hallam
  • Neighbors: 8
Dallas Harris Elementary
Katie Swain – BVNA Treasurer
Dallas Harris Elementary School Update

Completion date still on target for Mid October for a November 2023 start date.

Here's the latest drone footage from June 28th:
https://vimeo.com/841267258

*** Updated pictures on next few slides ***
School Safety Discussion – Notes from Meeting

- The motor vehicle traffic circulation around the new elementary school is not specifically defined. Both the Boise School District and Police Department expect school dropoff and pickup traffic to naturally work it’s way out. The BVNA Board voted to not engage further on this position.

- The number of adult safety guards was questioned in the meeting. BSD does not have the staffing to permit adult crossing guards at all vulnerable conflict points. If neighbors are interested in paid crossing positions, details are at the QR code or via this link:
  - [https://jobs1.boiseschools.org/winocular/jobs/Jobpost.exe](https://jobs1.boiseschools.org/winocular/jobs/Jobpost.exe)
  
  - under classified positions
  - 2 hours daily; job postings opened 11 July, close 31 July
Development Applications

Gary Veasy – BVNA Secretary
John Mooney – BVNA President
Community Development Tracker Map

- Hygge Townhomes
- Idaho Outdoor Fieldhouse
- Hayden Beverage Event Center (Performance Park)
- Harris Gate Condos
- Harris East Subdivision
- Woven Townhomes
- Intermountain Bird Observatory Side Channel Crossings

Boise Active Planning Permits

- Accepted
- In Review
- Returned to Applicant
- Review Complete
- Hearing Prep
- Appealed

Link to Development Tracker Map
Harris East Update

Gary Veasy, BVNA Secretary
Harris East - Construction Update

• All dates are subject to weather delays
• Idaho Power to remove existing power poles in Council Spring then roadway and sewer prep
• Underground contractor starting end of month - onsite until January 2024
• Delays in procuring water pipe (6-8 month lead time)
• Dry utilities (electrical, gas, cable, etc.) - early 2024
• Large drain line (to avoid winter drainage issues) complete by Nov 2023
• Concrete and paving complete mid-2024 / First home starts - Fall 2024

• REMINDER: *This is an active construction site - please stay off property for risk and liability reasons. A detour to the trail exists and a temp fence will be installed soon to remind neighbors of this. Please, do not trespass!*
Harris East Hillside Restoration

• Triplett HOA coordinating with Boise Hunter Homes and Harris Ranch Wildlife Mitigation Association regarding $30,000 donation from BHH to HRWMA “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.”

• BVNA spearheaded this in coordination with Triplett HOA at PZC and City Council for the purpose of reducing wildfire risk (and restoring wildlife habitat as an additional benefit)

• Homeowner’s Fire Insurance – discussion item
Civil Penalties

- Boise Hunter Homes violated ESC permit in January
- BHH warned subsequent violations will result in Stop Work order and initiation of Civil penalties
- After three subsequent violations (31 March, 1 April, 7 June), BHH was fined $200 on 7 July
- Subsequent violations will not exceed $1000
- Not sure why they weren’t fined $200 for the 31 March event, and then subsequently fined up to $1000 for the June event……
- If you’re concerned – a complaint to the ESC Program Coordinator is appropriate: AJLong@cityofboise.org
Woven Townhomes Update

Gary Veasy, BVNA Secretary
Woven Townhomes - Update

• Final entitlement process is the final subdivision map (to city council) - otherwise approved

• Council condition - solve Warm Springs traffic calming / streetscape design prior to final map hearing

• ACHD staff currently pushing back on conditioned improvements and wants street typology to be status quo

• City and ACHD staffs meeting 7/14 to discuss

• BVNA’s position is that the calming condition and street section needs to be satisfied as outlined in staff report / project approval

• Likely not to council until September at the earliest
Intermountain Bird Observatory
Diane Moore Nature Center

• Status: in review (River System permit – CFH23-00053 & Floodplain Permit (CFH23-00054)

• Side Channel Low Water Crossings
  • Public crossings over the side channel are necessary to achieve riparian habitat restoration goals and provide for the continued development of designated human access points along an interpretative trail system.
  • Two low-water crossing structures (box culverts) are proposed to the “Hwy21 island” (box culverts)
    • Upstream (county property) – both vehicular and pedestrian access
    • Downstream (city property) – pedestrian only
  • The intent is to provide nearly continuous access to the Island for IBO research and outreach, and pedestrian recreation (general public) eliminating in-channel disturbance to the restored side channel
IBO on the River
(Diane Moore)
Hayden Beverage – Performance Park

*Not in the Barber Valley – but just down Amity Rd*

- Status: Returned to applicant – Neighborhood Meeting not conducted before Conditional Use Permit was submitted
- Background: Applicant (Hayden Beverage) was informed by City last year of the need to apply for a CUP, but did not do so
  - 2 concerts have been held without a permit (according to the Hayden Beverage website)
  - Neighborhood Meeting not yet complete (first step in permitting process)

**Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)**

**How many concerts have there been at Hayden Beverage?**
Hayden Beverage has had 2 concerts.

**When was the last concert at Hayden Beverage?**
*The last concert at Hayden Beverage* was on June 10, 2023. The bands that performed were: American Aquarium / Mike and the Moonpies / Jesse Dayne & The Sagebrush Drifters.
Idaho Outdoor Fieldhouse

Credit Albertson’s Family Foundation website (June 2023 Construction Photos)
Hygge Condos

- A 39-unit Townhome development on Parcel SW11 of the SP-01 ordinance
  - Status: In review (staff level approval)
- Neighborhood meeting – 3 May (3 attended) – BVNA not notified (not required)
- 2.48-acre buildable parcel. Of note: the southern 1/2 of the property falls within the Boise River 100-year floodplain.
  - Site has been filled to 1.5 to 2-feet above the floodplain. All recently placed structural fill was properly compacted, documented and certified by RiveRidge Engineering. All reporting of the fill was also sent to Boise City Public Works Department for verification and filing.
  - Plans are in place to remove the entire site from the floodplain by filing the required Letter of Map Revision Based on Fill (LOMRF) with FEMA once the property is platted to allow for the best reference of the removal to platted parcels
Harris Gate Condos
(22 units – base of Harris North)

• Background
  • SP-01 Entitlement - Harris Ranch Review Board (HRRB) recommended approval to the City of Boise Planning and Development Services Department.
    • DRH22-00428 approved on January 13, 2023
  • ACHD also reviewed for traffic impact
    • ACHD project BOI22-0342 recommended approval to the City
  • Foothills/Hillside review (CFH23-00052) – in progress (staff level approval)
Miscellaneous Topics
Neighborhood Recycling Opportunity

• WasteLess Recycle is a locally owned recycling service company that picks up hard-to-recycle items and donations from homeowner's and businesses each month.

• Membership Includes:
  • (1) Scheduled collection every two weeks for your standard items,
  • (2) WasteLess reusable bags and a porch box.

• Bag and Box Plan: $18/mo or $183/year

• Details at QR code above
  • This appears to be focused on individual homeowners BUT....
    • HOAs may be interested in pursuing a group account with a common pickup area (clubhouse?).
Volunteers Needed
Water Plants Along Bypass (Warm Springs Creek Riparian Area)

• Harris Ranch Wildlife Mitigation Association: Needs volunteers to help us water weekly to ensure planted seedlings/saplings survive through the heat of the summer.

• Even if you may only be available one day during the summer, then that would help immensely. We can be flexible on the day of the week and the time of day.
  • You can help as an individual when it is convenient for you. OR we can plan a group day.
  • HRWMA will provide guidance and any equipment needed for the day.

• Contact: Karie@hrwmawildlife.org
UPCOMING EVENTS

Beginners Bird Walk: Bethine Church River Trail
07/16/2023 8:00 AM
Library at Bown Crossing

Accessible Birding: Golda Harris Reserve
07/23/2023 9:00 AM
Golda Harris Reserve

Marianne Williams/Barber Park Bird Walk
07/29/2023 8:00 AM
Marianne Williams Park

Pause, Look & Listen: Shakespeare Festival Grounds
08/12/2023 8:30 AM
Shakespeare Festival Parking Lot

Accessible Birding: Idaho Shakespeare Festival
08/20/2023 9:00 AM
Idaho Shakespeare Festival
Firewise

- Barber Station – Barb Shelley is coordinating their HOA efforts.
  - HOA is on the waiting list for a Firewise risk assessment.
  - Coordinating with Tyre Holfeltz, Idaho Dept. of Lands, and Jerry McAdams, regional Firewise rep at the Boise Fire Dept
- Other HOAs gaining interest in Firewise certification – following the lead established by the East Valley HOA (led by Dr. Tanner Gronowski):
  - Triplett HOA
  - River Heights
  - Spring Creek?
  - Mill District?
  - Harris Ranch?
- Subdivisions located away from the foothills or open space are not at reduced wildfire risk:
  - “Research around home destruction vs. home survival in wildfires point to embers and small flames as the main way that the majority of homes ignite in wildfires. Embers are burning pieces of airborne wood and/or vegetation that can be carried more than a mile through the wind can cause spot fires and ignite homes, debris and other objects” (Source: National Fire Protection Association).
ALL Barber Valley HOAs NEED TO Get Serious About Firewise! (attend an HOA meeting and express your support)

Get Your Neighbors Involved

Local solutions and individual responsibility are the cornerstones of a Fire Adapted Community. Because fire doesn’t stop at property lines, it’s important that neighbors and community members work together.

As of 2022, eleven (11) neighborhoods in Ada County are nationally recognized Firewise USA sites:

1. Avimor
2. Boise Heights
3. Cartwright Ranch
4. Central Foothills
5. Dry Creek Ranch
6. East Valley
7. Harris Ranch North
8. Hidden Springs
9. Highland Nines
10. Morningside Heights
11. Warm Springs Mesa

These communities have created a Firewise plan specific to their neighborhood, followed the program’s principles, and have taken direct action to minimize their risk from wildfire. If you live in one of these neighborhoods, your ongoing efforts are essential to reducing wildfire risk. If you don’t, there are many principles from the Firewise program you can apply to your own property or neighborhood.

Please Note! Thank you! to those HOAs for taking Firewise seriously. We live in an extreme wildfire risk area and we need homeowner support for Firewise efforts.
The Ada County Highway District invites representatives of Homeowners Associations and Neighborhood Associations to ACHD’s Neighborhoods in the Know Open House! Join staff for snacks and a chance to learn more about the unique agency that is ACHD.

Who: Homeowners Association Board Members, Property Management Companies and Neighborhood Association Representatives

When: Tuesday, July 18, 10am-1pm

Where: ACHD Headquarters- 3775 Adams Street, Garden City

The event is an opportunity for Neighborhood Associations and HOAs to:

• Gain insight into ACHD and its unique role in Ada County
• Learn more about ACHD projects that impact your residents
• Become acquainted with ACHD and staff members
• Get an inside look at how ACHD manages traffic and maintains roadways

The event will start with staff presentations and an opportunity to ask questions, followed by a tour of ACHD’s Adams Street Facility.

RSVP Ends Soon.... Details at the QR code
Valley Regional Transit Route Cancellation

• BVNA submitted a letter opposing the cancellation of VRT Route #1 to Harris Ranch

• VRT received many public inputs and decided to delay the route planning decisions until the VRT Board meets in October.

• A final service proposal will be presented to the public in August.
  • VRT will solicit public comment on the final proposal and hold public hearings to gather public input for board consideration.

• VRT will meet with BVNA when final proposal is publicized. VRT’s attendance is confirmed for our August 10 meeting. If maintaining Route #1 is important to you, please attend and express your position as they are gathering neighborhood feedback!
Warm Springs Crossings - Construction Started
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

- **ACHD Warm Springs Concept Project (Ave C to Windsong)** - Although not in our neighborhood, a lot of people in BVNA use this section of WSA. Shall we support EENA? Is this a roadmap for future WSA changes within BVNA?

- **ACHD Chip Seal** - Looks like BVNA will get chip sealed in 2024. Shall we start a dialogue regarding changing the pavement markings during the chipseal and re-paint process? Examples:
  - Eckert (Millbrook to Arrow Junction): the southbound travel lane is like 15 feet wide, which is larger than the standard 11-ft travel lane.
  - WSA Bypass: remove the yellow skip line and institute double yellow to prevent passing?
  - FYI….parts of Boise Ave (west of Law) are getting a bit of a reconfiguration of automobile travel lanes and bike lanes as ACHD chip seals that section of roadway this summer, so the precedent is set.

- **ACHD Open House BVNA representative**

- **BVNA policy (bylaw change?)** to engage with City Council candidates from our new district?

- **“Passive fundraising” on website** - use 501(c)3 status for ongoing website charges?

- **Interest in adding "position letters" to website for transparency?”**
• Zach Piepmeyer (BVNA Director) volunteered to attend Warm Springs Corridor meetings that are being conducted to explore reconfiguration of WSA from Ave C to Windsong.

• Zach also volunteered to develop a draft position letter that BVNA would submit to ACHD to use the next chipseal effort to reconfigure paint on some sections of road in the Barber Valley (e.g. Millbrook to Arrow Junction is wide and could be reconfigured to narrow traffic lanes while also adding buffered bike lanes).

• 18 July ACHD Open House: Rob Stark will represent BVNA and submitted questions in advance (to include a request to consider establishing a standard 35mph – or lower – speed limit throughout the neighborhood on WSA)

• BVNA engagement with political candidates: the Board voted to change our policy and will host discussions with City Council candidates from our district (5). 3BVNA directors met with our only announced candidate (Meredith Stead) in early July. We presented our top 3 neighborhood issues: Alta Harris park, Warm Springs corridor traffic safety/design, and the CID litigation

• Board voted to explore options for seeking voluntary financial support via the BVNA website

• Board voted to post BVNA “position letters” (written testimony) on our website but also decided to not accomplish any forensic posting of past positions. We’ll start with our most recent positions letters on the VRT Route cancellation and the CID letter.