



Barber Pool Conservation Area
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April 2023 Membership Meeting

In-person and Hybrid Meeting - 13 April 2023



Agenda – 13 April 2023

- Energize Our Neighborhoods
 - Lex Roitman - Community Engagement Coordinator
 - Nicole Carr – Energize Program Manager
- Development
 - Harris East - Woven
- Dallas Harris Elementary School Update
- Open Forum
- Board Work Session

Board Attendance: All present except Swain

Lex Roitman - Community Engagement Coordinator

Nicole Carr – Energize Program Manager



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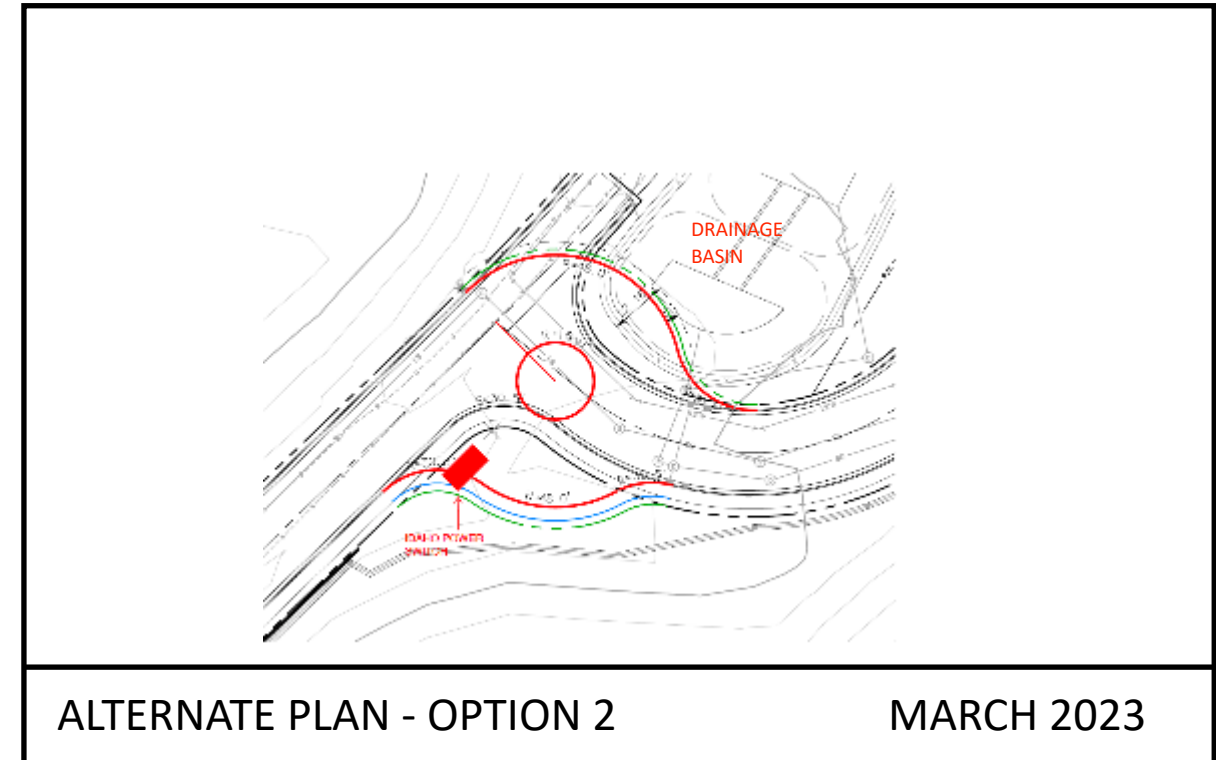
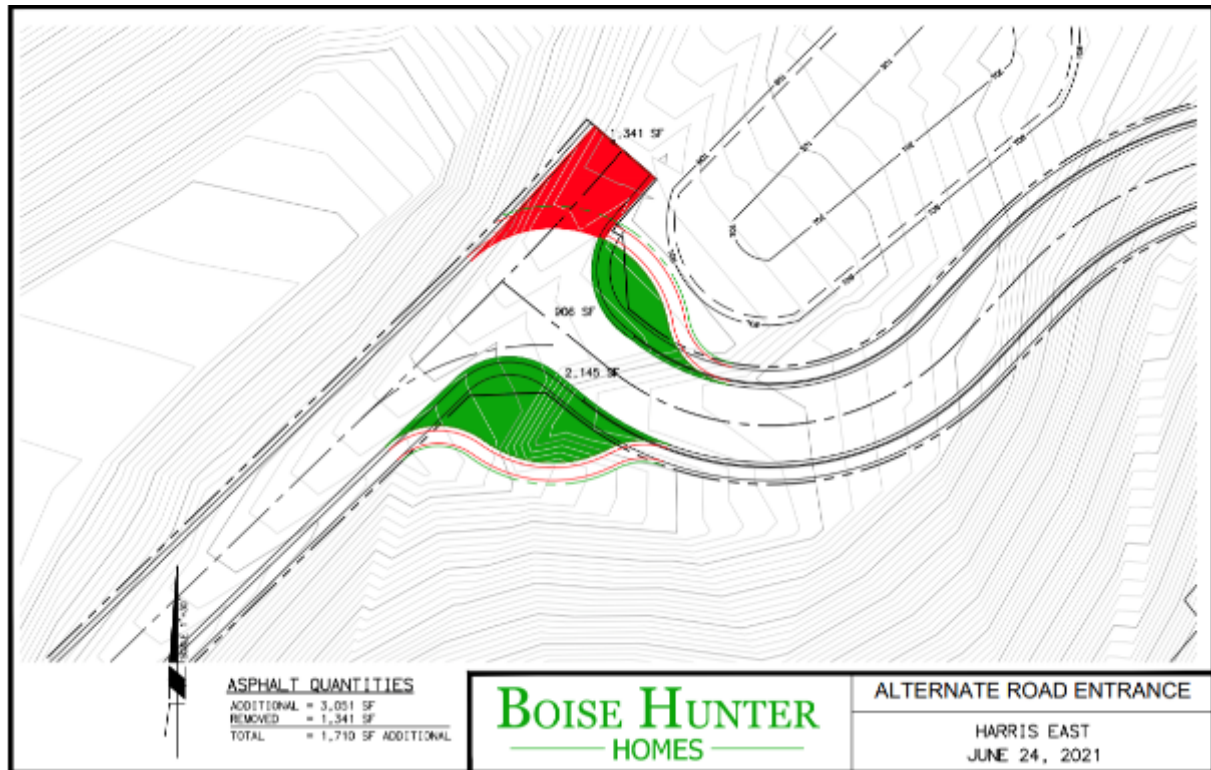
Harris East

Homestead Trail Turnaround

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We Tried ☹️

Lesson Learned – Don't let the developer get beyond the preliminary plat without a plan for complying with the project conditions of approval

ASPHALT QUANTITIES
ADDITIONAL = 3,051 SF
REMOVED = 1,341 SF
TOTAL = 1,710 SF ADDITIONAL

BOISE HUNTER
HOMES

ALTERNATE ROAD ENTRANCE

HARRIS EAST
JUNE 24, 2021

ALTERNATE PLAN - OPTION 2

MARCH 2023

Reflecting on Previous Lesson Learned.....



- Final Plat hearing deferred – requested by the applicant
 - *It was pulled from the City Council agenda because the applicant is still working with Ridge to Rivers on the trail location*

Re: SUB23-00003 / Harris Ranch East Subdivision

Dear Applicant:

This letter is to inform you of the action taken by the Boise City Council on your request for approval of a Final Plat for a residential subdivision comprised of 59 buildable and two common lots on 115.3 acres located at 3201 S Council Spring Road in a SP-01 (Harris Ranch Specific Plan) zone.

The Boise City Council, at their meeting of **April 4, 2023**, **accepted** your request for deferral to a future date.

- From Project Site Specific Conditions of Approval
 - 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.
 - Prior to the issuance of the first residential building permit, the applicant shall construct the buffer as agreed upon in correspondence dated June 11 & 21, 2021 to provide light and sound mitigation for the four homes in the Spring Creek neighborhood directly to the west (Lots 45-48, Block 25, Harris Ranch Subdivision No. 2).

PVOR to Homestead Trail

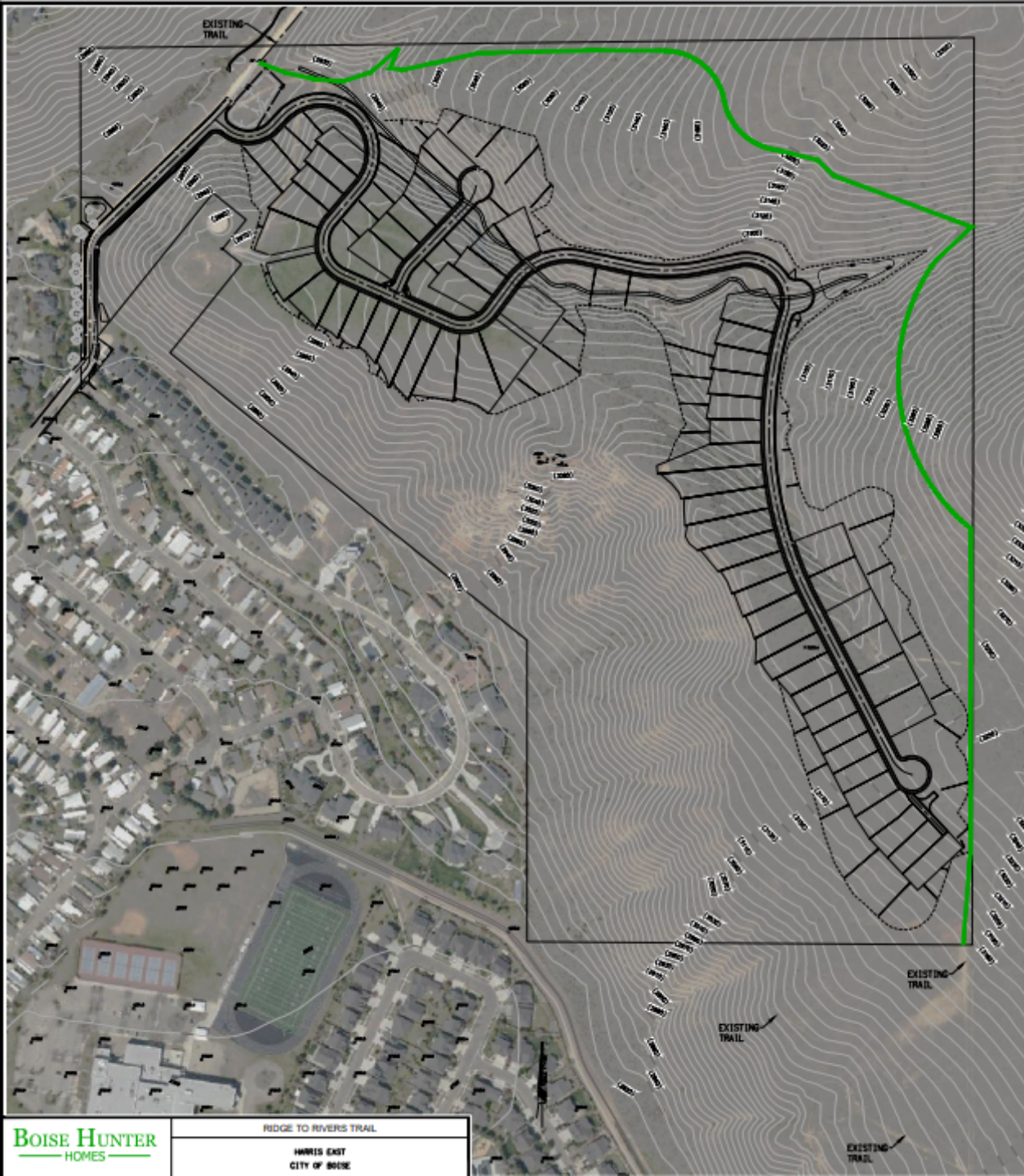
- Boise Hunter Homes working on a final trail alignment (as of 7 April):
 - Estimated to “run along the east/north side of our development up above the lots from Council Spring to the end of our property. Since the slopes will be greater than what Ridge to Rivers will maintain our HOA will own and maintain the trail but accessible to all. We will most likely limit it to pedestrian only due to how steep it will be. The only other route was below the lots and with all the rocks and the existing homes below we felt it was a huge safety issue which Ridge to Rivers agreed with.”





Updated Trail Alignment

Draft as of 13 April





Trail Alignment – Expanded Views



Spring Creek Fencing

Light & Sound Mitigation

This wall fence with light and sound mitigation is a result of outstanding public testimony from the Spring Creek neighbors, combined with the willingness of the Harris Family to accommodate a solution for our neighbors. The Harris Family owns the property between the road and Spring Creek homes.



Four **Spring Creek** Homes negatively impacted by the Harris East Subdivision Access Road. These four homes predate SPO1 for the record.



Harris East Flooding 31 March

Impacting Spring Creek, Triplett Ranch, Council Springs Road

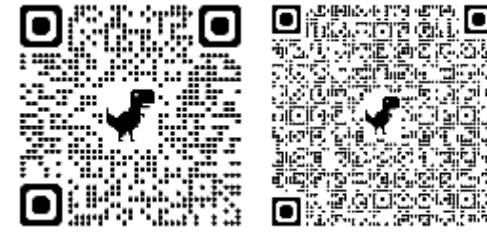


Harris East Flooding

Neighbors Reported to BVNA & ACHD



- ACHD and City response was good from our perspective
- BVNA filed an Erosion Control – Stormwater Pollution Prevention report to the City on 1 April
 - Erosion Control Coordinator (Andy Long) was informative & responsive
 - Confirmed the City was “working on enforcement, clean-up, and corrective actions to prevent further runoff events such as this.”
 - Explanation for the engineering failure (from the City):
 - “The draining of the muddy water to the road was an emergency measure performed to prevent the failure of an onsite retention pond, flooding of a neighbor on Millet in the Triplett townhomes, and to prevent muddy discharge to Council Spring Creek. Among other issues, the site did not adequately plan to handle runoff from above the site to pass through and flow into the creek without negative impact from the disturbed areas, but instead tried to retain the water onsite, which failed. ACHD is working with the developer on required clean up and remediation of their storm drains and seepage beds and we will be coordinating efforts within the subdivision to hold them accountable.”
- BVNA thanked the City for their response and explanation
- During the meeting, the flooding was discussed with neighbors involved. BVNA took an action item to contact the City again and confirm the mitigation actions to preclude a future flooding event (Mooney)



- BVNA thanked the City:
 - 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).
- Also....
 -we'd expect that city process and planning 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.
- Lesson Learned: We should not expect all 'expert' testimony on development applications to be foolproof and we can credibly testify that we question the judgment of 'experts' - when appropriate.

Harris East Flooding 31 March - Background

Impacting Spring Creek, Triplett Ranch, Council Springs Road



- Preliminary Hydrology Report Review
 - Drainage from this area is proposed to be intercepted by an armored channel traversing the northern perimeter of the site. Pre-development flows collected by the channel will be discharged to Council Spring Creek. An under-drain system sized to accommodate the subsurface flows from the offsite drainage basin will be required prior to approval of the final hillside review. A full discussion of the surrounding hydrology shall be provided in the final hydrology report.
 - Stormwater from the proposed development will be collected and directed via a system of inlets and pipes to three basins capable of retaining and infiltrating the 100-year storm event.

Existing Conditions
Drainage Map

Legend

Concentration Points

Stream Centerline

SUBCATCHMENTS

SUB-100

SUB-200

SUB-300

FEMA

FLOODWAY

AE, 1% Chance Flood

A, 1% Chance Flood

0.2% Chance Flood



0 450 900 Feet



JUB ENGINEERS, INC.

OTHER JUB ENGINEERS, INC.

PEAK FLOW SUMMARY

	2-YEAR	25-YEAR	100-YEAR
SUB-100	1	19	33
SUB-200	1	46	92
SUB-300	0	5	9
O-01	1	62	122
O-02	1	51	101
O-03	0	5	7

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 will ask for additional information from the City engineer.



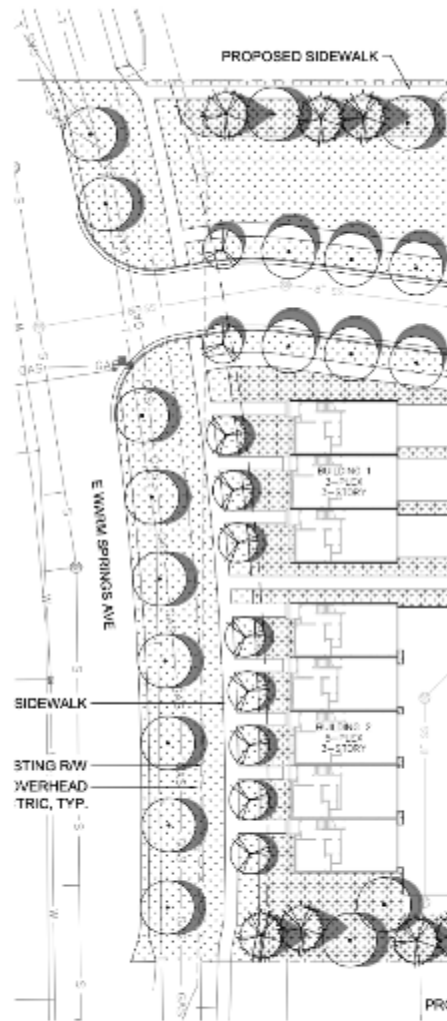
Woven Subdivision



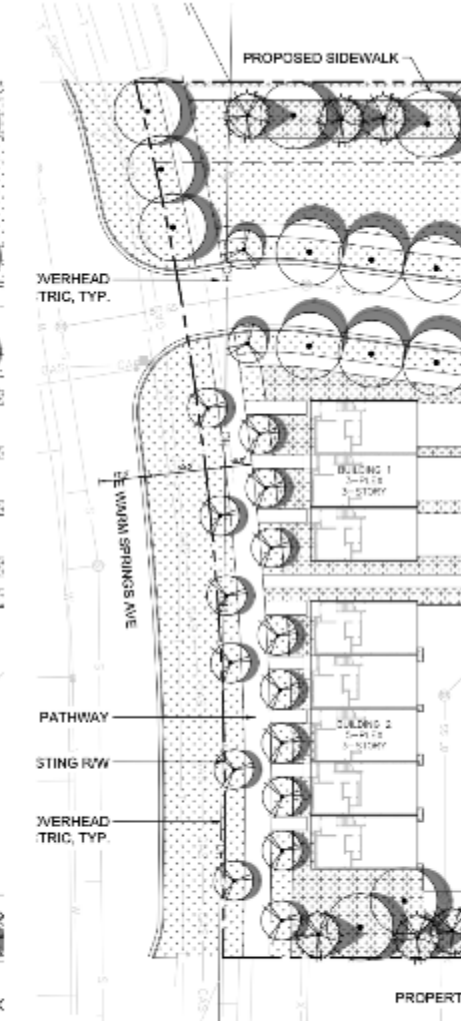
Woven Entitlements

- City Council Hearing was 7 March to review Annexation, Rezoning, Preliminary Subdivision Plat
 - BVNA expressed concerns about streetscape design (no calming proposed)
 - Annexation and Rezoning approved as proposed by staff (BVNA recommended approval)
 - Preliminary Subdivision Map was approved
 - Elaine Clegg added a condition that traffic calming using “vertical elements” must be incorporated before the final map comes back to council, aligning with BVNA comments. Future final plat hearing TBD.

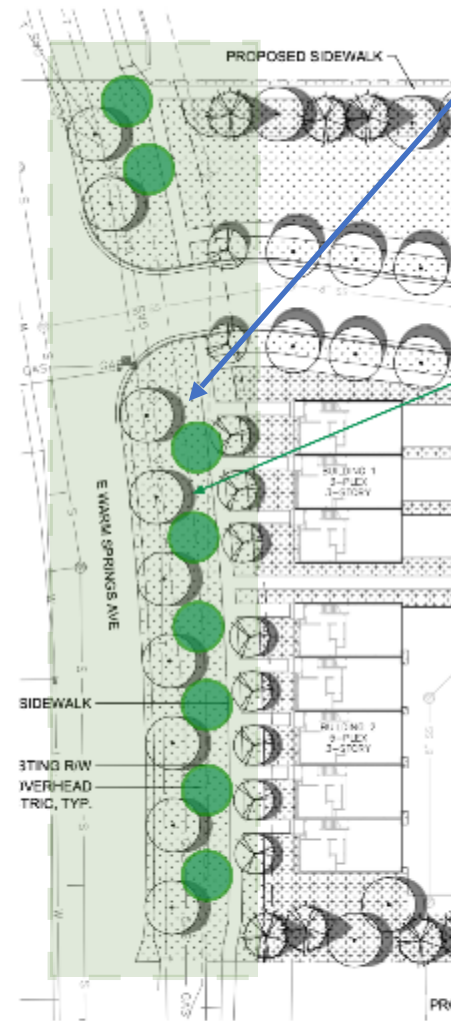
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JANUARY 2023 PLAN



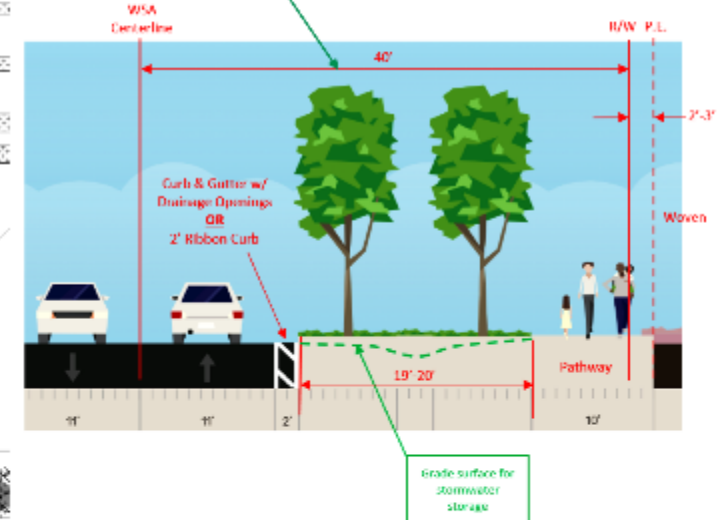
CURRENT PLAN



REQUIRED PLAN

BVNA WILL CONTINUE TO ADVOCATE FOR EFFECTIVE CALMING/SPEED MITIGATION ALONG FRONTAGE

DOUBLE ROW OF TREES



STAFF REPORT EXHIBIT

WHAT THE STAFF REPORT REQUIRES



BVNA Continues to Track Streetscape Planning

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Holli Woodings, Council President
SECONDER:	Elaine Clegg, Council Member
AYES:	Woodings, Hallyburton, Bageant, Clegg, Willits

Woven Subdivision, SUB22-00035, Boise City Preliminary Plat, (SUB22-00035 / Woven Subdivision / Kimley Horn / 6776 E Warm Springs Ave / Preliminary Plat for a residential subdivision comprised of 33 buildable and three common lots on 3.2 acres within a proposed R-2D/DA (Medium Density Residential with Design Review and Development Agreement) zone.)



Motion to approve the subdivision with one additional condition that before the Final Plat that the Developer bring forward a landscaping plan in the landscape area between the pathway and Warm Springs Avenue that has vertical elements that act as traffic calming.





Dallas Harris Elementary

Katie Swain – BVNA Treasurer

Dallas Harris Elementary School Progress



From **Dr. Teri Thaemert**, *Area Director - Timberline Quad, Boise School District*

- Final staff placements should be able to be made the week of April 10-14. There will still be a few positions open that the principal will be able to hire
- 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
- A meeting is scheduled with the Barber Valley Neighborhood Association on May 11th to discuss safe Walking and Biking routes to Dallas Harris Elementary 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.



From **Wendi Forrey** – *Principal for Dallas Harris Elementary School.*

We've created a Facebook page for our school. Feel free to 'like' and follow for updates.

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100090806936632>

Dallas Harris construction update website below:

[https://www.boiseschools.org/our_district/bond_progress/
bond_projects_by_school_with_progress_updates/
dallas_harris_elementary_school_-_update](https://www.boiseschools.org/our_district/bond_progress/bond_projects_by_school_with_progress_updates/dallas_harris_elementary_school_-_update)



From **Wendi Forrey** – *Principal for Dallas Harris Elementary School:*

We are working on our staff for the 23-24 school year. We are excited to welcome the following Yotes:

Kali Riden

Joni Brooks

Meredith Bloxham

Tara Leach

Shirley Chiles

Lora Bushee

Kristen Stranzl

Brooke Andrews

Holly Slyter

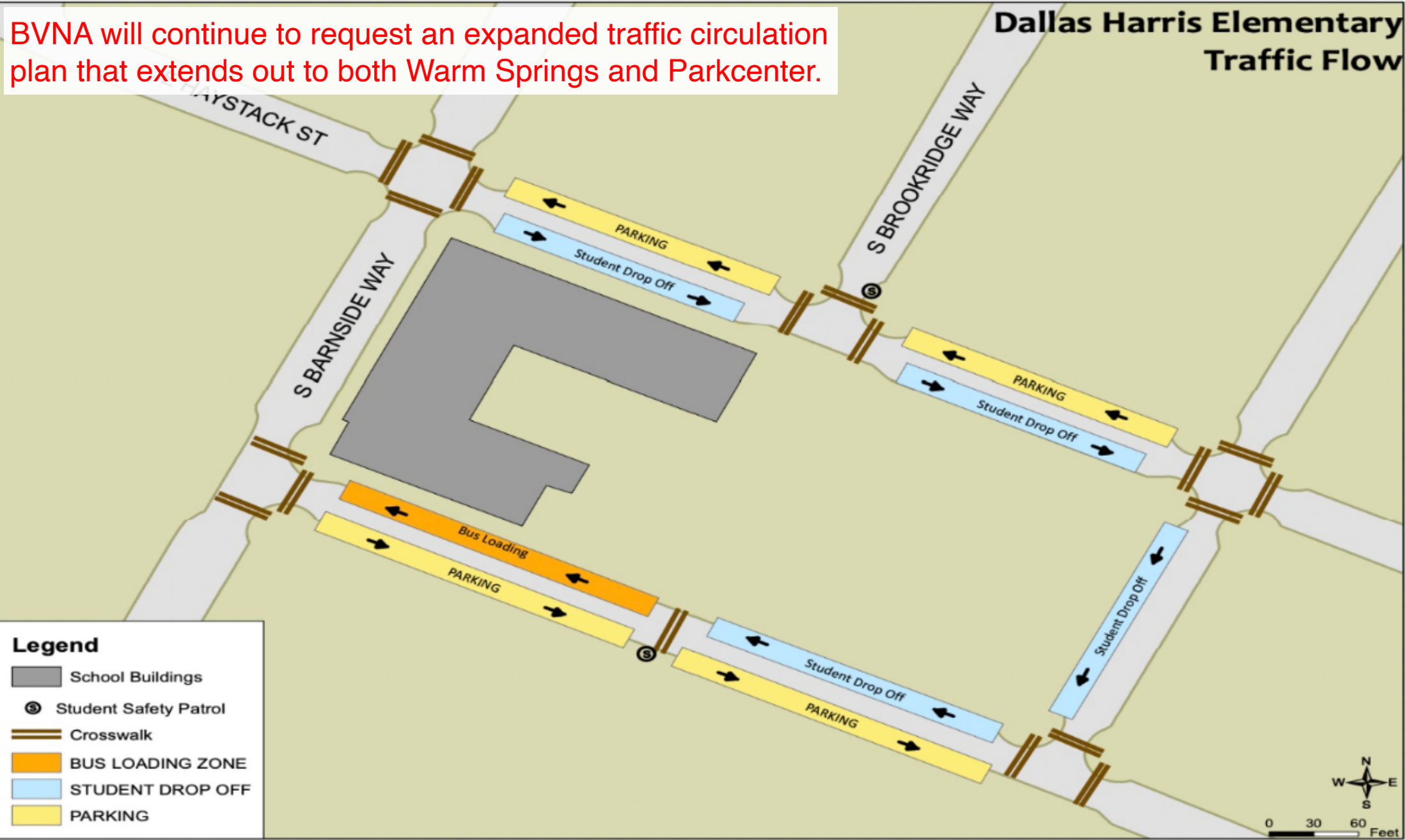
Tracie Johnson

Josh McConnell

As we confirm enrollment numbers, we will be finalizing placements for the teachers.











And, we have a few positions that are still being determined.

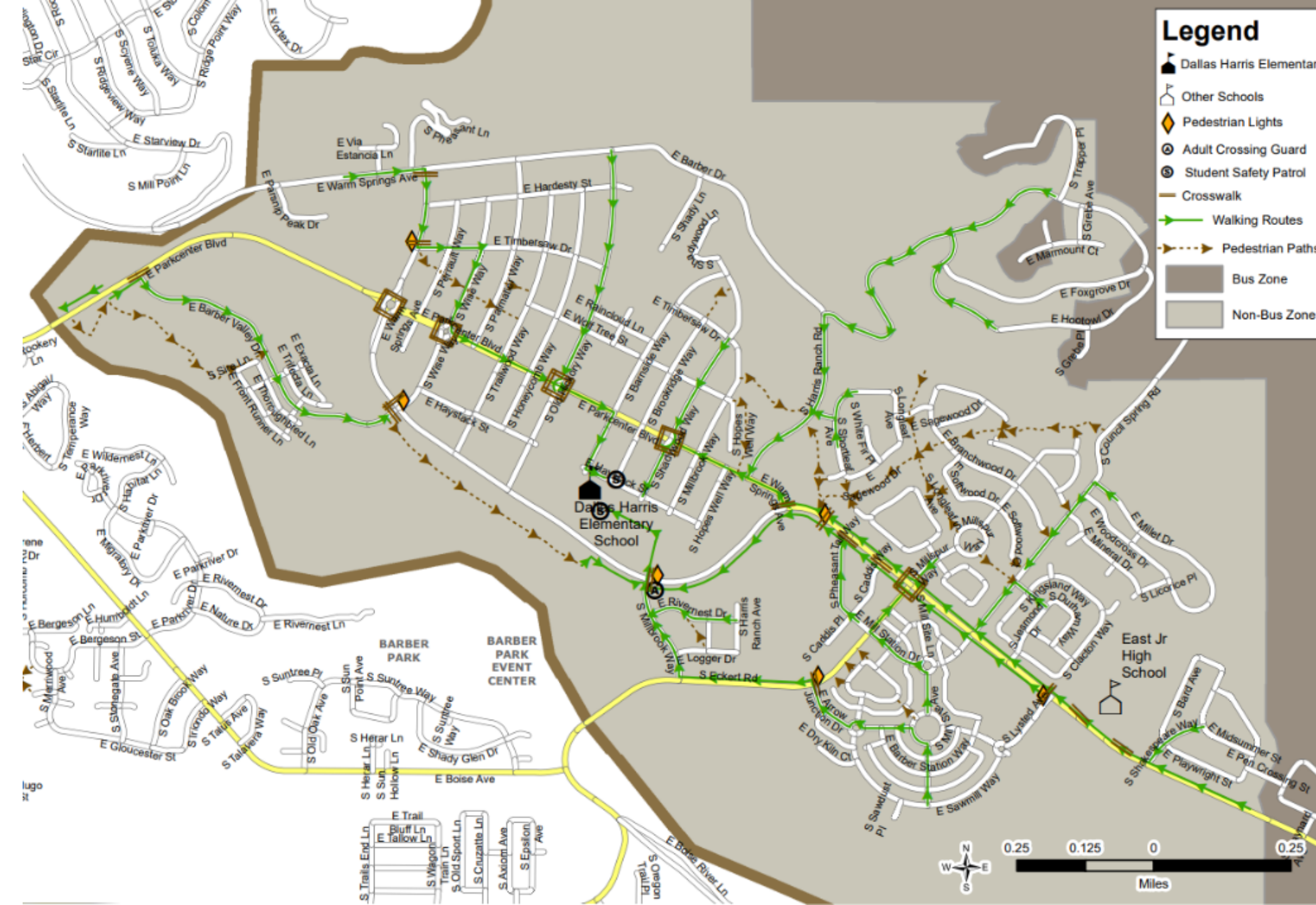
BVNA will continue to request an expanded traffic circulation plan that extends out to both Warm Springs and Parkcenter.





Legend

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



Dallas Harris Elementary



- The next BVNA meeting is May 11 and the Safe Routes to School team will be here to present information and take questions. They'll be coordinating plans for possible 'walking school buses', and to hand out walking and biking goodies. Please come join us or log in online!
- Comments, feedback? Please email Board@bvnaboise.org



Open Forum & Announcements

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

Or....

What Else Should We Be Working On?

Housing & Infrastructure Project Feedback



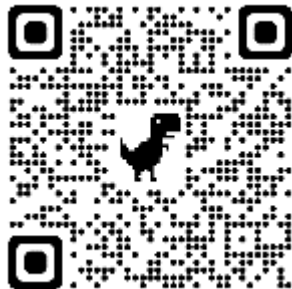
- The City of Boise receives funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) each year to support the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnerships (HOME) to work with our low to moderate income residents and address a wide variety of community development needs.
- We want to hear from you!
 - Monday, April 17th at Whitney Community Center 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
 - Discuss community needs which inform the Housing and Community Development Department as they create an annual plan.
 - Kids are welcome – activities and food will be provided.
- In addition to housing projects, funds can be used for infrastructure projects (sidewalks, playgrounds, etc.) and for nonprofit services like counseling, case management, childcare, physical and mental health services, etc.
 - Resident input is an important piece of helping the city prioritize how these funds are invested.
 - RSVP here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/housing-community-development-resident-input-tickets-608694129527>

2023 Monarch Butterfly Pledge – National Wildlife Federation



- Nationwide program committed to working with local city governments to create habitat for the monarch butterfly
 - Idaho's state insect: populations have decreased dramatically in recent years.
 - The Treasure Valley saw a promising increase in monarch sightings in 2022, hope to support positive trend
- Report monarch sightings and plantings to the websites linked via QR code below.
- What can we do?
 1. Maintain, improve, enlarge, or create monarch safe habitat by planting milkweed and other pollinator friendly plants.
 2. Reduce or eliminate the use of pesticides in private yards or in any community space.
 3. Re-examine mowing schedules to make sure that important nectar sources are not cut down just when monarchs (and bees) need it most.

Learn More – Mayor's Monarch Pledge



Facebook – Idaho Friends of Monarchs



Report Monarch Sightings



DID YOU KNOW?

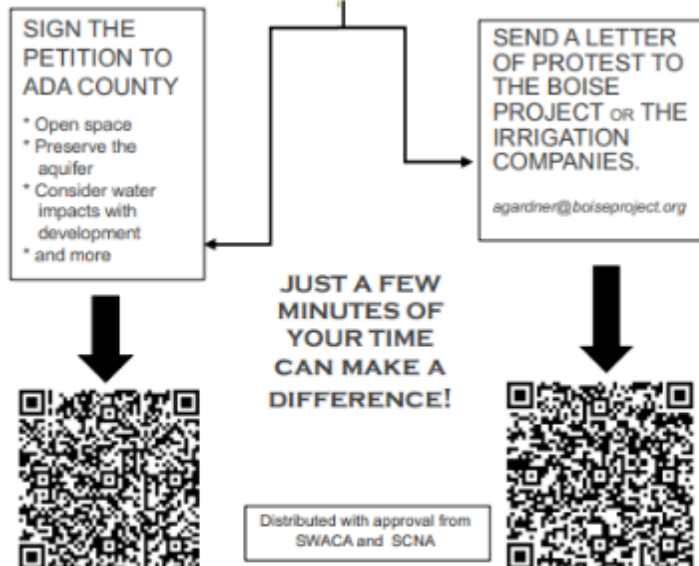
* THE NEW YORK CANAL PROVIDES **62%** RECHARGE TO THE TREASURE VALLEY AQUIFER THROUGH SEEPAGE

* THE TREASURE VALLEY AQUIFER IS THE PRIMARY SOURCE OF FRESH WATER FOR RESIDENTS.

* THE BOISE PROJECT PLANS TO LINE THE CANALS WITH CONCRETE, EVERY INCH OF LINING TAKES AWAY FROM **62%** OF AQUIFER RECHARGE.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN ALL THE CANAL IS LINED?

YOU CAN TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT OUR GROUNDWATER!



Fast Facts

70-100% of the water from your faucet comes from groundwater.

Even deep municipal wells have observed a measurable **drop** in water depth when pumping more to meet increasing demands, according to a water study conducted by HDR, Inc. for Veolia in May 2022.

To date, there is no requirement to evaluate the impact on groundwater with ongoing development, nor to actively recharge the aquifer.

14,093 building permits were issued in in Ada County 1/1/2020 to 7/1/2022, according to Margaret Carmel of Boise Dev, not including new developments planned since July 2022.

The Treasure Valley Aquifer is receding by **12 inches each year** in south/southwest Boise per the Idaho Department of Water Resources.

How long before other areas are affected?

- City of Boise Comprehensive Plan
- City-wide Vision and Policies, Page 2-11



ES3.5: AQUIFER RECHARGE

(a) Explore the contribution of unlined irrigation canals and drainage ditches in aquifer recharge and coordinate with the drainage districts and canal companies to ensure that these facilities remain unlined.

(b) Support the use and preservation of natural ground water resources for recharge.

- From DryWellBoise: The Boise Project's main concern is eliminating seepage and supplying water down the canal line. However, there are ways to compromise on the need to recharge the aquifer and the need to effectively and safely supply irrigation water. We need to get the attention of the irrigation districts and the Boise Project so we can work on a compromise.



Get Free Compost!

Finished compost is available, free of charge, to participating Boise households at two pick-up locations. Neighborhoods and community groups can apply for a free compost delivery through the Community Giveback Program. The city's compost is [STA certified through the US Composting Council](#).

Pick Up Site Locations

- **Idaho Botanical Garden**
2355 N. Penitentiary Road. Boise, ID 83702
Hours: Monday-Sunday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- **Joplin Road Compost Site**
12142 W Joplin Rd, Boise, ID 83714
Hours: Monday-Sunday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. | [Map](#)

Pick Up Site Regulations

- Compost is only available for Boise households who participate in the compost program. Commercial use is not permitted.
- Compost is available on a first come, first serve basis.
- Pick up is self-serve. Come prepared to load your own compost with shovels and sturdy containers (e.g. bags, boxes, buckets).
- Limit two cubic yards per household per year. We do not sell additional compost.

Community Compost Giveback

In addition to the permanent compost pickup sites, the City of Boise offers bulk compost deliveries directly to your neighborhood or organization.

Neighborhood groups, community organizations and groups of at least five households are all welcome to apply. If approved, the City of Boise will deliver approximately 20 - 25 cubic yards of compost at no cost. For more information, please [contact us](#) or call 208-608-7506.

Requirements

- Giveback deliveries must be in the City of Boise.
- Compost is for neighborhoods, groups of neighbors and community groups.
- When unaffiliated groups of neighbors apply for delivery, a minimum of five households who participate in the compost program must be accessing the compost delivery.
- Each community giveback must designate a site for delivery. The location must not block storm drains, roadways or sidewalks and must be safe for delivery and loading material.
- If the organizer is not the property owner of the delivery location, the organizer must obtain signed consent from the property owner on behalf of the city.
- The organizer must develop a communications strategy to inform the community of this opportunity, such as announcements via neighborhood social media, email groups, websites or meetings.
- The organizer is responsible for managing giveback safely and responsibly.
- The organizer must develop a plan to use any leftover compost. The city will not pick up any unused compost.



When **04/29/2023**
8:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Location Marianne Williams Park

Registration

RSVP

Register

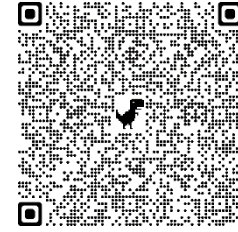
CITY NATURE CHALLENGE 2023 BIOBLITZ - MARIANNE WILLIAMS PARK - APRIL 29, 2023

Join our community partner, the City of Boise, for the City Nature Challenge Bioblitz on Saturday, April 29th from 8am-3:30pm.

Join us as we document the biodiversity in Marianne Williams Park as part of the 2023 Boise Metro Area City Nature Challenge. During this all day event, we will explore and document the birds, mammals, plants, invertebrates, and more found throughout this unique park. Experts will be available throughout the day to answer questions and discuss some of the species in the park. Volunteers are welcome to join in for all or any portion of the day.

We will kick-off the morning with a structured exploration of birds in the park from 8:00 - 9:30 am. From 10:00 - 11:30 am a local plant expert will provide a guided tour of the plants that make their homes throughout the park. The afternoon from 12:30 - 3:30 will be focused on insects and other invertebrates that inhabit the park.





Adopt-A-Plot

- 4 May, 6:30pm
- Timberline HS

Boise River ReWild Habitat Restoration Project

Thursday, May 4, 2023
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Timberline High School
701 East Boise Avenue, Boise, ID,
83706, United States (map)

Google Calendar - ICS

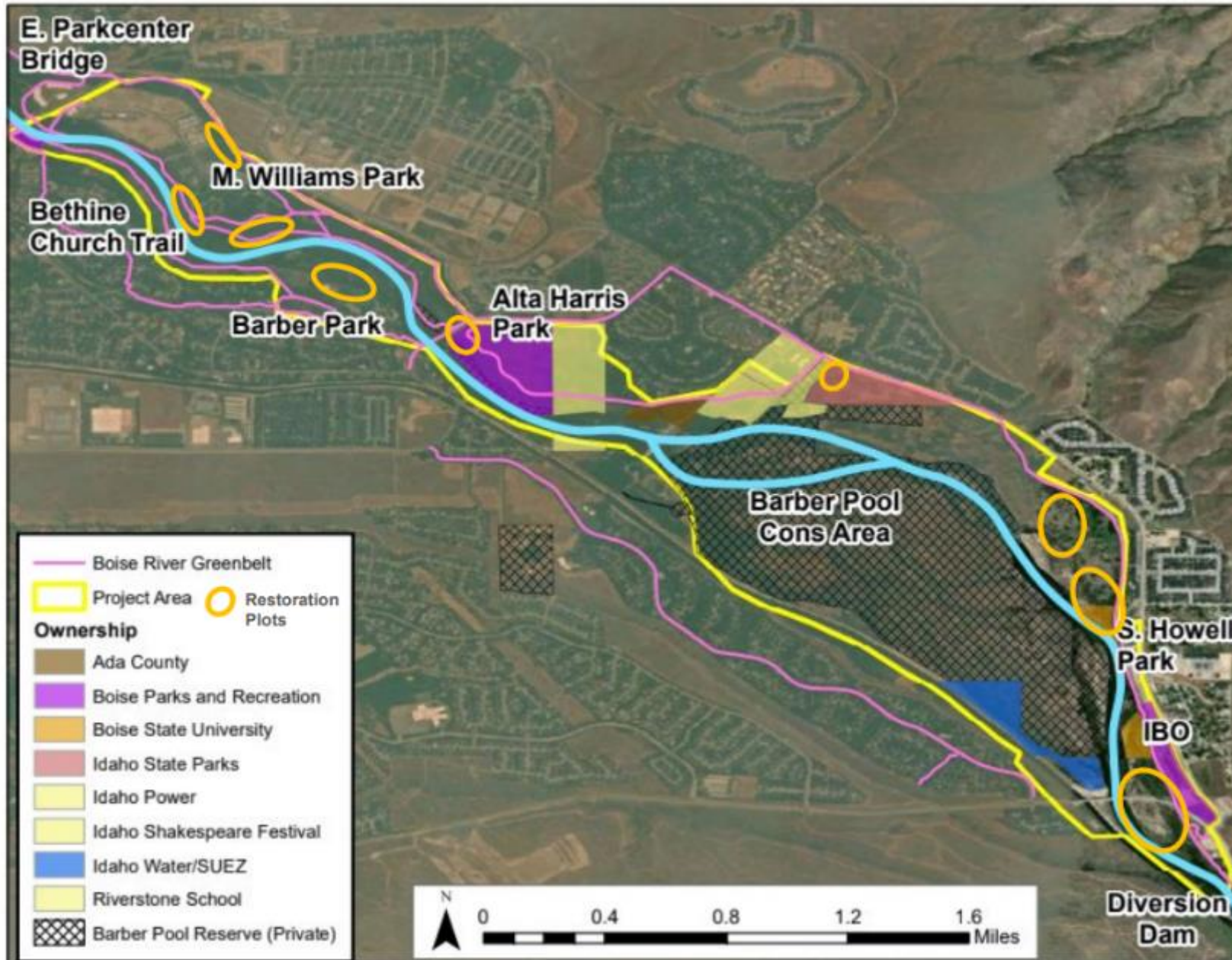


BOISE RIVER REWILD HABITAT RESTORATION PROJECT

MAY 4, 6:30 AT TIMBERLINE HIGH SCHOOL

50 acres of important bird and wildlife habitat along the Boise River is being restored. Learn about this huge partnership and the critical role of native plants and find out how you can help. [Boise River ReWild](#)

This class is taught by Golden Eagle Audubon volunteers.



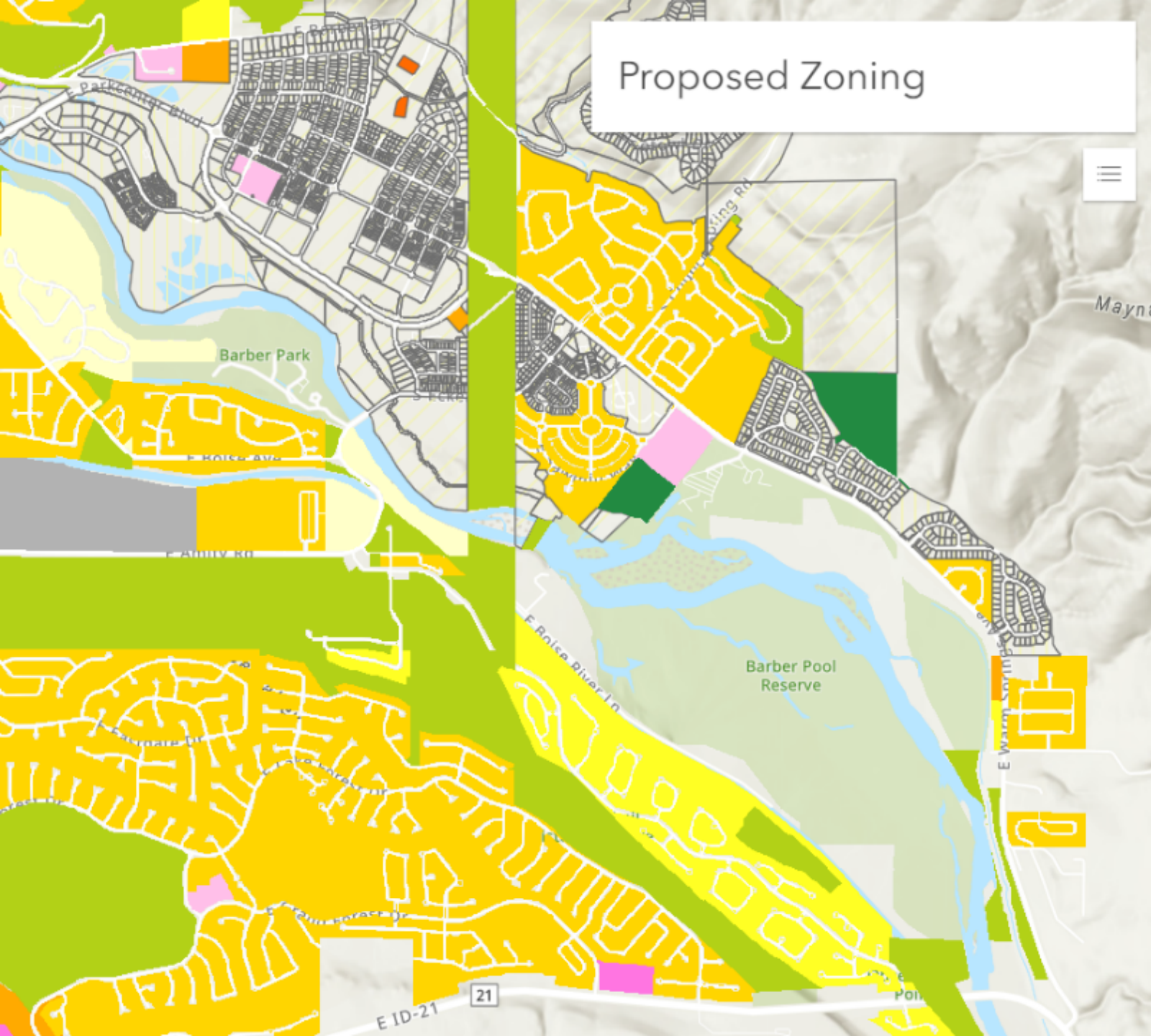
Modern Zoning Code





Planning and Zoning → Monday, April 24, 2023 4 - 10 p.m. Presentations from staff, neighborhood associations	Planning and Zoning → Tuesday, April 25, 2023 5 - 10 p.m. Public Testimony	Planning and Zoning Wednesday, April 26, 2023 5 - 10 p.m. Public testimony, Q&A
Planning and Zoning → Thursday, April 27, 2023 5 - 10 p.m. Q&A, deliberations, recommendation	Public Meetings Calendar → View all scheduled public meetings.	

April 2023	June 2023	July/August 2023	Winter 2023/2024
Planning and Zoning Commission hearings *Public involvement opportunity	Boise City Council hearings *Public involvement opportunity	Boise City Council readings Resolution is published in the Idaho Statesman	Proposed effective date








- Public Comment: Written testimony for the PZC hearings can be provided anytime through April 20th. City Council testimony in June.
- BVNA Status – as reported in BoiseDev 13 April: “We had a good email exchange amongst our Board about your questions and decided that we will continue to remain neutral on this topic. We will address it our next monthly meeting and if the board determines our input is of some value to the City, we’ll respond directly to the City for PZC and City Council consideration.”
- Each NA will have five minutes of public testimony on Monday, April 24. If a NA is unable to attend, they are encouraged to provide written comments to zoningrewrite@cityofboise.org.
- Testimony will then begin on Tuesday, April 25 by individuals from the public with three minutes of testimony per person. You can register in advance to testify by clicking the meeting on the calendar here and following signup directions. Signups close at noon the day of the hearing.
- Next steps: Once a recommendation is made, the application will be heard in front of Boise City Council at a public hearing. There will continue to be opportunities to provide written comments as well as public testimony.



Final Conversion Map February 2023 - OpenLandsAZones_Final

-  Open Land Very Low Density (A-1)
-  Open Land Reserve (A-2)

Final Conversion Map February 2023 - MixedUseDistricts_Final

-  Large Lot Residential (R-1A)
-  Suburban Residential (R-1B)
-  Traditional Residential (R-1C)
-  Compact Residential (R-2)
-  Urban Residential (R-3)
-  SP-01
-  SP-02



Barber Pool Conservation Area
Photo Courtesy of Idaho Foundation for Parks and Lands



Meeting Wrap-up

New Business - April



- Upcoming Meetings
 - May – Safe Routes to School (Katie)
- “Passive fundraising” on website: use 501(c)3 status for ongoing web service costs?
 - Previously closed item – no interest in pursuing
- Zoning Code rewrite - 24 April Testimony?
 - Board voted to draft verbal testimony (Stark & Hallam); Mooney to confirm with City PDS staff
- WMA “off-leash warning cards” – Tweedle distributed cards for handout to neighbors
- Board voted to continue to use Teams for intra-board communications with email as backup when appropriate
- Board voted to end hybrid meetings due to the continued problems with quality wifi access at the Mill District Clubhouse meeting room. We’ve tried but have not found a means to conduct a quality meeting for those attending virtually. The May meeting and beyond will be held in-person only.

Meeting Minutes Summary



- Council Springs flooding: BVNA to contact City Engineer to confirm corrective actions to preclude a future flooding event (Mooney).
- BVNA will confirm Peace Valley to Homestead trail alignment (Veasy).
- BVNA will confirm \$30K payment is coordinated between Boise Hunter Homes and the Harris Ranch Wildlife Mitigation Association (Veasy).
- BVNA will request additional traffic circulation information from Boise School District to include Warm Springs and Parkcenter circulation for pickup/dropoff (Swain)
- “Passive fundraising” on website: closed item – do not pursue
- Zoning Code rewrite - 24 April Testimony will be coordinated by Stark & Hallam
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