



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

September 2023 Membership Meeting

14 September 2023



Agenda – September 2023

- New Development
 - Lots of new activity in Barber Station (TWO restaurants!)
- BVNA Transportation Efforts
 - Traffic Investigation requests – Millbrook and Parkcenter
- Dallas Harris Elementary School
- BVNA Website Enhancements
- Miscellaneous Topics
- Board Work Session
- Board Attendance: All except Barker, Hall, Swain
- Neighbor Attendance: ~9

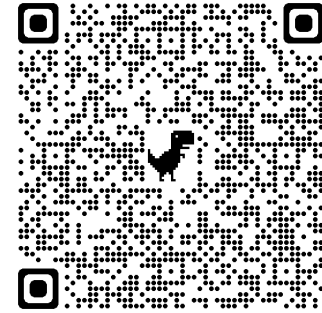


Development Update

John Mooney, BVNA President

Community Development Tracker

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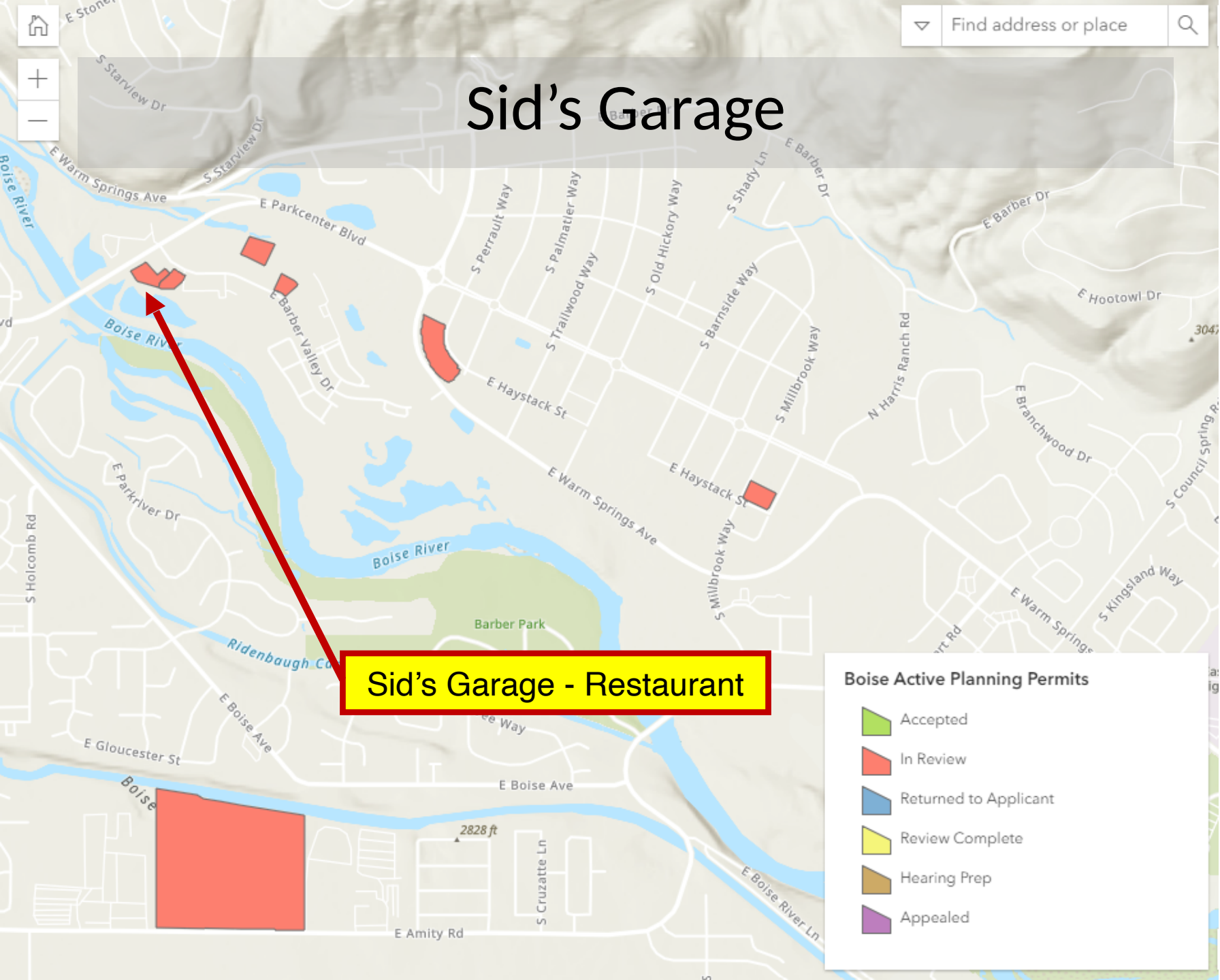
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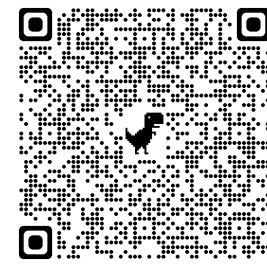


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Sid's Garage



Sid's Garage – Barber Station (DRH23-00297)



- Specific Plan 02 Design Review (3035 E BARBER VALLEY DR)
- The project includes taking the vanilla space and converting it into a new restaurant with new walls, restrooms, kitchen equipment, furniture, and aesthetic elements. Most of the work will be interior remodel. The exterior will include two new doors in existing storefront frames and one new bi-fold overhead door that opens to the existing patio space. All finishes and furniture are selected by the tenant (former Pivot KA space)



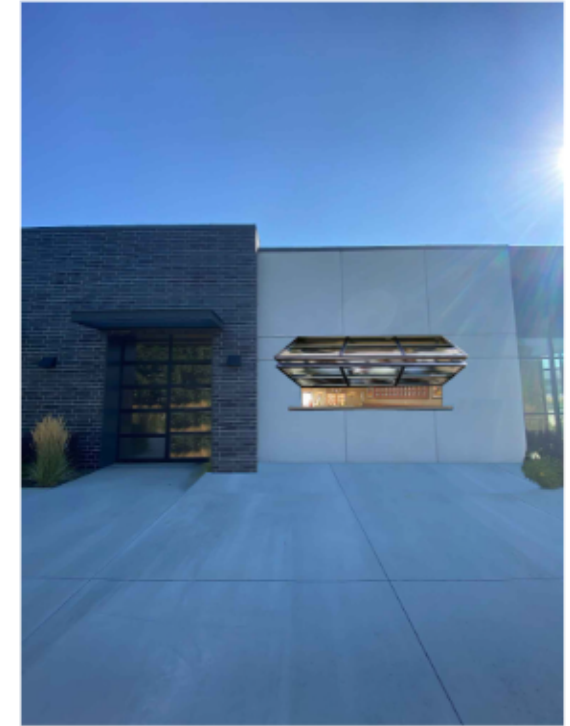
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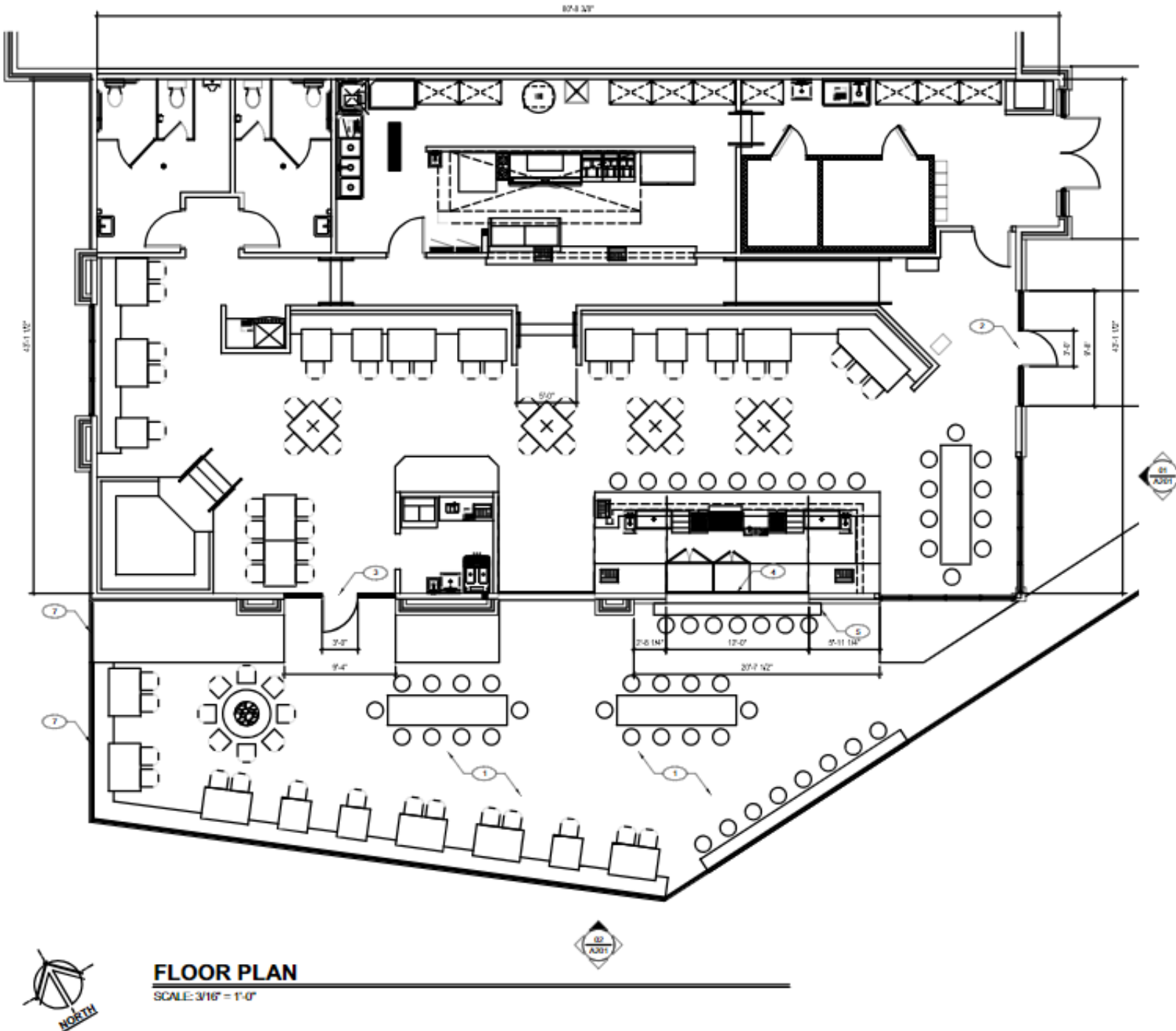


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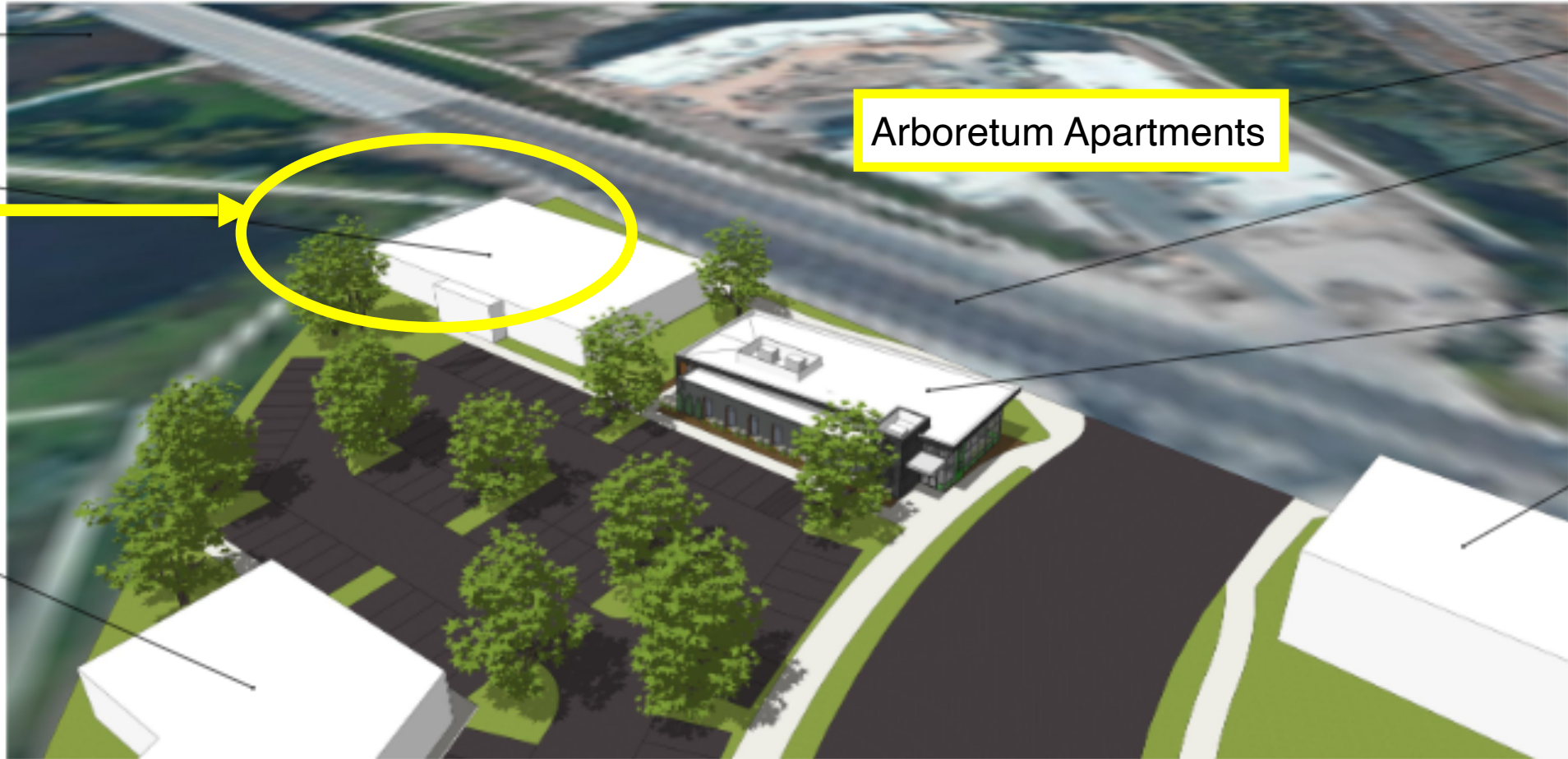
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- The tenant will share the parking lot with the tenants in the rest of the building; there are three tenants in this specific building. This area includes new commercial and retail development that includes doctor's offices, financial institutions, and restaurants.



Sid's Garage



Arboretum Apartments

SITE AERIAL FROM THE EAST

House of The Little Pig

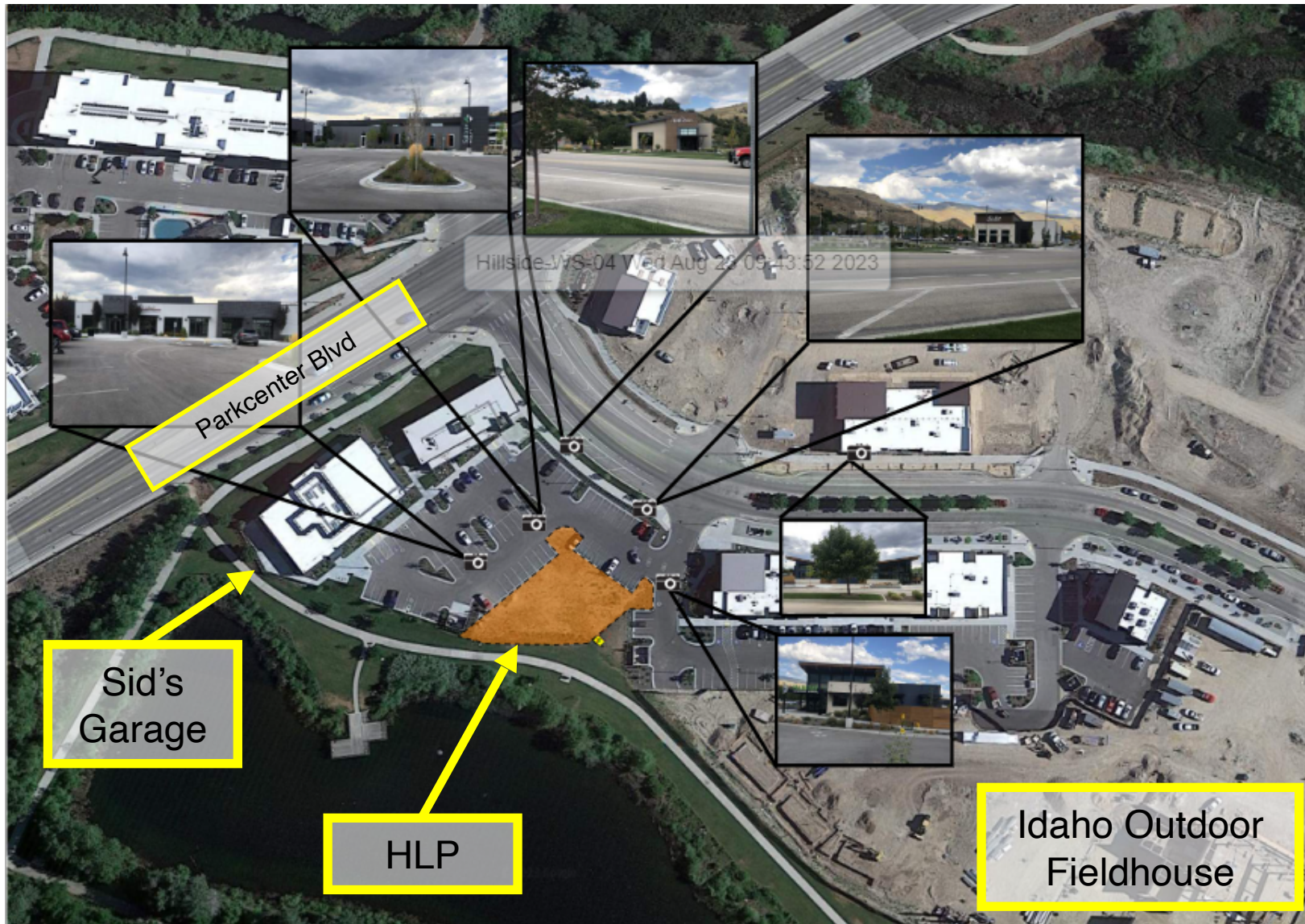
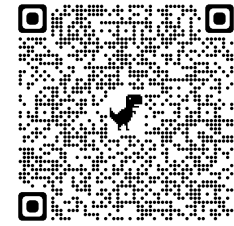


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House of the Little Pig – Barber Station (DRH23-00303)



- Specific Plan 02 Design Review (3083 E Barber Valley Dr)
- This project is a new building located for a new restaurant House of the Little Pig 'HLP'. The project will include a new building, landscaping, and patio space on the existing site – across the parking lot from the new Sid's Garage.

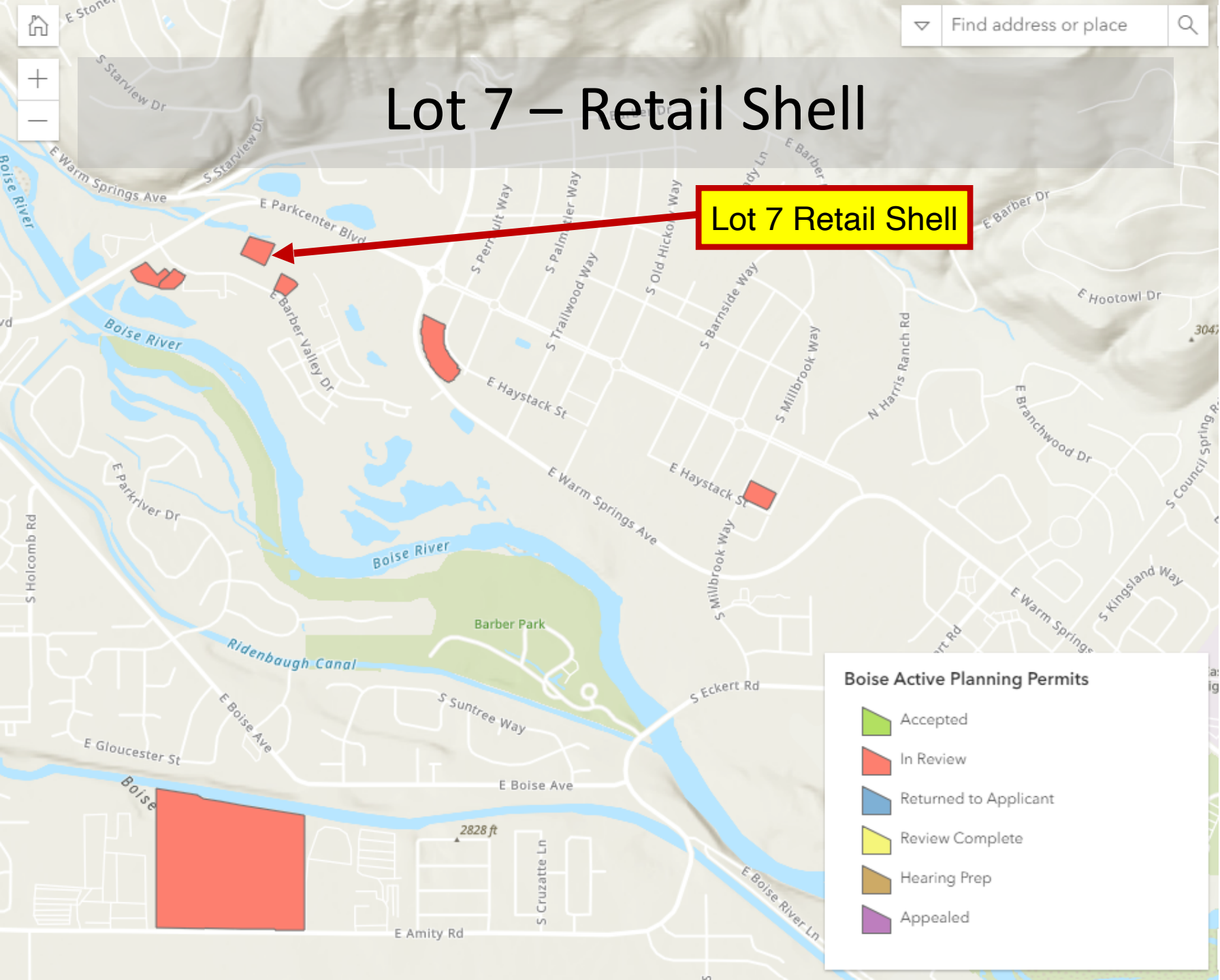


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Lot 7 – Retail Shell

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Barber Station Lot 7 (DRH23-00307)



- Specific Plan 02 Design Review
- 3176 E Barber Valley Dr
- 10,300 sf Retail building (Shell) with 36 parking stalls on 1 .04 acre. Building design will accommodate up to (4) tenants and have exterior patio space for each tenant.
- Possible restaurants!
<https://boisedev.com/news/2023/09/15/boise-barber-restaurant/>



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VIEW LOOKING SOUTH

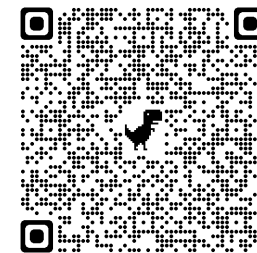
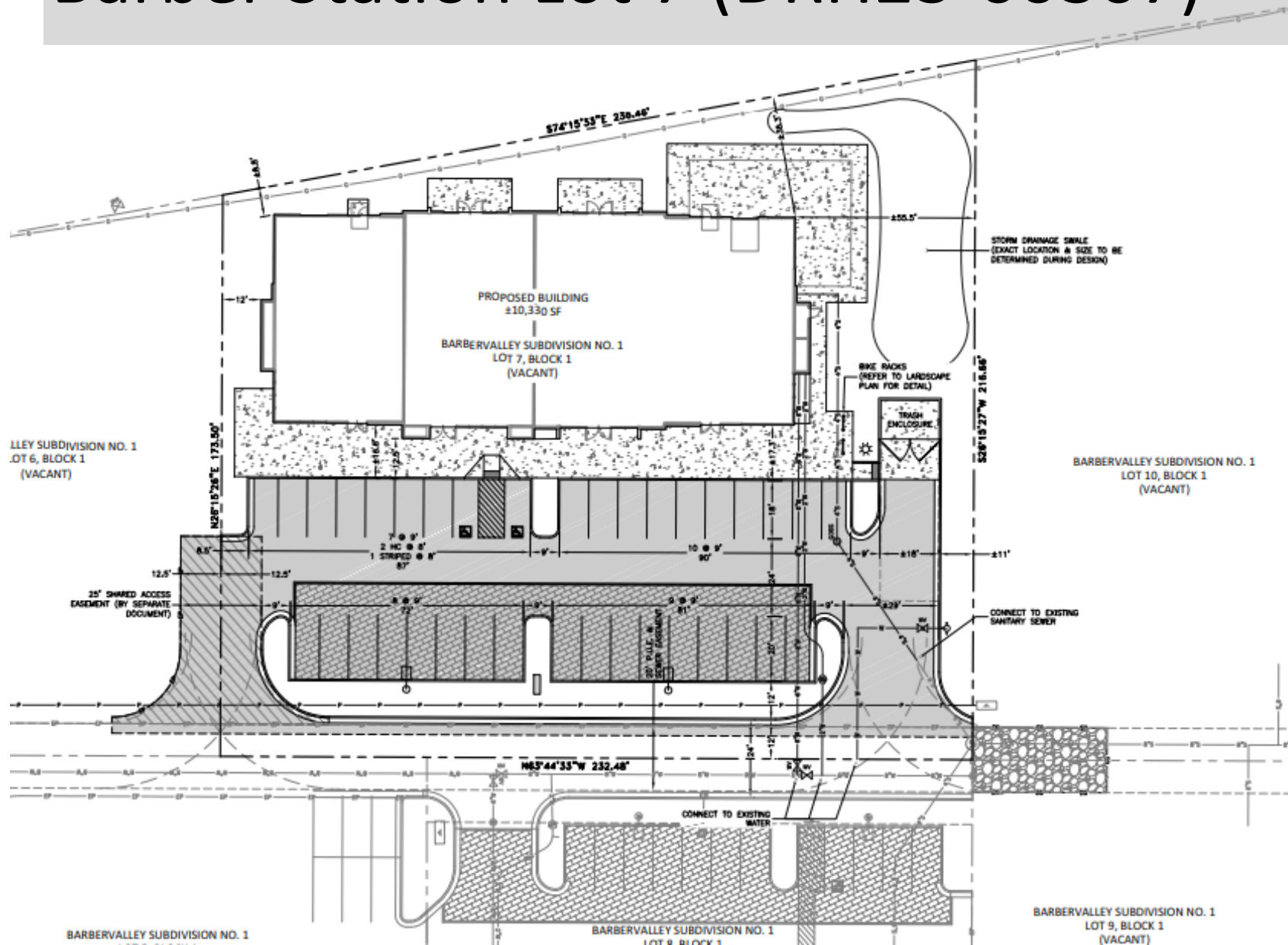


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Barber Station Lot 7 (DRH23-00307)



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PROJECT SUMMARY

SITE DATA	
ADDRESS:	3176 E. BARBER VALLEY DRIVE
CITY/STATE/ZIP:	BOISE, IDAHO 83716
PARCEL NUMBER(S):	ROB05810070
PROJECT AREA:	±1.04 ACRES
CURRENT ZONING:	SP-G2 OMR (MIXED USE: OFFICE AND MDR) (BARBER VALLEY SPECIFIC PLAN)
PROPOSED BUILDING:	±10,300 SF
PROPOSED USE:	COMMERCIAL
PARKING	
3.5 STALLS PER 1,000 SQUARE FEET (PER BARBER VALLEY SPECIFIC PLAN)	
PARKING REQUIRED:	36
PARKING PROVIDED:	36
SETBACK REQUIREMENTS	
FRONT YARD & SIDE YARD	
ABUTTING PUBLIC STREET:	0'
ABUTTING PUBLIC PARK:	0'
REAR YARD:	0'
SIDE YARD-INTERIOR:	0'
UTILITIES	
WATER:	CITY OF BOISE
SEWER:	CITY OF BOISE
POWER:	IDAHO POWER
NATURAL GAS:	INTERMOUNTAIN GAS CO.
TELEPHONE:	CENTURYLINK
FLOOD ZONE:	ZONE X (0.2% ANNUAL CHANCE FLOOD HAZARD)

PROJECT TEAM

PROPERTY OWNER	
NAME:	3176 BARBER LLC
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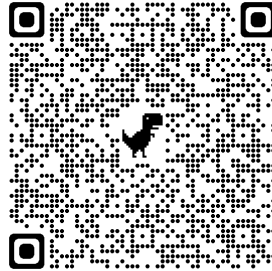


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Hygee Condos (“Hooga”) - SUB23-00018

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



The Murray Townhomes

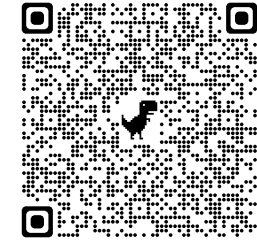


The Murray – 30 Townhomes

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The Murray Townhomes (DRH23-00298)



① FRONT RENDERING
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② REAR RENDERING
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③ LEFT RENDERING
SCALE: 1/8" = 1'-0"



④ RIGHT RENDERING
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- Specific Plan 01 – Design Review
 - (4430 E Haystack St.)
 - Construct a new 30-unit multifamily building and associated site improvements in Harris Ranch



Transportation

Zach Piepmeyer – BVNA Director

Proposed Pathway Policy



- New ACHD Proposed Policy: How does this impact the Barber Valley?
 - Answer – Warm Springs Corridor plans (especially from Eckert Corner to Hwy21)
- New policy will require developers of new projects to build a minimum 10-foot multi-use pathway along major roads in lieu of sidewalks and on-street bike lanes.
 - BV Impact: when Sue Howell Park develops, the City would be expected to install a multi-use path along Warm Springs Avenue
- Additionally, the proposed policy encourages greater use of landscaping and trees adjacent to a roadway to make for a safer environment for all.
 - Like ongoing BVNA efforts to get the Warm Springs streetscape near East Valley changed to bring trees closer to the vehicle travel lanes (Woven SUB)

Proposed Pathway Policy



- Focuses on arterials and collectors only
- Defines pedestrian facility as multi-use path or sidewalk and connects to Idaho law
- Incorporates minimum 10' multi-use pathways as a possible requirement in lieu of sidewalks and bike lanes. Grants staff discretion on required facilities based on site-specific conditions.
- Allows reduced pavement width when the pathway is installed.
- Requires multi-use pathway to be built with an 8' buffer.
- Updates right-of-way preservation widths to match Master Street Map.
- Incorporates pathway offsets at intersections.
- Provides guidance for pedestrian access routes through medians.
- Sets the default design speed for collectors as 25 mph, unless site-specific conditions warrant up to 30 mph as determined by the Traffic Engineering Supervisor (Warm Springs is now a collector road)
- Adds design speed language for arterials, indicating target speed.
- Clarifies language regarding “meandering” sidewalks.
- Adds language regarding opportunity for modified street sections, including removing the center turn lane or modifying lane widths, to accommodate pathway and buffer widths or where no driveways/intersections are present.

Proposed Pathway Policy Commission Adoption

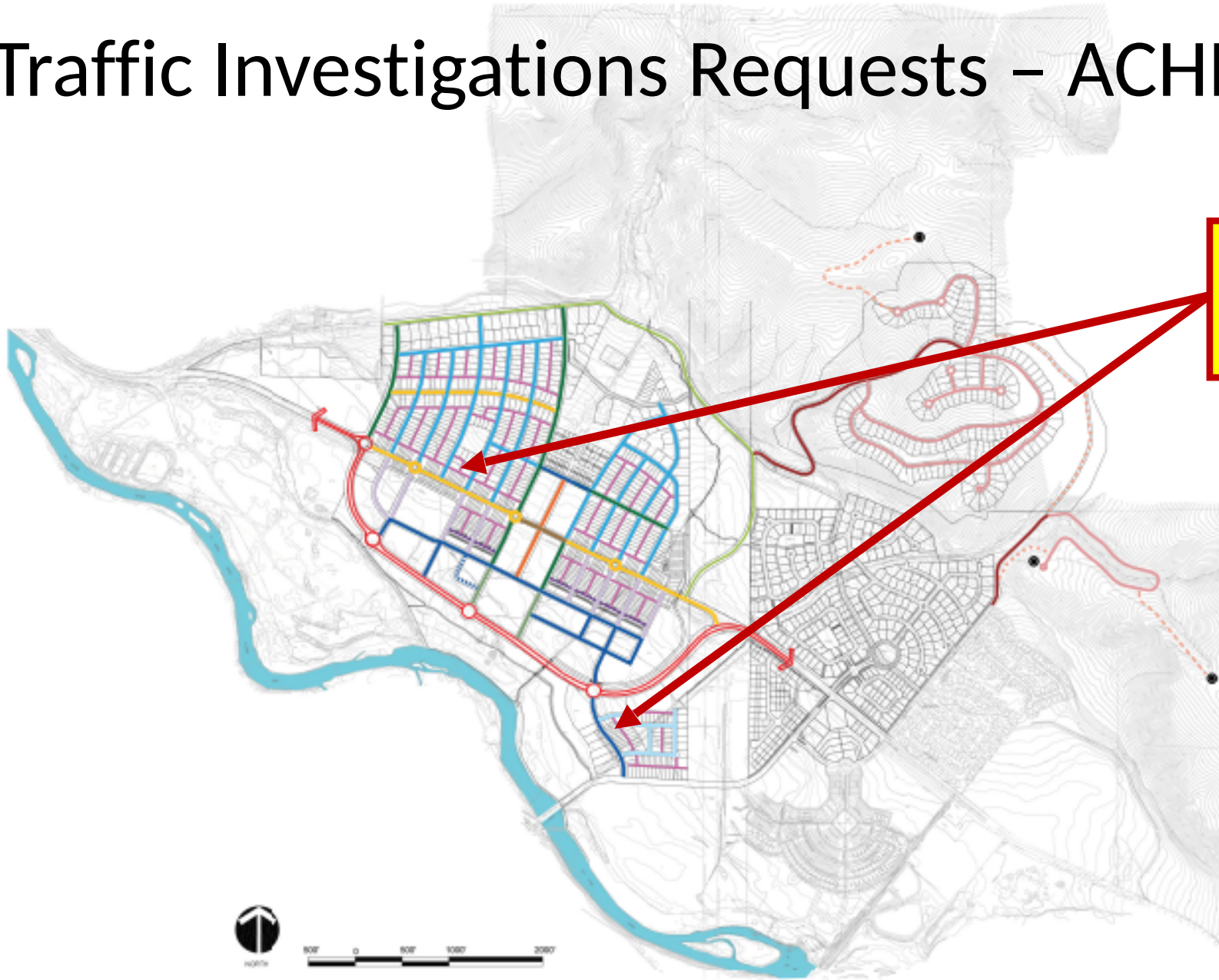


- The ACHD Commission will consider adopting the proposed Pathway Policy during the September 27 Commission Meeting.
- September 27 | 6:00 p.m.
- There are several ways to participate in the budget public meeting:
 - In-Person
 - Join us at 3775 Adams Street in Garden City in the Auditorium.
 - Virtually
 - Participate online. The Meeting will be live-streamed and members of the public who wish to watch and ask questions can do so using [Zoom](#).
- View Proposed Policy: <https://engage.achdidaho.org/21320/widgets/69645/documents/45934>

Traffic Investigations Requests – ACHD inaction



Traffic Investigation Requests
1) Parkcenter
2) Millbrook



Parkcenter Traffic Complaint



- BVNA submitted request in response to Parkcenter neighbor complaint
 - The Barber Valley Neighborhood Association has received complaints from neighbors living along Parkcenter Blvd in Harris Ranch regarding excessive traffic and inappropriate neighborhood speeds (+25mph) using Parkcenter as a through-street. As you know, Warm Springs Avenue was constructed around the heart of Harris Ranch as a traffic arterial and is designated on the ACHD MSM as a "Town Center" arterial. On the contrary, Parkcenter in this area is a "Town Center" collector. We'd like to ask for an investigation of how to best encourage through-traffic to use the Town Center arterial, rather than the collector. Homes along the Parkcenter collector are front-facing the street with living spaces close to the traffic lanes. Through traffic is disruptive to that residential plan and detracts from the planned urban setting that encourages walking and biking.
- ACHD Response was very unsatisfactory – see next slide

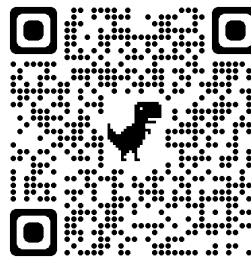
ACHD Response to Parkcenter Complaint



- Thank you for taking the time to contact ACHD regarding your concern on Parkcenter at the Harris Ranch subdivision. As Parkcenter already has traffic calming, in the form of roundabouts and median islands, there aren't any options for us to incentivize drivers to take Warm Springs over Parkcenter.
 - From what we have seen, the traffic using Parkcenter is mainly local traffic. With Parkcenter being a collector street, it is expected to have higher use than just a local road. We have seen a decrease in volume and speeds on Parkcenter since the Warm Springs bypass was built. However, with Harris Ranch increasing in development, there is again an increase in volume. At this time, we won't be doing anything else to Parkcenter.
- Thank you again for taking the time to contact ACHD with your concern. If you have any other questions or concerns, feel free to contact us again.
- BVNA Notes and Recommended Action.
 - ACHD did not address signage to make it clear that the "through-route" is to proceed through the firehouse roundabout and turn onto Warm Springs. The BVNA position is it is inaccurate for ACHD to state "there aren't any options for us to incentivize drivers to take Warm Springs over Parkcenter" when improved signage would be appropriate.
 - Action: Parkcenter neighbors collect video (or audio of noise compliance issues with motorcycles). At a minimum, contact ACHD at their TellUs link and submit additional written testimony (see next slide).

Contact ACHD TellUs

(<https://achdidaho.org/AboutACHD/contactUs.aspx>)



- Suggestion for a submission to TellUs (copy and paste or edit away):
 - *We live on Parkcenter Blvd in the Harris Ranch master planned community. The townhome we live in has front porches facing the street and the community was designed for a quiet and calm pedestrian-oriented streetscape. The actual reality is quite different with extensive cut-through traffic. We routinely witness extreme vehicle speeds well above the posted limit and commercial vehicles clearly traveling to the Eckert Road intersection using Parkcenter, rather than the 'bypass' on Warm Springs Avenue. Much of the vehicle traffic on Parkcenter would most likely have diverted to Warm Springs Avenue if the traffic signage was improved and posted well in advance of the roundabout at the intersection of Warm Springs and Parkcenter. Please improve the signage to encourage motorists to use the Warm Springs 'bypass'!*

Millbrook Traffic Complaints



- BVNA submitted request in response to Parkcenter neighbor complaint
 - The Barber Junction neighborhood is experiencing problems with speeding and "cut-through" traffic on S. Millbrook Way. Neighbors are concerned about the speed and recklessness of the drivers that are using Millbrook as a cut-through. They estimate drivers consistently travel upwards of 30mph and occasionally much faster. With the opening of Dallas Harris Elementary this fall, the safety of students that may be walking or riding their bikes to school should also be of the greatest concern. What measures can be taken to make sure that our community lives up to being a pedestrian and cyclist friendly place to live? Speed bumps, additional stop signs in alleys and at Woodcutter, traffic pattern diversions so it's not a straight shot from Eckert to Parkcenter? We moved from our downtown Boise home to Harris Ranch precisely because we wanted to raise our child in a safe environment for children, cyclists, and pedestrians, but so far this traffic situation has proven to be anything but.

ACHD Response to MillBrook Complaint(s)



- ACHD closed the investigation with a phone call and stated their rationale is that the Boise Fire Department has identified the Millbrook route as a critical path for their fire response.
- BVNA researched and ACHD policy is clear on this issue:
 - Input from emergency services (police, fire, EMT, etc.) shall be obtained by ACHD prior to any traffic calming installation.
 - Should the roadway be considered a primary response route, ACHD may decline to install traffic calming measures.
- The most recent speed survey on Millbrook identified 85% of all traffic (average of 2200 vehicles per day) is 30mph despite the posted 20mph speed limit.
 - BVNA Comment: “85th percentile” traffic engineering is a seriously flawed urban speed limit tool devised decades ago for rural two-lane roads
- The City has clearly prioritized occasional fire response and fire safety as a higher priority than daily traffic safety for neighbors living, walking, or biking on Millbrook.

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 - ongoing



- 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



VRT Template and Letter (Bus Route 1 Discontinued)

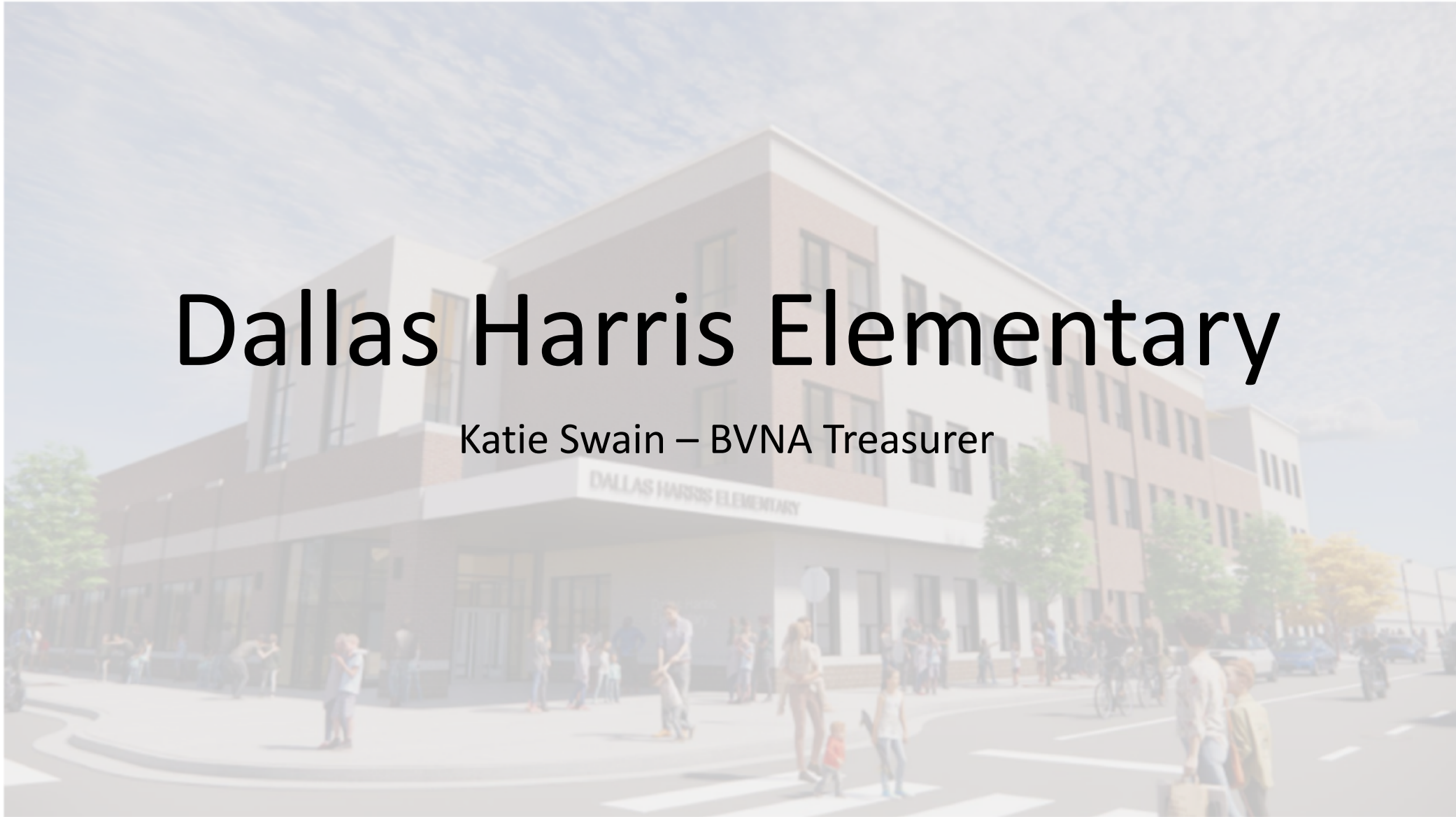


- BVNA provided a letter template for neighbors to contact VRT regarding the planned closure of Harris Ranch Bus Route 1
- We're not sure of the neighbor response, but we know of at least a dozen letters sent using the template – thank you!



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. Newest drone footage in next slide.

Safe Routes to School meeting to be held September 30th, detailed information to come from BSD soon.

Dallas Harris Elementary School 9.12.23





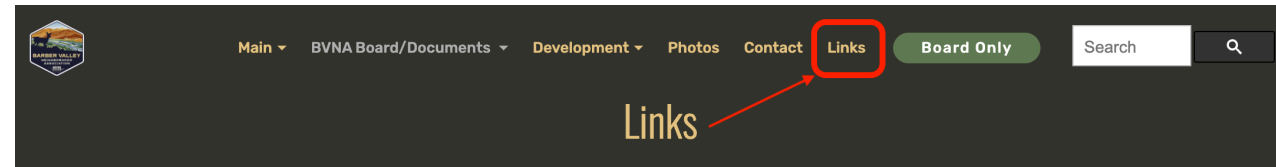
Website Enhancements

Gary Veasy, BVNA Secretary / Director

Website Enhancement - Better Links



- BVNA's website link page has been updated to be more useful to neighbors
- BVNA's URL - www.BVNABoise.org
- Links location can be found on the navigation bar at header



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New!

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[Ridge to Rivers Interactive Trails Map](#)

[SP01 \(Specific Plan 01\)](#)

- [SP01 Land Use Plan \(Partial\)](#)
- [SP01 Circulation Plans \(Partial\)](#)

[SP02 \(Specific Plan 02\)](#)

[Wildlife Management Area>](#)

Website Enhancement - Testimony



- Now providing access to all testimony and position letters BVNA sends to agencies, developers, organizations, etc., to provide full transparency on the board's position on behalf of the association

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Activity

Projects & Hearings

BVNA Testimony

Archived Projects & Hearings

DROP-DOWN MENU

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- [Communication and Collaboration - Veterans Park Neighborhood Association - to council](#) (May 2021)
- [Harris East Subdivision \(SUB21-00009 & CFH21-00039\)](#) (April 2021)
- [ZOA20-00004 \(AmendDevelopmentCode\) - BVNA position](#) (December 2020)
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- [Habitat Vet Hospital CUP Support](#) (June 2019)

12 September 2023

Mark Carnopis - Public Information Officer - Valley Regional Transit
700 NE 2nd St., Meridian, ID 83642
Via Email: feedback@rideVRT.org

Re: VRT Route 1 - Discontinued

Mr. Carnopis and the VRT Board of Directors,

The Barber Valley Neighborhood Association in Boise submitted written testimony on 6 June opposing the discontinuation of VRT Route 1 (Harris Ranch). We'd like to take this opportunity to add updated testimony to our 6 June letter, which is attached to this correspondence. Our updated testimony is a result of the gracious offer by your VRT senior leadership team to attend our August monthly neighborhood meeting. The presentation by Jason Rose and Stephen Hunt was outstanding and the resulting discussion with Jason, Stephen, and Elaine Clegg was very helpful for our neighbors concerned about the loss of transit service to a Master Planned Community built around transit and alternative modes of transportation. We learned an immense amount about the business decision to discontinue the non-performing VRT Route 1 and the available options for transit users in our neighborhood. We also learned that an appeal to the City of Boise for additional funding to keep Route 1 open would be well-received by VRT leadership.

We communicated to our membership and asked them to contact the City of Boise requesting additional funding to keep Route 1 operating beyond the planned closure date of June 2024. We hope our public engagement with the City of Boise motivates a reconsideration of the decision to discontinue VRT Route 1 for the following reasons:

1. **It's the City of Boise Plan and is codified in Specific Plan 01.** Harris Ranch is designed with the "appropriate building densities and land uses" such that all residents "are within walking distance of probable future transit stops permitting public transit to become a viable alternative to cars" (Source SP-01 City Code). The city codified a master planned community built around transit and alternative transportation options; opting out of transit service now clearly contradicts the City of Boise Specific Plan 01, which is City CODE and not merely a comprehensive plan 'vision'.
2. **New High-Density Housing Units Complete in 2023.** We understand from the VRT presentation that Route 1 has been a 'non-performing' route for many years. However, we believe it's a flawed decision to eliminate the route just when the planned density that originally justified it, is becoming a reality. More than 300 additional multi-family housing units will be complete in 2023 with more to follow in 2024.
3. **New Idaho Outdoor Fieldhouse.** The Albertsons' Family Foundation investment in the City of Boise through its world-class facility will be ill-served if Route 1 is discontinued. The Idaho Outdoor Fieldhouse will open later this year and is within ¼ mile of Route 1 and will serve para-athletes living and training at this soon-to-be internationally acclaimed facility.



Miscellaneous Items

With City of Boise, HRWMA, INPS & many more partners!

Information
tables!

Nature in Your Neighborhood

Marianne Williams Park

Sept. 16, 2023

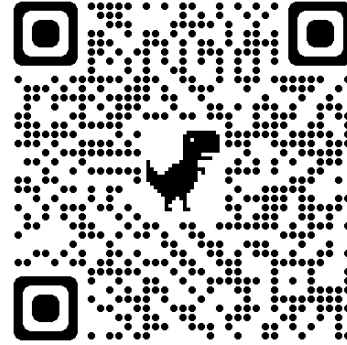
10am-2pm

Explore!

Family
Friendly
Activities!



Register @ www.hrwma.org



Report from Lucky Peak (bird banding) – 17 Sep



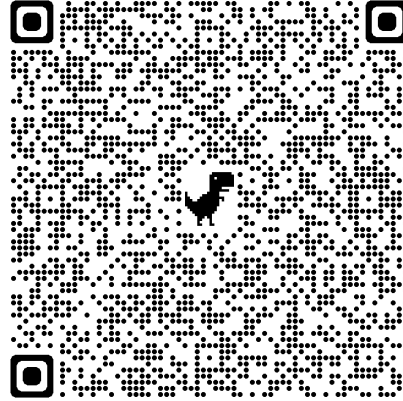
Sunday, September 17

Bird Walk: Bethine Church River Trail

A beginner-friendly bird walk with Golden Eagle Audubon.

Ticket sales end soon

Free



- Free – Meet at Library! At Bown. **Please register to attend this trip. Make sure ALL fields are filled in and a confirmation email is received.** Join [Golden Eagle Audubon](#) for our monthly beginner and family-friendly bird walk along the Bethine Church River Trail. This is a great opportunity to learn about riparian habitat as we focus on local birds, plants, and stewardship efforts in the area. Expect to see songbirds, waterfowl, woodpeckers, herons, and kingfishers. This monthly bird walk is targeted towards beginner birders, so if you are brand-new to birding, this is the outing for you! We will cover basics like adjusting your binoculars, how to use field guides, and tips & tricks to identifying birds.
- No public restrooms are available. We will travel between 1-2 miles on flat, unpaved trails. Binoculars are available to borrow if needed.
- All levels, including beginners, are welcome. 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.
- Please wear weather-appropriate clothing and comfortable walking shoes.
- Please contact the field trip leader, Lorraine Poor with any questions, lorrainp@mac.com

Report from Lucky Peak (bird banding) – 19 Sep

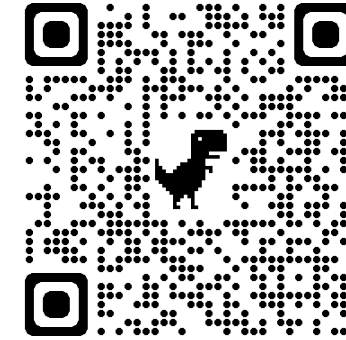


Monthly Program – Report from Lucky Peak

Tuesday, September 19, 2023
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Idaho Fish and Game
600 South Walnut Street, Boise, ID,
83712, United States ([map](#))

[Google Calendar](#) · [ICS](#)



Lucian Davis is a songbird bander for [Intermountain Bird Observatory](#)'s Lucky Peak research station. He will be presenting on the purpose and history of the research station, how bird banding works, the importance of banding for conservation, and reporting on some short and long-term trends in Lucky Peak's songbird captures."

The program is free and open to everyone. No registration required.

ReWild Plot Lead Training – 19 Sep (Parks & Rec Bldg)



- The [Boise River ReWild Project](#) is into year two and thousands of plants planted last year are starting to green up. To reach our 2023 goals, we need more Plot Leads.
- Each [Adopt-A-Plot group](#) is supervised by a Plot Lead. Plot Leads are trained to help the volunteers tending the plot with each step of the restoration - weeding, planting, watering and ongoing care. This is a crucial role in the restoration of our plots and it's a great job to gain knowledge about habitat restoration and learn organizing skills!

Why become a Plot Lead for Boise River ReWild?

- Plot leads from 2022 said it was "INSANELY REWARDING"
- Plot Leads can co-lead with a friend
- You get to set your own volunteer hours
- Connect with FUN volunteers
- Make a difference for the birds, bugs and Boise River
- Our next Plot Lead training will be Sept 19th, 5-6:30pm.
- Sign up [HERE](#) to be a leader in the ReWild efforts. Please note that you will need to register as a GEAS volunteer first if you haven't already.
- If you have questions about being a Plot Lead please email dfails@goldeneagleaudubon.org





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



Bird Walk – Marianne Williams Park (23 Sep)



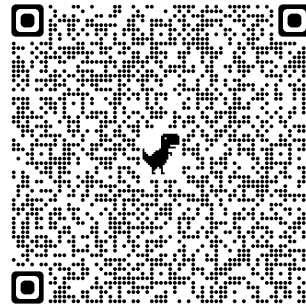
Saturday, September 23

Bird Walk in and around Marianne Williams Park

Join Golden Eagle Audubon Society for a bird walk through Marianne Williams Park and along the Greenbelt.

- We'll explore pedestrian friendly paths in and around Marianne Williams Park. It will be a leisurely walk. We'll also identify some beneficial plants and bird-friendly features.
- All levels are welcome. Binoculars will be available if needed.
- Participants younger than 12 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Participants younger than 18 must have a parent/guardian sign the liability release.
- **Meeting place:** Marianne Williams park near the restrooms (which are right next to the parking lot)
- **What to Bring:** Layers for weather, water and binoculars. No dogs please.
- **Restroom Availability:** Restrooms will be available and are available at the park.
- **Contact Information:** Please contact trip leader, Jo Anne Lafferty at laffertyjoanne929@gmail.com with any questions.

Barber Park River Walk (1 Oct)



Sunday, October 1

Barber Park River Walk

Join us on a walk at Barber Park to search for incoming winter birds.



- **To secure a place at this event, registration is required. Please make sure ALL fields are filled out on the registration form and a confirmation email is received.**
- As the seasons shift, winter birds begin to arrive at Barber Park. The river and riparian habitat attract a wide variety of birds. Join us for a walk on the pedestrian-only dirt path along the river. Your leader, RL, has seen more than 130 species in this area. You must be able to walk on uneven surfaces and travel 1-2 miles. There's a restroom at Barber Park and free parking.
- This trip is suitable for beginners. All levels are welcome. Binoculars will be available if needed.
- Participants younger than 12 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Participants younger than 18 must have a parent/guardian sign the liability release.
- **Time:** 9:00am - 11:00am
- **Meeting Place:** Meet in the parking lot just to the west of the Barber Park Event Center
- **What to bring:** Layers for weather, closed toe shoes, binoculars, water. No dogs please.
- **Restroom availability:** Restrooms are available at Barber Park.
- **Contact information:** Please contact trip leader, RL, at 208-336-9808 with questions.



Let's
Plant a Seedling for Habitat!

HARRIS NORTH EVENT
WITH HRWMA

Volunteer
with Us!

DATE

- Saturday, October 7th

TIME

- 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

LOCATION

- Meet at the trailhead near Trapper Place. Please walk or bike, if you live close. Limited parking. We will walk a short distance to the planting site.

REGISTRATION

- www.hrwma.org

WHAT TO EXPECT

- Enjoy a pleasant fall day outdoors
- Know more about the plants you encounter around you
- Learn what to plant in the Boise foothills to improve habitat
- Plant native wildflowers and grasses. Tools provided, but you can bring your own hand trowel and gloves, if you prefer
- Make connections with other volunteers and your neighbors

Contact Karie@hrwmawildlife.org
with any questions



Harris North Planting (7 Oct)



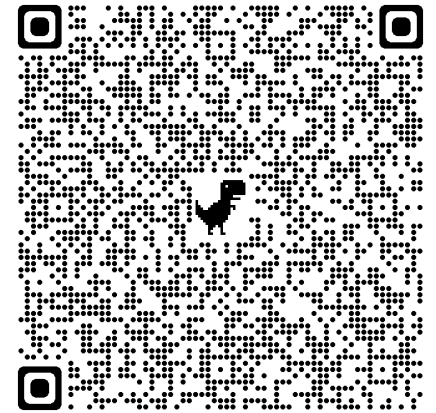
- We need your help to restore our Barber Valley foothills!
- Improve natural habitat for pollinators and wildlife by volunteering with Harris Wildlife Mitigation Association.
- Meet at 10am and plant by hand until 3pm or show up whenever you can
- The more people who lend a hand...the more we can do to make a difference in our community and on our foothills
- Register at the QR code above.

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**



Join Golden Eagle Audubon for a different kind of birding experience. Our "Pause, Look & Listen" series incorporates a mindful birding approach to observing birds and being in nature.





Open Forum & Announcements

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

Or....

What Else Should We Be Working On?



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



Meeting Wrap-up



Board Work Session

New Business



- Alta Harris strategy – meeting (11 October) **Meet city then determine**
- District 5 Candidate Forum (19 October) **Still waiting to hear from organizers**
- WSA speed limit letter & BSD TIS for DHE – status **Only been ~2 weeks wait ~3 weeks before next meeting to ping if no action/response**
- CID update **HRCIDTA paperwork for SC filed – no other updates**
- Neighborhood Collaborative **Weak turnout due to last minute arrangements – nothing substantive to report**
- IFYWP Roundabout Parkcenter and WSA (VRT route cancel) **Monitor city response to our letter and ultimately VRT decision**
- East JHS Sign Meeting – Peggy (15 Sep) **Peggy to report back after meeting**

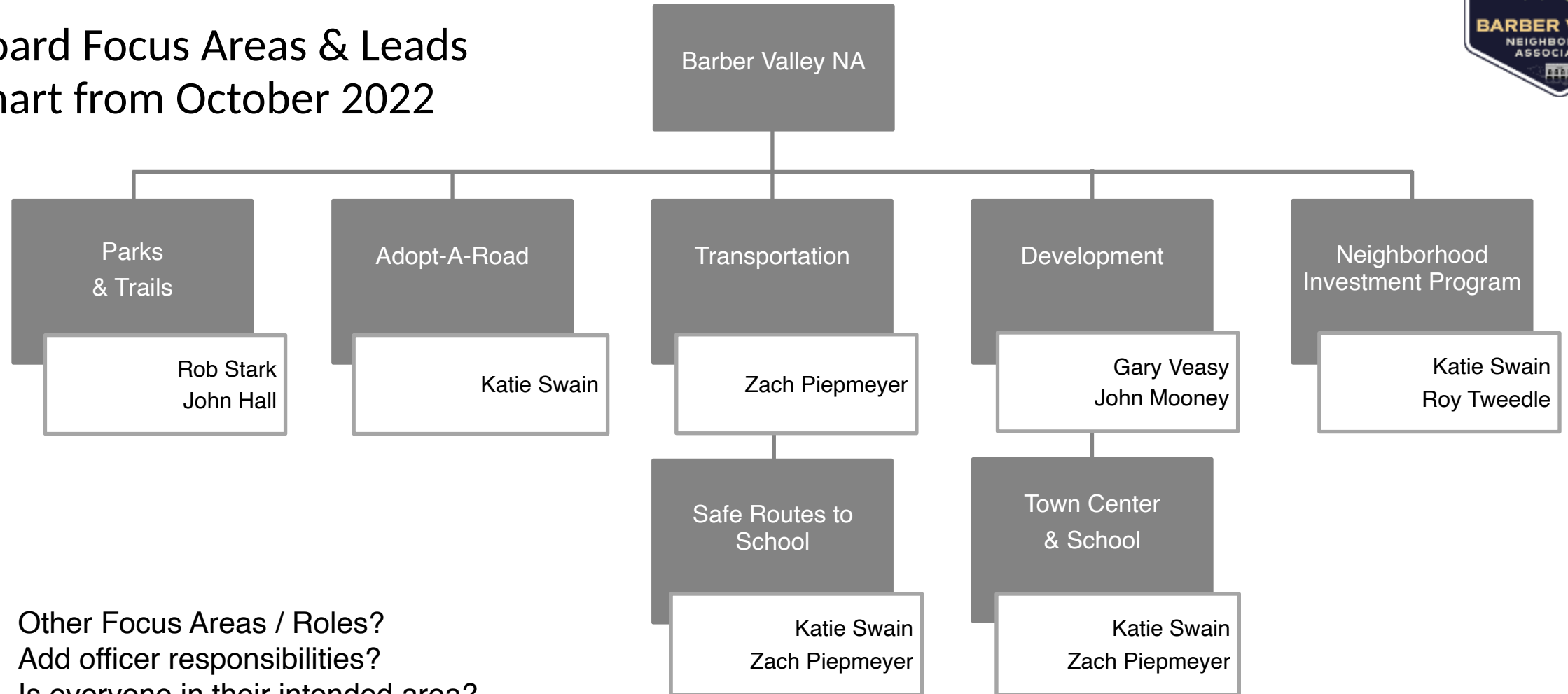
Old/Ongoing Business



- CID debrief from meeting and next steps (if any)
 - Discussion of NA membership list per Erin Barker's question **Follow-up next month absent) and check at next month's Neighborhood Collaborative meeting**
- Carry-overs from last month:
 - Warm Spring (East End) corridor study - updates? **Piepmeyer to continue to monitor**
 - Update on Woven/WSA **Veasy to continue to lead work with city and ACHD on frontage improvements and calming prior to project's final subdivision map hearing (anticipated to be October 17). Piepmeyer spoke with city's urban forester about trees at East Valley frontage – continue to investigate and work with HOA**
 - BVNA request (striping and speeds). Completed and submitted - https://www.bvnaboise.org/assets/files/ACHD_speed_limit_request_083123.pdf
 - “Passive” donation update? **Swain working with Zion Bank to determine Zelle or other options for member donations. No update this month (Swain absent)**
- Website position letter update **Work completed – see slide 39 and here: <https://www.bvnaboise.org/page4.html#testimony-header>**
- 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 (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 October