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

### November 2023 Membership Meeting 9 November 2023

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

### Agenda – November 2023

- Boise Police Department Neighborhood Contact Officer (NCO)
  - Officer Bob Gibson
- Schools
  - Dallas Harris Elementary update
- Transportation
  - 'Bypass' Signage / WSA Striping / East Valley Street Trees / Future WSA Options
- Parks and Trails
  - Marianne Williams Park Playground?
- Development Update
- Miscellaneous Topics
- Board Work Session

Attendance: 9 neighbors and all directors except Piepmeyer







- From the City's Website:
- Neighborhood Contact Officers (NCO's) focus on finding long-term solutions to neighborhood problems. They have the time
  and expertise to work with community members and use creative problem-solving and proactive efforts to solve concerns and
  make neighborhoods safer. Officers perform duties consistent with community-oriented policing and build relationships with
  neighborhood groups, businesses, and other local and state agencies in the areas they serve. Boise Police Community Liaison
  Officers also work in the NCO unit and connect with community members in need of additional assistance.
- NCOs work with community partners to identify and address topics such as:
  - Narcotics issues
  - Alcohol issues
  - Graffiti
  - Theft
  - Traffic complaints
  - Neighbor disputes
  - Patrol identified issues
- The goal of the NCO unit is to impact current crime trends, reduce repetitive calls for service, maintain or increase public confidence, and decrease fear of crime by listening to and directly addressing neighborhood concerns.





- Officer Bob Gibson, the NCO assigned to Barber Valley and 17 year vet of the BPD, attended along with his K9 partner. He reviewed issues he most often handles, including juvenile, burglary, neighbor, and traffic issues.
- If an issue needs immediate attention, call dispatch: 208.277.6790.
- If the matter can wait, you can contact Bob at 208.570.6000. His email is <u>rgibson@cityofboise.org</u>
- If traffic offenses are observed, you will need to get a license plate numbers and photos help too.
- FYI, BPD policy does *not* allow them to pursue motorcycles.
- BPD brochures: <u>Crime Prevention</u> / <u>Identity Theft</u> / <u>Vehicle Burglary</u>



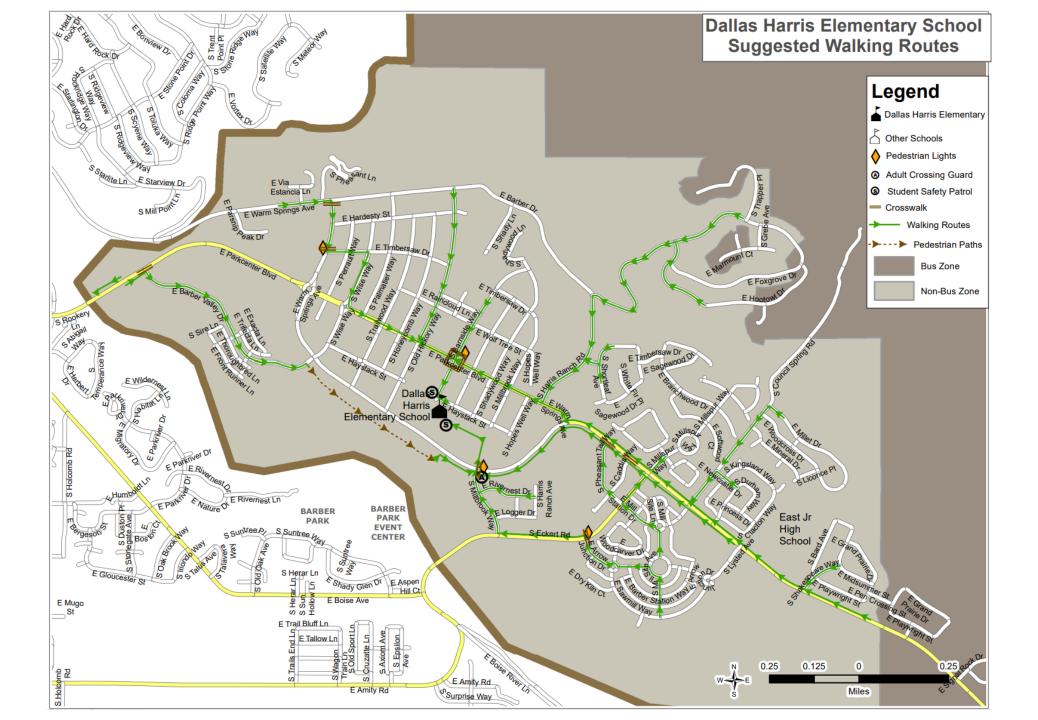
# **Dallas Harris Elementary**

Katie Swain – BVNA Treasurer

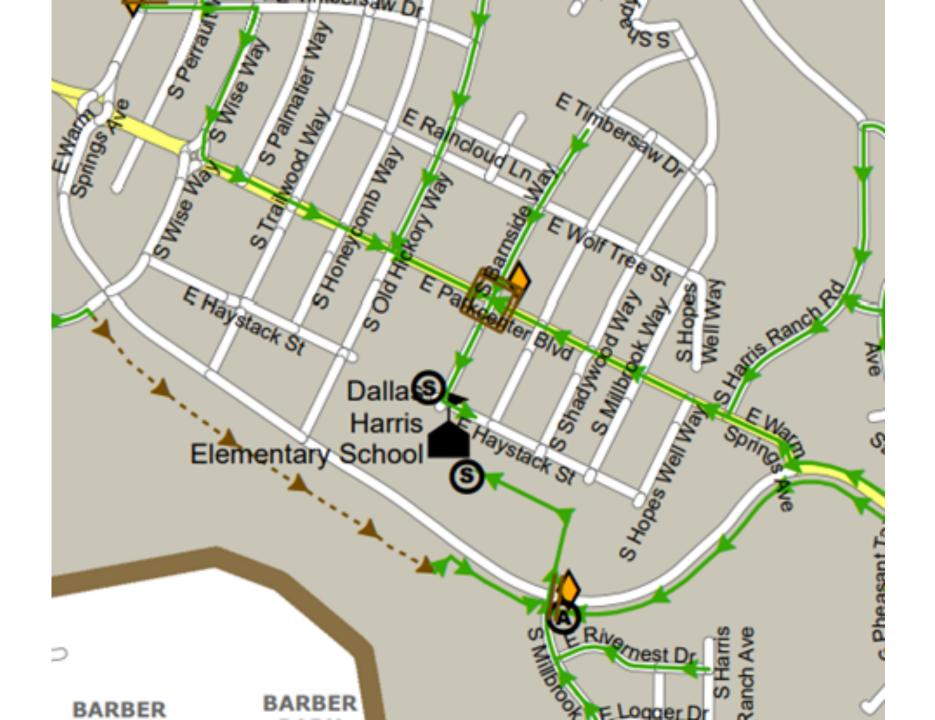
## **Dallas Harris Elementary School Update**



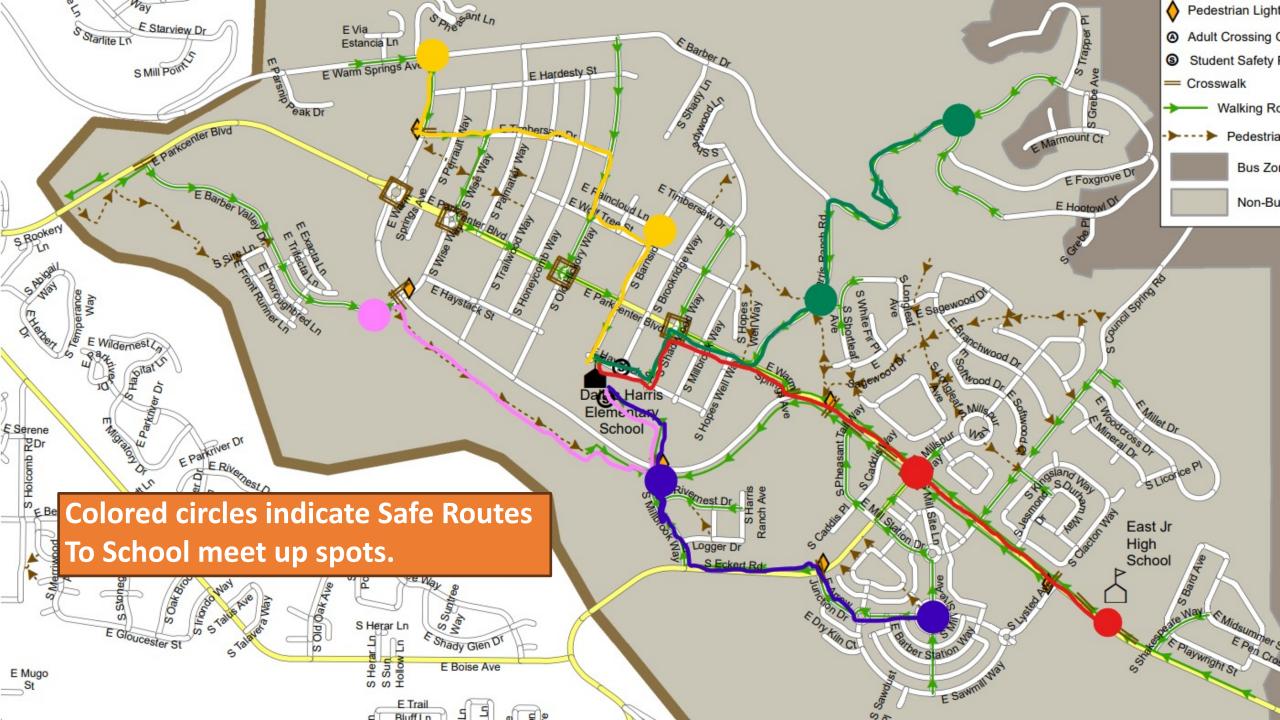
- The first day of school is finally here!
  - Monday, November 13th, 9:10am-3:45pm.
- Please be aware of 20-MPH SCHOOL ZONE SPEED LIMITS on Parkcenter and Warm Springs.
  - NOTE: The Warm Springs 'bypass' was a 40mph "through-route" for many neighbors until just recently – we have a challenge changing driver habits in a new school zone!
  - Families and children will be walking/biking: 8:30am-9:15am AND 3:45pm to 4:15pm.
  - Safe Routes to School recommended walking/biking routes to school on the next slides.
- Open House set for parents Thursday, November 16th. Safe Routes to School will be in attendance to discuss walking & biking routes.
- Ribbon cutting ceremony soon. Date will be announced by the DHE Principal.











### BSD still 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:

<u>https://jobs1.boiseschools.org/winocular/jobs/Jobpost.exe?</u> <u>Action=DisplayByPosting&PostingNumber=142-20231010-CL-A</u>

## Millbrook & Warm Springs Intersection

- Safe Routes to School initiated request to ACHD to change the installed Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacon to a "safer" pedestrian treatment:
  - Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon = HAWK (Hi-Intensity Activated Crosswalk)
- DHE PTO Supports HAWK
- ACHD Future = Roundabout
- BVNA Position on PHB/HAWK?
- 2016 Fed Highway Evaluation
  - PHBs and RRFBs:





RRFB or HAWK Installation plus School Crossing Signage (combined with crossing guard)
 RRFB installation

School Crossing Signage and Stiped Crosswalk

Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacon Local Examples: Spring Creek, Maynard, Skybar Current Millbrook RRFB (Below)







### Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon Local Example: Wise Way (above)

## Millbrook & Warm Springs Intersection



- ACHD moving forward with improvements to the Millbrook & Warm Springs intersection to make pedestrian crossings safer – especially with school opening.
- ACHD Director Wong stated (during 8 Nov ACHD hearing) that temporary electronic School Zone signage will be in place 24/7 along Warm Springs until permanent fixtures & flashing lights are installed.
- Safe Routes to School rep, Lisa Brady, has suggested a Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon.
- Tentative timeline for completion is December 4, 2023.
- A link to the recording of the meeting can be found here:
  - <u>https://achdidaho.civicweb.net/Portal/3912/MeetingArchives/</u>

## **Dallas Harris Elementary PTO Request**



- Pedestrian hybrid beacon at the intersection of Millbrook and Warm Springs (permanent)
  - Interim: large traffic signs placed on the roadways notifying drivers that the school is now open and to slow down and watch for pedestrians. We would like to see one sign placed to the east of this intersection and one placed to the west of this intersection
- Other requested improvements:
  - Crosswalk striping across Millbrook where the Greenbelt connects
  - Flashing school zone lights on Parkcenter Boulevard between Millbrook and Old Hickory
  - School zone notification sign posted on Millbrook

### Flashing School Zone Signage Delayed

• Temporary Flags until ACHD installs Flashing Signage for DHE



Future Flashing Signage Local Example: Warm Springs at Shakespeare Approaching East JHS





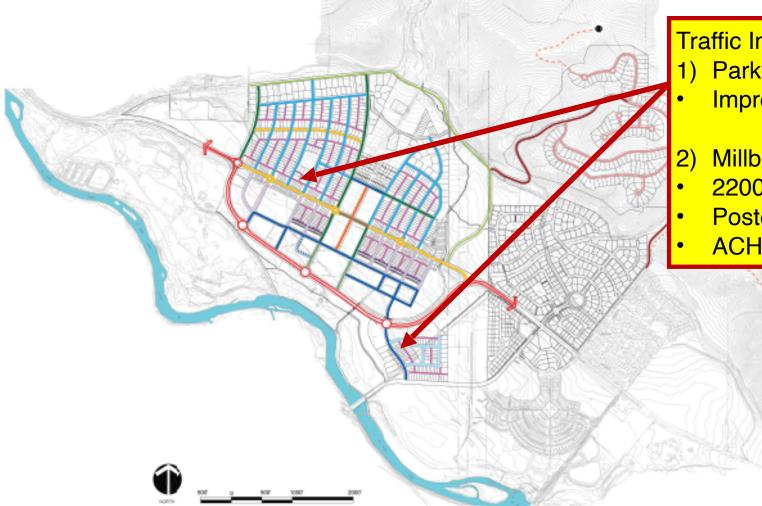


# Transportation

Zach Piepmeyer – BVNA Director

### **Traffic Investigations Requests – ACHD inaction**





Traffic Investigation Requests

Parkcenter

Improved signage routing traffic to WSA

Millbrook

2200 daily traffic count – 30mph average speed

Posted at 20mph

ACHD justifies using 85<sup>th</sup> percentile method

## Parkcenter Traffic (speed/noise)

- BVNA Advocacy: Improve signage to encourage use of Warm Springs 'bypass'
  - Will encourage more cars on WSA Bypass
- Current ACHD position:
  - "There is no approved sign in the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices that would meet the request. As a result, ACHD will not be able to support the request. We encourage the neighborhood to work with Boise Police on addressing the identified speeding issues."
- BVNA position: "Trailblazer" signage is in the MUTCD (graphic to right)
- Local Example: "To I-84" on Federal Way (right)

#### Section 2D.32 Trailblazer Assembly

#### Support:

Trailblazer assemblies provide directional guidance to a particular road facility from other highways in the vicinity. This is accomplished by installing Trailblazer assemblies at strategic locations to indicate the direction to the nearest or most convenient point of access. The use of the word TO indicates that the road or street where the sign is posted is not a part of the indicated route, and that a road user is merely being directed progressively to the route.

#### Standard:

A Trailblazer assembly shall consist of a TO auxiliary sign, a route sign (or a special road facility symbol), and a singleheaded Directional Arrow auxiliary sign pointing in the direction leading to the route.

#### Option:

A Cardinal Direction auxiliary sign may be used with a Trailblazer assembly.

#### Guidance:

The TO auxiliary sign, Cardinal Direction auxiliary sign, and Directional Arrow auxiliary sign should be of the standard size specified for auxiliary signs of their respective type. The route sign should be the size specified in <u>Section 2D.11</u>.

Option: Trailblazer assemblies may be installed with other Route Sign assemblies, or alone, in the immediate vicinity of the designated facilities.





## Warm Springs Avenue Speed Limit Actions

- ACHD staff recommended to ACHD Commission to retain 40mph from Shakespeare to Hwy 21
  - October 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
  - BVNA coordinating with East Valley HOA to install/maintain additional street trees
    - Possibly work with Finis Terra or River Heights HOA to do the same (future)
  - Future Sue Howell City Park and Intermountain Bird Observatory development
- Follow-up Required with ACHD on BVNA request:
  - "....that the centerline pavement markings on Warm Springs Avenue be modified to a solid double yellow centerline to prohibit passing."

### East Valley HOA Street Trees



- Objective is to install additional visual 'friction' for motorists in the East Valley area to reduce vehicle speeds which will improve crossing safety for pedestrians & bicyclists.
  - This will also reduce wildlife/vehicle collisions WSA strikes exceed SH21!
- Effort is a follow-up on work to get streetscape improvements on Warm Springs for the new Woven development (where the billboard currently stands)
- Thanks to EV HOA for their willingness to modify their existing HOA License Agreements with ACHD (for landscaping in the public right of way)
- We'd like to work with River Heights and Finis Terra HOAs in the future
- Thanks to BVNA Board Directors, Zach Piepmeyer, Gary Veasy, and Rob Stark for their advocacy on this project. Thom Hearne (East Valley HOA President) has been superb.
  - Thanks also to Mr. Don Kostelec for his ongoing support of our efforts and his guidance on transportation infrastructure options and strategies



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**CONCEPT PLAN** 

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TO BE DETERMINED BY THE CITY OF BOISE COMMUNITY FORESTRY DEPARTMENT

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### Future Warm Springs Options - Curbing



• Ribbon Curbing: May not 'calm' traffic but gives the street a finished look and allows water to sheet drain across it. Ribbon curbing would give WS a more urban feel rather than the rural highway feel it has today. This also preserves the edge of the asphalt pavement (maintenance benefit to ACHD)



## Future Warm Springs Options – Rumble Strips



- Rumble Strips: Can be installed on the fog lines and the center lines to serve as a type for traffic calming – especially if the travel lanes are narrowed. The downside is the noise they create for adjacent neighbors.
  - S. Pennsylvania, Fruitland, Idaho Former State Highway
- Here's an example in Fruitland:

### Future Warm Springs Options – Mini Roundabouts

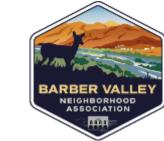
 Mini-Roundabouts: ACHD has two (TopGolf Meridian & Boise Depot/ Crescent Rim) – also on 'collector' streets.

Crescent Rim, west of Capitol - Boise, ID



### Future Warm Springs Options

Truck Aprons/Mountable Curbs



 Just like on a roundabout center island, truck apron type designs exist to tighten up a turning radius. A WSA solution could be ribbon curbing that transitioned to these raised curb aprons at existing side streets (e.g. Maynard) that may have a high-speed turning radius.



### Future Warm Springs Options

Median Islands ("Pedestrian Bunkers")



• WSA has extensive retained right of way that will support many options, including medians.



### Future Warm Springs Options

Pilot and Modular Roundabouts

 ACHD may be supportive of temporary traffic infrastructure since a WSA capital project is not in the Integrated Five-Year Work Plan. The example below used various traffic-worthy materials to pilot a roundabout for eventual permanent infrastructure.



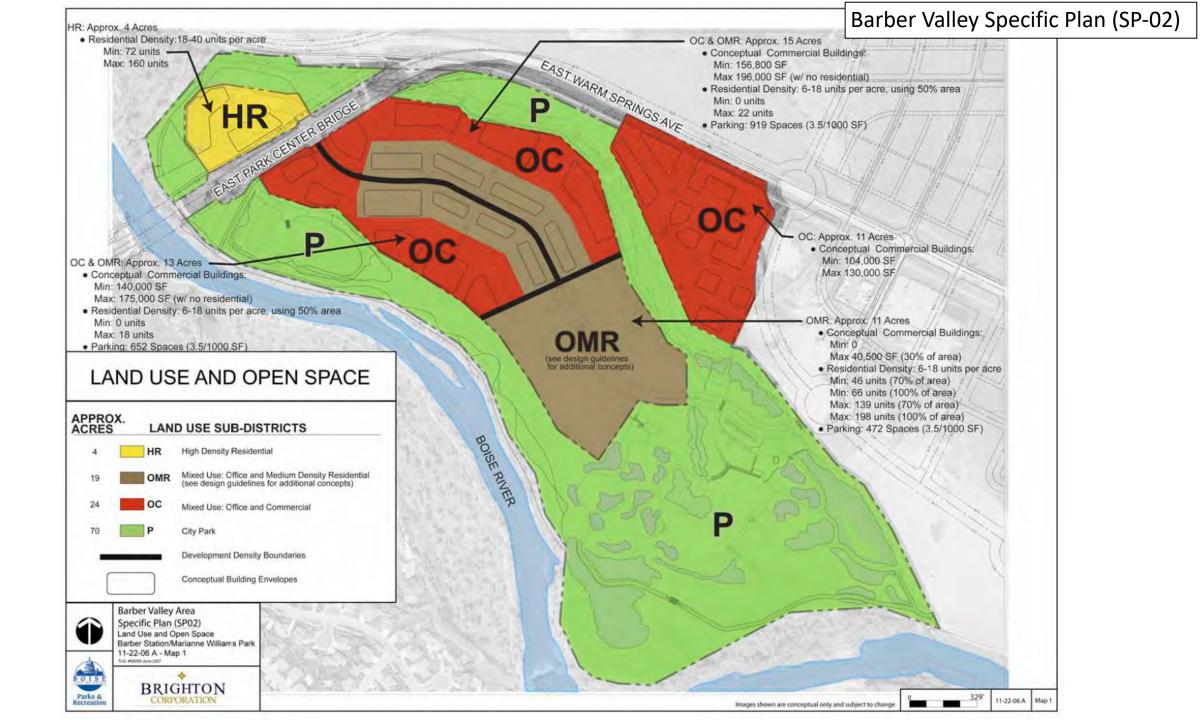
Bellview & Clarks Chapel Rd, Franklin, NC (NCDOT project)





# Parks and Trails

Nathan Hallam, BVNA Director





### Boise Municipal Code

	SP02- LR	SP02- MR	SP02- HR	SP02- OMR	SP02- OC	SP02- P
Health Club Facility			•	•	•	_
Spa/Resort				•	•	
Nursery (retail or greenhouse)*		•	•	•	•	
d. CIVIC (PUBLIC AND PRIVATE)						
Bus Shelter	•	•	•	•	•	
Fountain or Public Art	•	•	•	•	•	•
Library	•	•	•	•	•	
Theater				•	•	
Outdoor Auditorium			•		•	•
Park	•	•	•	•	•	٠
Playground	•	•	•	•	•	•
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Images shown are conceptual only and subject to change



### Marianne Williams Park

As part of the Barber Valley project, the City is receiving a signature regional park. The 70-acre riverfront Marianne Williams Park will include approximately 42 acres of natural river and floodplain habitat with limited access (because of habitat features), non-paved paths, secluded destination areas, bird-watching, and similar passive activities, as well as 22 acres of passive use area for typical park activities such as picnics, biking, walking, playgrounds, grassed open space and river access. Pathways within the park will include approximately 5600 linear feet of a 12-foot wide greenbelt path, 3225 linear feet of a 10-foot wide greenbelt path, 2250 linear feet of a 6-foot wide natural surface path, and 5500 linear feet of a 5-foot wide concrete path. The natural gravel pathway in Marianne Williams Park will be closed seasonally to protect wintering bald eagles. Dates of closure will be determined by the Idaho Department of Fish and Game; it is anticipated that closure dates will be November 15 through March 15.



Marianne Williams Park 2005 Deed of Gift conditions

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DEED OF GIFT

THIS INDENTURE made this \_\_\_\_\_22 day of November, 2005, between BARBER MILL COMPANY, an Idaho corporation, the Grantor, and BOISE CITY, an Idaho municipal corporation, the Grantee;

#### WITNESSETH:

Section 1.

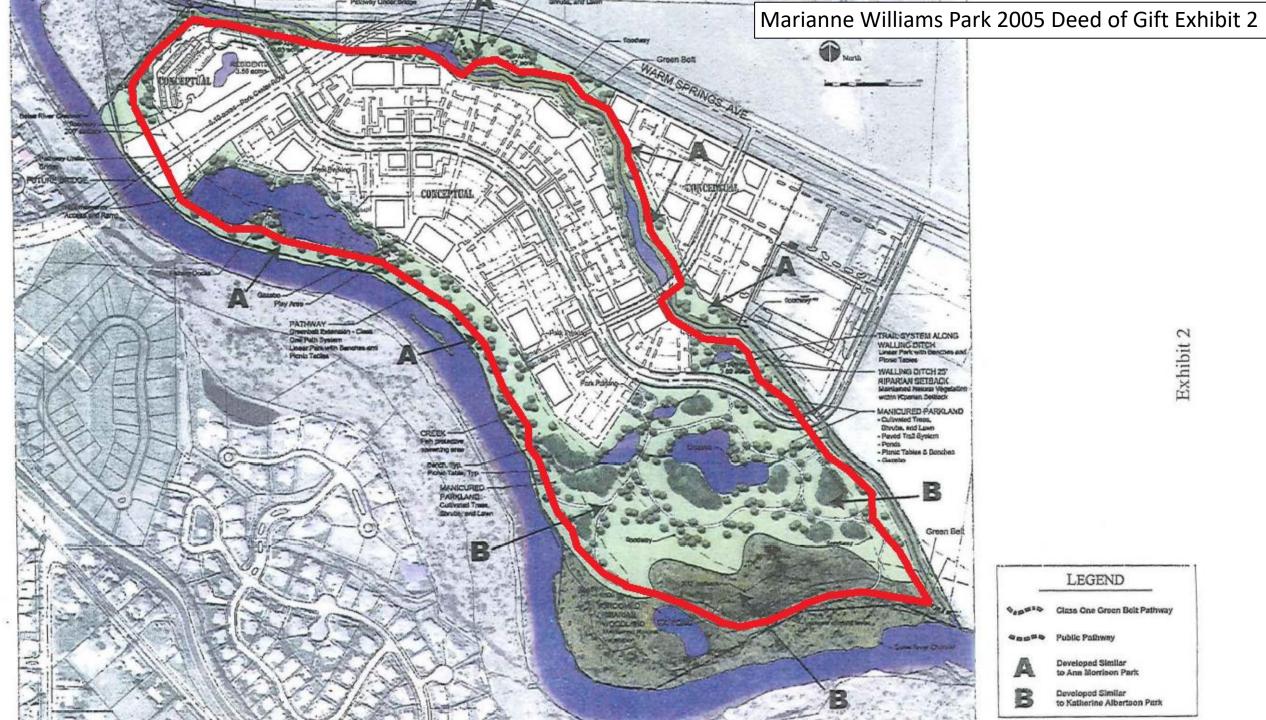
P.O. Box 500, Boise, Idaho 83701.

AS A GIFT TO THE GRANTEE, the Grantor does hereby grant and convey to the Grantee all of the real property situated in the County of Ada, State of Idaho, described on Exhibit 1 attached hereto and by this reference made a part thereof, which will be referred to herein as "the Property".

Marianne Williams Park 2005 Deed of Gift conditions

The public park shall be designed and developed as depicted in Exhibit "2", attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. As depicted, the public park shall have two adjoining areas with separate characteristics: one area, designated as area "A" in Exhibit 2, will be similar in appearance to the groomed and improved characteristics along the river of Ann Morrison Park on the date hereof, as depicted in Exhibit "2-A" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference; and the second area, designated as area "B" in Exhibit 2, will be similar in appearance to the groomed and natural characteristics of Kathryn Albertson Park on the date hereof, as depicted in Exhibit "2-B" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

Recreation Department. Playground equipment shall be permitted within the park only in the groomed and improved areas along the river and designated as areas "A" in Exhibit 2.





Marianne Williams Park in 2023

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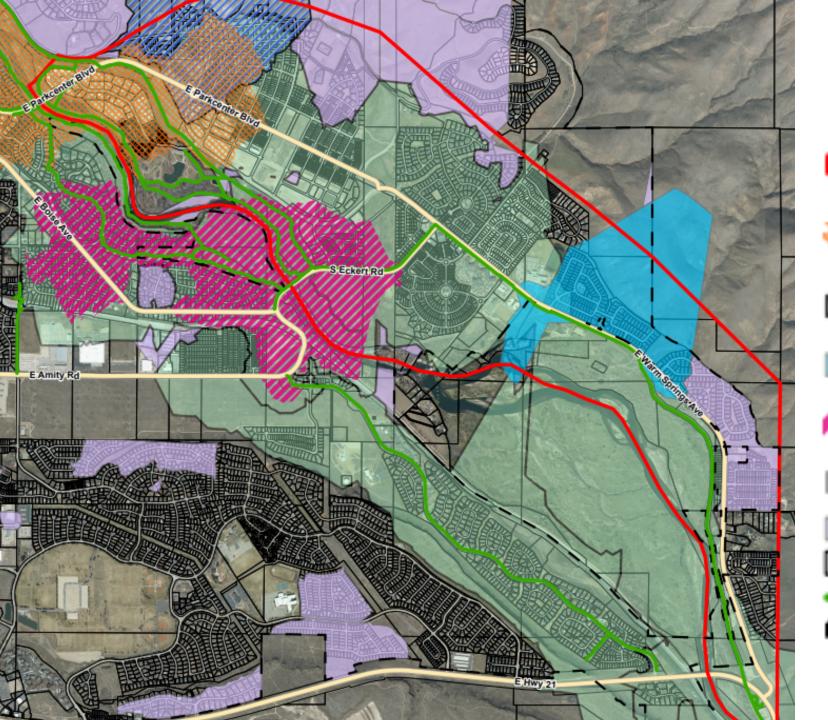
Marianne Williams Park: "A" Area along the river



## City Position on BV Parks – 10 Minute Walk



- From the Parks Director, Doug Holloway
  - "The map is kind of hard to read. Essentially, depending on where your residence is inside the area, you may be within a 10-minute walk of Marianne Williams, Golda Harris, the Mesa Reserve, the Peace Valley Overlook, Barber Park, and the Greenbelt. Bowler is also within 10 minutes but there were no houses within that range, so we removed it."



### Legend



Barber Valley Planning Area

Marianne Williams & Golda Harris 10 Minute Service Area

Mesa Reserve 10 Minute Service Area

Peace Valley Overlook 10 Minute Service Area

Barber Park 10 Minute Service Area

Boise River Greenbelt 10 Minute Service Area

New Park Priority Areas

- Ada County Parcels
- Boise River Greenbelt
- Boise City Limits

## Misleading Information From the City

- 10 Minute Walk Park Service Areas
- "Park" may not match what you expect (e.g. Peace Valley and Golda Harris would not be considered 'park' environments by most parents of young kids)
- Distance calculation is to the edge of the park, not the play facilities within a park
  - E.g. Walk time from closest Barber Junction homes to the Barber Park <u>playground</u> is 17 minutes

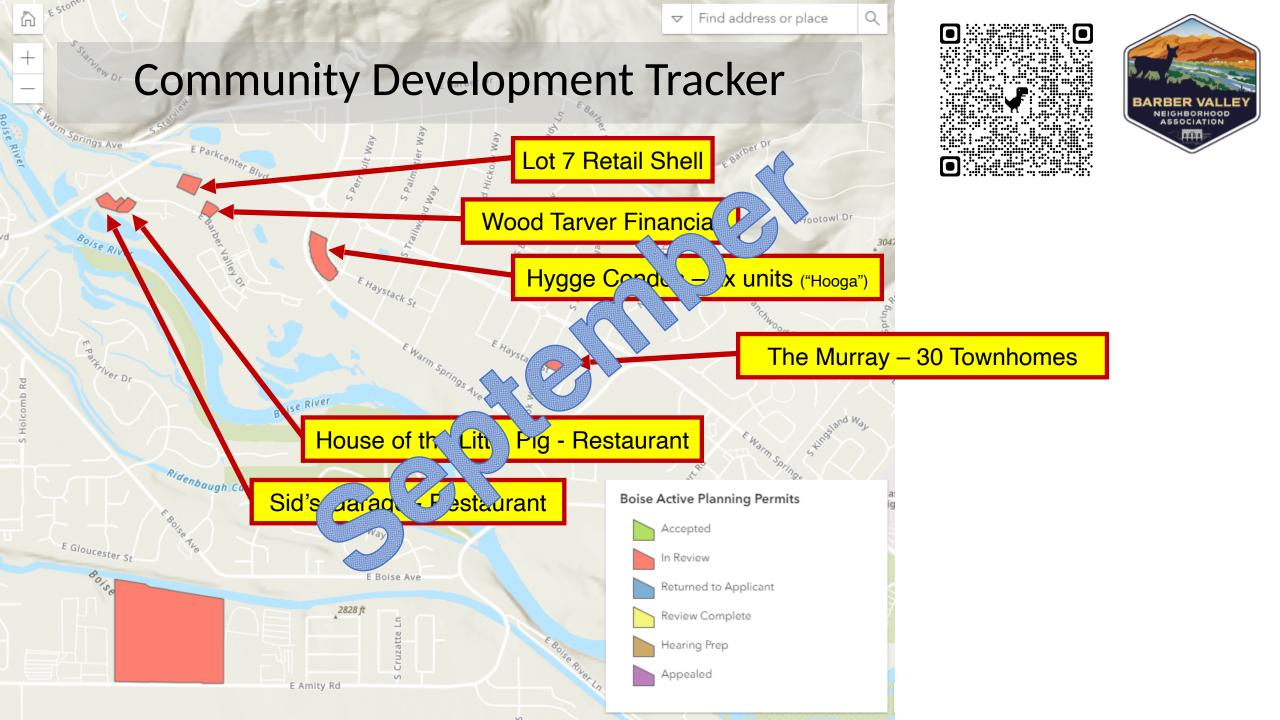






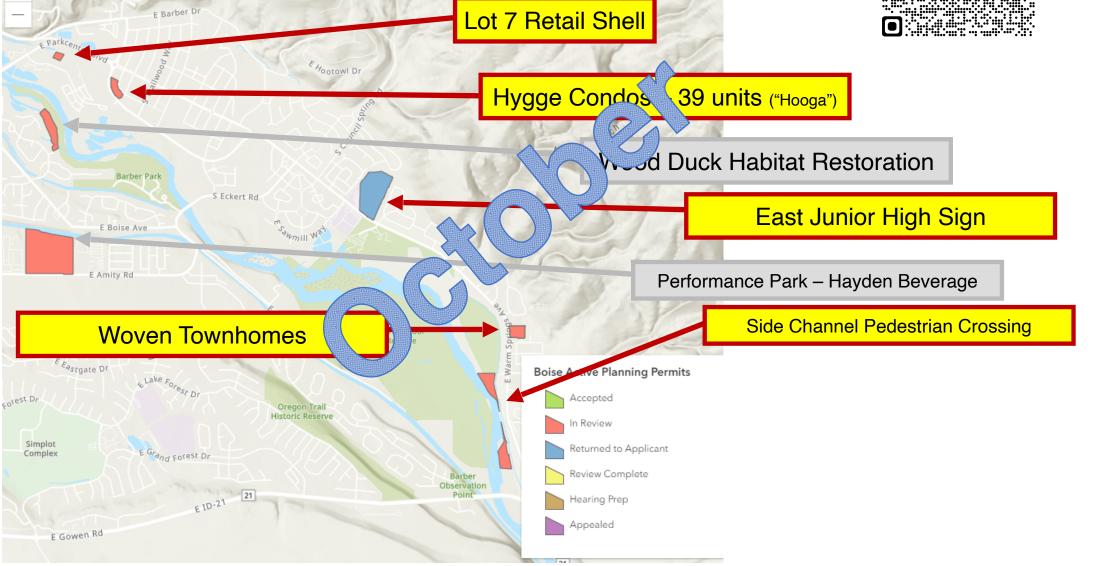
# **Development Update**

John Mooney, BVNA President



### **Community Development Tracker**

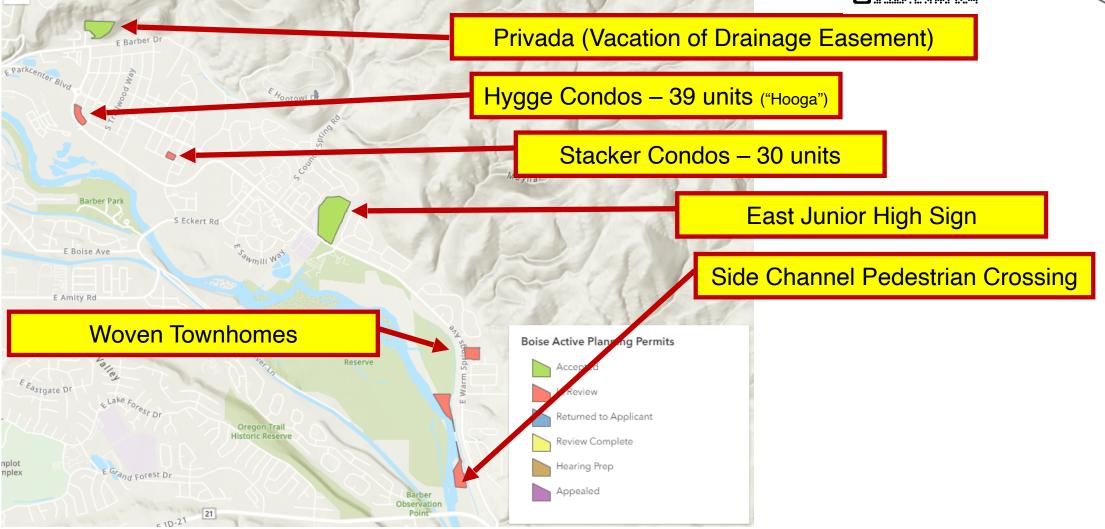


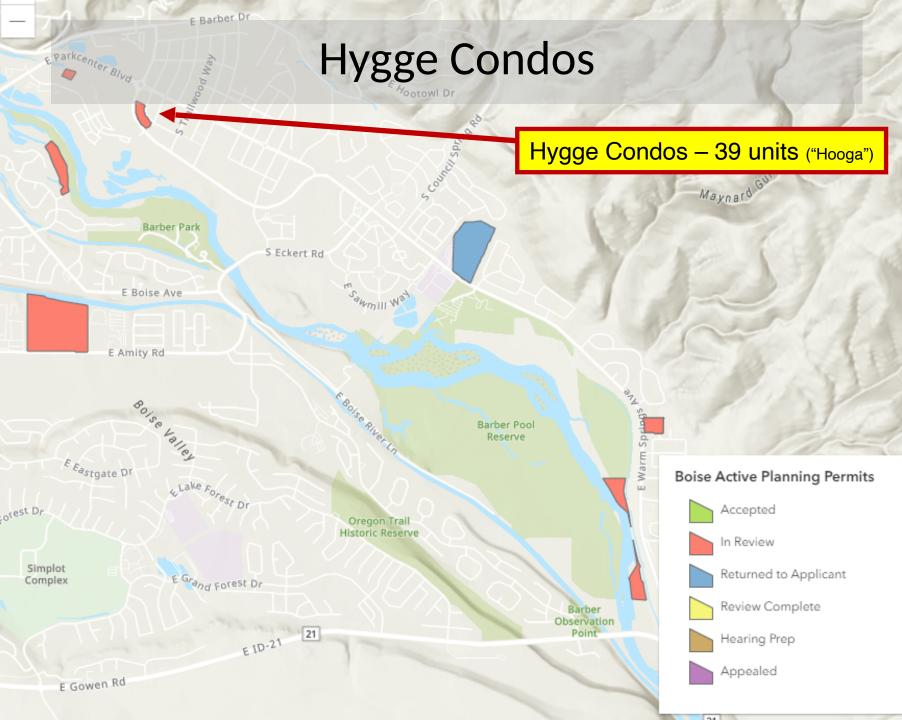


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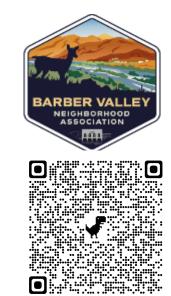


- BARBER VALLEY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
- A 39-unit Townhome development on Parcel SW11 of the SP-01 ordinance.
- 11 Sep: PZC recommended approval to CC
- CID Boundary complications

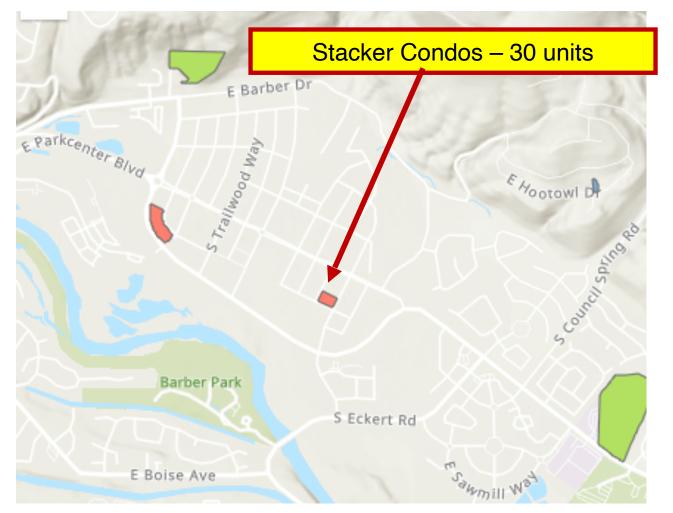
## Hygee ("Hooga") Condos - SUB23-00018

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





### **Community Development Tracker**



 Harris Ranch Lofts – Phase 5 (The Stacker)

ASSOCIATION

- SE3 Parcel
- Maybe SE5 will follow?



E Barber Dr

### East Junior High School Monument Sign





- Electronic Monument Sign
- Neighborhood Mtg 15 Sep
- Application dated
   6 October
- PZC Approval required

## Harris East Construction Update

- Homestead Trail Re-Opening?
  - Underground work with go until the end of February
  - When springtime good weather arrives concrete pouring and asphalt paving will begin
  - Trail should be re-open and "back to normal by May"
- Storm Drain System (because of last winter problems)?
  - The offsite storm drain is complete and functional so any offsite foothills water will go to the creek now instead of Council Spring
    - This was the main reason for the water going down Council Spring Road last winter
  - A second drainage pond constructed along Council Spring will also collect runoff
  - Also, the main large pond at the bottom of the project will also now overflow into the creek





# Miscellaneous

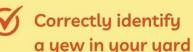


Ornamental Yew is toxic to wildlife! HELP WINTERING WILDLIFE! Yew Replacement Program

Photo credit: Lynn Kinter, IDFG

#### \$50 Refund to Participants to Remove Yew

#### **Refund Process**



Take a photograph and email it to us



Remove and dispose **Solution** 

Replace with a suggested plant

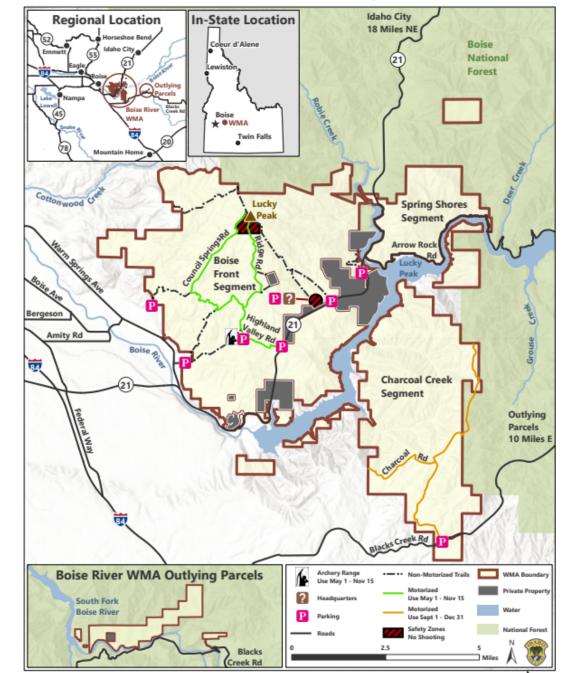
#### **Replacement Plant Suggestions:**

Oregon boxleaf, Curl-leaf mountain mahogany, Buffaloberry, Oakleaf sumac, Oregon grape, Syringa, Thimbleberry, Oceanspray, Mallow ninebark, Rocky mountain maple, Golden currant, Highbush cranberry

More Info: www.idfg.idaho.gov/conservation/yew

Send Your Photo & Contact Info to: Karie@hrwmawildlife.org

#### **Boise River Wildlife Management Area**



E. Janes 08-07-20

### Boise River WMA - Reminders



- Primary Purpose: Provide winter habitat for mule deer and elk, and year-round habitat for other wildlife species
- The WMA is the primary winter range for deer and elk in Big Game Unit 39. It is estimated that 5,000 to 8,000 mule deer and 1,800 elk winter on the WMA each year. Black bear, mountain lion, and a small population of pronghorn are also found on the property.
  - In addition, the WMA supports populations of upland game birds including chukar, gray partridge, California quail, dusky grouse, ruffed grouse, and mourning doves.
- State Highway 21 and Warm Springs Avenue bisect the WMA and the critical big game winter range it provides. Collisions between big game and motor vehicles occur frequently on these roadways.

### Boise River WMA Reminders – Recreational Users

- Motorized vehicles on the WMA are only allowed on designated routes and access is limited to designated entry points.
- From May 1 to November 15, approximately 10 miles of road are open to vehicles on the Boise Front segment.
  - Roads are kept in useable, but low-maintenance state. Four-wheel drive vehicles are recommended.
- Dogs are required to be on a leash from November 16 April 30 to protect wintering deer and elk. Hunting dogs are exempt when actively hunting during an open season.
- 4.5 miles of trail on the WMA are designated for mountain biking and cooperatively managed with the Ridge to Rivers trail system.
  - BVNA Note: We are all neighborhood docents for the WMA and need to help explain the dog-onleash rules to our new neighbors that may not know about this restriction
    - We can expect IDFG to lock the gates and ticket for trespassing if we have a surge in off-leash dogs during a harsh winter when the ungulates may be stressed
    - The last WMA closure was during the winter of 2016-2017





# **Open Forum & Announcements**

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

What Else Should We Be Working On?





# **Board Work Session**

### **New Business**



- WSA Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon any follow-ups given ACHD planned action?
   BVNA to write letter of support for the PTO requested measures
- Online election process, timing, confirm internal candidates, postcard opportunity timing - Gary Barker and Hall to step down. Prep materials for election. Review/approve postcard and get to city
- Warm Springs "clean-up" Saturday in Spring Katie (include cell tower sidewalk landscaping suggestion? - consider for NIP) Board agreed to do
- Firewise update on River Heights and Dallas Harris Estates Roy notes

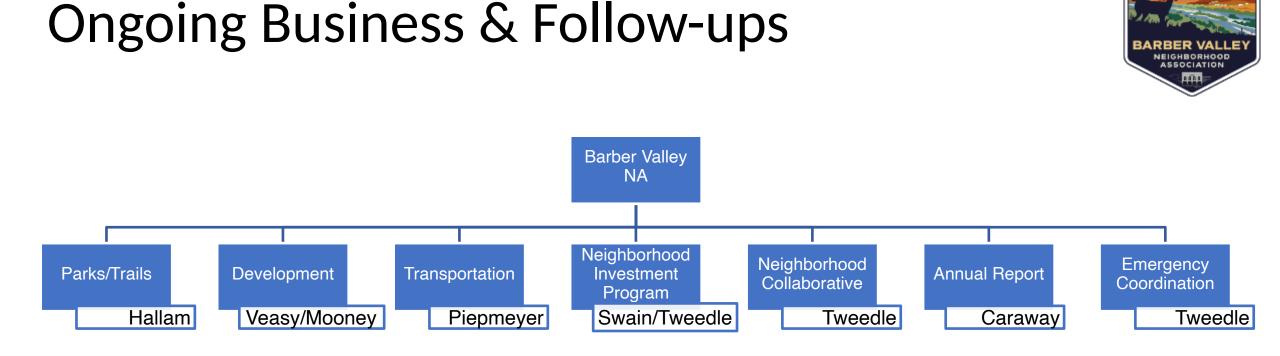
Both HOAs are proceeding with initial steps to evaluate - 100% board support!

- PSA this weekend to mailing list reminder about school opening Gary Done
- Neighborhood Collaborative Roy notes Nothing of importance for board

## Ongoing Business & Follow-ups

- Alta Harris strategy further action? Table until early 2024
- Neighborhood Investment Program 16 Nov; 6-7pm, Library!@Hillcrest Katie, Nathan, Roy will attend. Projects to be considered by board over Teams in coming month
- Web services contractor retiring in December Gary update Continuing to evaluate options report back in December
- Warm Springs (Mesa to. SR21) Scoping updates? None at this time
- Peace Valley sign quality Nathan to ask city about options Will pursue before Dec meeting
- NA membership list Barker to determine requirements Followup task? No changes/tasks at this time
- Warm Spring (East End) corridor study Nov. update from Zach: "ACHD project team is working on alternatives to take out to the public, anticipated later this fall. From there they will refine alternatives over the winter with yet another public outreach on the revised options in spring 2024. Adoption of a preferred alt by the commission in summer 2024."
- "Passive" donation Swain working with Zion Bank to determine Zelle or other options for member donations Update? Not discussed - table until 2024
- Easement actions? Tesoro Lot 11, Finis Terra Wildlife corridor encroachment, Brian Sub encroachment and frontage on ACHD weigh station Table until 2024 appears to be interest in pursuing "violations"





- Table until 2024 when new board is in place
- Goal is to try and spread workload a bit more evenly across board members