Agenda & Minutes – February 2024

- **Schools**
  - Dallas Harris Elementary update

- **Transportation**
  - Warm Springs Avenue Concept Review – through the East End (Ave C to Windsong)
  - East Valley HOA/BVNA Warm Springs Tree Planting
  - ACHD Integrated Five Year Work Plan

- **Development**
  - East Junior HS Electronic Message Board
  - Village Green/Town Center
    - Harris Ranch Specific Plan 01 Amendment
    - Neighbor Input Review

- **Neighborhood Investment Program**: Submission

- **Firewise**

- **Board Work Session**
  - Board Officer selections
  - Review/Approve Annual Report
  - Alta Harris Park strategy

**Attendance:**
- 10 Neighbors (thank you!)
- All Board members present
Dallas Harris Elementary School Update

• School Zone construction to be completed early February per ACHD.

• The ‘Yote Store’ is open until Feb. 20th (Flyer on next slide). Check it out for any Elementary school merch!

• Jog-a Thon Fundraiser: April 26th

• Dallas Harris Week- tentatively April 29th- May 3rd
  • They hope to do a ribbon cutting ceremony during this week and offer tours
Dallas Harris Elementary School Update

Dallas Harris Elementary School

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Transportation

Warm Springs Avenue Concept Review

Zach Piepmeyer – BVNA Director
The Ada County Highway District (ACHD) is engaging the public as part of the study to identify and recommend pedestrian and bike facility improvements along Warm Springs Avenue from Avenue C to Windsong Drive.

The study was prompted by neighborhood concerns about vehicle speeds and needed improvements to pedestrian and bike facilities in the project area.
ACHD Warm Springs Concept, Ave C to Windsong

Previous Public Input (Summer 2023)

• Add a roundabout at Old Penitentiary Road
• Add a roundabout or signal at Walnut Street
• Improve bicycle safety
• Improve pedestrian crossings
• Limit parking to one side of the street
• Add more turn lanes
ACHD Warm Springs Concept, Ave C to Windsong

ACHD is hosted a public meeting on February 8, 2024, at Riverstone International School at 5521 E. Warm Springs Avenue to share the latest concepts (You missed it 😊)

Visit the project page and take the ACHD Public Input Survey here or via QR code below if you’d like to provide input as this section of WSA is used by many BV residents.

**Next Steps:** Additional public outreach in spring 2024 on preferred concept. Final Concept Adoption in summer 2024.
ACHD Warm Springs Concept, Ave C to Windsong

Concept 1 @ Locust
ACHD Warm Springs Concept, Ave C to Windsong
ACHD Warm Springs Concept, Ave C to Windsong

Concept 3 @ Locust
ACHD Warm Springs Concept, Ave C to Windsong
ACHD Warm Springs Concept, Ave C to Windsong

Concept 2 @ Hot Springs
Transportation

Tree Planting Effort

Zach Piepmeyer – BVNA Director
Tree Planting Effort – Spring 2024

City of Trees Challenge
City of Boise + Treasure Valley Canopy Network
Tree Planting Effort – Spring 2024

~ 44 Class II/III trees!
Tree Planting Effort – Spring 2024

Volunteers Needed!

First Tree Planting Day for 2024

Treasure Valley Tree Canopy Network
in support of
the Elaine Clegg City of Trees Challenge

When: 10:00am on Saturday, March 30th, 2024
Where: Warm Springs Ave @ East Valley Subdivision
How Many: Approx. 40-45 volunteers max needed

Volunteer Signup Link is here
Transportation

ACHD Integrated Five-Year Work Plan Submission

Zach Piepmeyer – BVNA Director
BVNA Request Submitted 5 February

- Thanks to ACHD & the City for the following actions:
  - 2020-2022: Two separate actions results in ACHD modifying the Master Street Map to indicate the ultimate configuration of Warm Springs Avenue between Parkcenter (west) and SH21 will be three lanes (from the previous MSM configuration of five vehicle lanes)
  - 2023:
    - ACHD reclassifies Warm Springs Avenue (east of Eckert) from an Arterial to a Collector Street
    - ACHD completes the Barber Valley Neighborhood Transportation Plan (BVNTP), identifying several low-, medium- and high-priority mobility projects to improve safety
    - ACHD reduces posted speed limits for the full length of Warm Springs Avenue to a consistent 35mph and eliminates passing zones
    - ACHD installs RRFBs at the existing Warm Springs/Parkcenter roundabout
    - ACHD works with Boise School District to establish an enhanced pedestrian crossing with RRFB on Parkcenter near Dallas Harris Elementary School
    - ACHD installs two new enhanced pedestrian crossings with RRFBs at Warm Springs/Maynard and Warm Springs/Sky Bar
Current BVNA Request for Inclusion in IFYWP

• Emphasis to ACHD & the City that we’ve made significant progress, but...
  • There is much left to accomplish to improve the safety of students who walk and bike to school and connecting our neighborhoods which are currently bifurcated by a former high-speed state highway
  • We wish to create the multi-modal community envisioned in the City’s Comprehensive Plan & outlined in detail in the Specific Plans.
• Elevate the following projects on the City’s annual prioritized list:
  1. Warm Springs Avenue Traffic Calming and Complete Street, Parkcenter Roundabout to SH21
  2. Parkcenter Bike Facilities, Bown Way to Warm Springs Ave Roundabout
BVNA Project Request: IFYWP 2025-2029

- WSA Traffic Calming and Complete Street
- Combines two high- and medium-priority projects identified in the 2023 BVNTP (projects R1 and R2).
- WSA extends the full length of Barber Valley and is integral to the fabric of this community
- Initial steps have been taken to begin calming automobile traffic and improving safety, vehicle speeds are still not conducive to safe travel by bikes and pedestrians, the wide right-of-way is underutilized, wildlife collisions are still common, and the corridor effectively splits the neighborhood into two parts
- The corridor needs a comprehensive set of interventions to improve travel by all modes, both along and across the corridor
- Although the construction of improvements may ultimately need to be phased, it makes sense to develop a strategy for the full length of the corridor under a single effort

- Parkcenter Bike Facilities, Bown Way to Warm Springs Ave Roundabout
- The existing bike facilities on this section of Parkcenter were designed and implemented prior to current best practices for safe on-street bike infrastructure, including ACHD’s Livable Streets Performance Measures
- The existing bike lanes are at-grade, unbuffered and unprotected and, thus, not low-stress
- The existing streetscape on the west Parkcenter bridge encourages higher speeds than is conducive to safe vehicle movements, bicycle and pedestrian safety, and wildlife crossing

This project is identified in the BVNTP as project B2. By developing a strategy for low-stress bike facilities on this segment, it is likely that the pedestrian level of traffic stress will also be improved, which will address project S3 in the BVNTP
BVNA Request for ACHD IFYWP

- Eckert Bridge project support with emphasis on a Greenbelt underpass to improve safety and connectivity to soon-to-be constructed Alta Harris park.
- QR code to BVNA Letter
- WR code to ACHD Interactive Map to support BVNA inputs, or provide your own perspective to the ACHD project priorities.
Development Update

Gary Veasy, BVNA Secretary
Community Development Tracker

as of 7 February
Specific Plan 01 Amendment

• From applicant (High Rhodes):

  • Certain modifications to the Village Center and Village Green areas have been discussed both internally and with stakeholders, including interested members of the public and the Barber Valley Neighborhood Association. A few goals that have been identified include creation of a central walking area through the core of the Village Center (rather than concentrating all open space within the Village Green), as well as adopting new potential street sections that will allow for protected bike lanes and angled parking.

• Two main components to the proposal:

  1. To provide the central walking area, the internal local streets between the TC4 and TC5 blocks as well as the TC6 and TC7 blocks have been removed.

  2. To address the desire to provide for protected bike lanes and to replace the angled parking previously provided in the now-removed local streets (between TC4 and TC5 and between TC6 and TC7), we are proposing additional street sections.
Specific Plan 01 Feedback

• Feedback can be provided directly to the City through the QR code above, or directly to the developer (Brad Hillgren, High Rhodes Development).

• The development team is looking for ideas on potential uses/users or other development preferences. We've had quite a few neighbors take advantage of this feedback loop – use this format to ensure effective communication:
  ■ To: bhillgren@highrhodes.com
  Cc: Board@BVNABoise.org
  Re: BVNA – Town Center Neighbor Comments

• Please don’t expect ongoing dialogue by email - this is akin to a "comment box" for the developer to consider our input.

• We anticipate there will be additional in-person opportunities for the development team to share progress as the approval and design process unfolds. We will advise when we have something scheduled.
Specific Plan

Proposed Additional Prototypes

Specific Plan and Proposed Additional Prototypes
4A: Two Lane Collector with Green Median and Urban Sidewalk with Angled Parking and Protected Bike Lane (ParkCenter Boulevard)

5A: Two Lane Collector with Angled Parking and Protected Bike Lane on One Side (Old Hickory Way)

7A: Two Lane Collector with Angled Parking on One Side (Barnside Way)

8A: Two Lane Mixed Use Local Street with Urban Sidewalk with Angled Parking (Haystack Street)

8AAA: Two Lane Local Street with Angled Parking and Protected Bike Lane on One Side (E. Wolf Tree Street)

NOTE: ROADWAY MODIFICATIONS SUBJECT TO FINAL APPROVAL BY ACHD
Schedule (Tentative)

**SP-01 Modification:** (Sept 2023 – February/March 2024)
- i. Community input: Through mid February
- ii. Agency meetings: Through January/February
- iii. Public Hearings: TBD / City of Boise

**Town Center Pre-Development & Design:** (Ongoing)
- i. Conceptual Design: 1st Q 2024
- ii. Key Preleasing & Sales: 2nd / 3rd Q 2024
- iii. Schematic & Design Development: 3rd / 4th Q 2024

**Construction (Phase 1 Goal)**
- i. Working Drawing: 4th Q 2024 / 1st Q 2025
- ii. Bidding and Permits: 2nd Q 2025
- iii. Groundbreaking: Mid 2025
East Junior High School Monument Sign

- Electronic Monument Sign
- Public Hearing (P&Z) - March 11
Community Development Tracker

as of 7 February

Woven Subdivision
Woven Subdivision Project Update

• Final Plat not yet posted at City Permitting – see QR code
• Update from developer:
  • We have received approvals from ACHD and are awaiting the city engineer for final plat – which will allow site development (street, curb, sidewalk, sewer, etc.)
  • We will start demolition and grading here shortly (demo 7 February)
  • The fire department is going to perform a training operation as a part of the demolition so everyone should come out to watch! :-)
  • As soon as we get the final city approval, we will go in for permits and get started. Hopefully, we are rolling in the spring with everything.
Neighborhood Investment Program

Katie Swain, BVNA Treasurer
NIP Grant Application FY-2025

• The Neighborhood Investment Program is a partnership between the City of Boise and neighborhood associations in good standing. The program funds capital construction projects to help enrich the lives of our residents, enhance the identity and quality of life in our neighborhoods, and encourage a strong sense of community.

• https://www.cityofboise.org/programs/energize/neighborhood-investment/
NIP Grant Application FY-2025

• For this year's application BVNA applied for a grant to help make more use of the Valley Regional Transit (VRT) bus route in/around Harris Ranch.
  • We applied for funds for benches in the current bus shelter located near the Coffee Mill at Eckert & Warm Springs.
  • See following slides for map and an example of what we requested funds for. Design details TBD.
NIP Grant Application FY-2025

• Current bus shelter at the Coffee Mill bus stop is inadequate.
In addition, we’ve asked for funds for an additional Bus Stop Shelter off Warm Springs Ave and Barnside Way

As a reminder, Route 1 will be modified mid-year as approved by VRT - information is here
NIP Grant Application FY-2025
NIP Grant Application FY-2025

**NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTMENT PROGRAM**

- **Nov. 2023 - Jan. 2024**
  - Applications accepted

- **Nov. 16, 2023**
  - Energize workshop

- **Jan. - April 2024**
  - City staff evaluate applications

- **May 2024**
  - Project recommendations to mayor

- **Aug. 2024**
  - Awards announced

- **Oct. 2024**
  - Funding available, projects start

**FY25 Timeline**
NIP Grant Application FY-2025

• BVNA asked for and received support from the following agencies for this grant:
  • Valley Regional Transit (Elaine Clegg)
  • High Rhodes Investment Group (Brad Hillgren)
  • Harris Ranch Developer (Doug Fowler)
Firewise

Roy Tweedle, BVNA Director
THANK YOU! to the following HOA Boards that have embraced the importance of Firewise Certification!

- Harris North *(thanks* to Boise Hunter Homes and Justin Milander)
- East Valley HOA (our first ‘legacy HOA’ pioneer – *thanks* to Tanner Gronowski)
- Barber Station Townhomes *(thanks* to Barb Shelley, Jeff Simon)
- Dallas Harris Estates Sub 1 *(thanks* to Steve Moore, Brent Jussel, Tim Carlson)

In progress/planned:
- Harris East *(app pending)*
- River Heights
- Triplett Ranch *(app pending)*

If you’d like to see your HOA pursue certification, please contact BVNA and let your HOA officers know of your interest!
- Spring Creek? Finis Terra? Tesoro? Privada?
Firewise USA™ Communities in Idaho vary in size, topography, population, and fire threats, but they have one thing in common… they are concerned enough about wildfire to work together to protect their community. Idaho currently has 33 nationally recognized Firewise USA™ Communities located throughout the state. Wilderness Ranch, Boise, ID is one of a handful of all of the Firewise USA™ Communities across the nation that have been in good standing since the program began.

- Armstrong Park, Coeur d’Alene, Kootenai County
- Arbor Village, Boise, Ada County
- Barber Station Townhomes HOA, Boise, Ada County
- Boise Heights, Boise, Ada County
- Briarhill, Boise, Ada County
- Cartwright Ranch, Garden City, Ada County
- Central Foothills Neighborhood Assn, Boise, Ada County
- City of McCall, McCall, Valley County
- Columbia Village, Boise, Ada County
- Conkling Park, Worley, Kootenai County
- Dry Creek Ranch, Boise, Ada County
- East of Hayden Lake, Hayden, Kootenai County
- East Valley Neighborhood, Boise, Ada County
- Ferris Hill / Victorian Dr. Area, Coeur d’Alene, Kootenai County
- Harris Ranch North, Boise, Ada County
- Harris Ranch OA, Boise, Ada County
- Heatherlands HOA, Hailey, Blaine County
- Hidden Lakes Subdivision, Kimberly, Twin Falls County
- Hidden Springs, Boise, Ada County
- Highland Nines HOA, Boise, Ada County
- Homestead Subdivision, Stanley, Custer County
- Kanaka Rapids, Buhl, Twin Falls County
- Mackay Fire District, Mackay, Custer County
- Meadow Ridge, Twin Falls, Twin Falls County
- Morningside Heights HOA, Boise, Ada County
- Norwood Subdivision, Hagerman, Gooding County
- Payette River Subdivision No. 1, McCall, Valley County
- Quail Ridge Neighborhood Association, Boise, Ada County
- Two Ravens at Tall Pine, Lowman, Boise County
- Wapiti Creek Summer Homes, Lowman, Boise County
- Warm Springs Mesa, Boise, Ada County
- Wilderness Lake Ranch, Cascade, Valley County
- Wilderness Ranch, Boise, Boise County

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![Certificate Image]

**2023 NATIONAL FIREWISE USA® PROGRAM CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION**

The National Fire Protection Association acknowledges that

Dallas Harris Estates - Sub1

located in Boise, ID

has successfully completed the Firewise USA® program's annual requirements for 2023 and is a participating site in good standing throughout the 2024 calendar year.

Signed: James T. Pauley, President, NFPA

January 18, 2024

Date Issued
Firewise - Benefits for Idaho Communities
Excerpt from Idaho Firewise (QR Code Below)

• Communities choose to become Firewise for many reasons, and every community benefits from the process and recognition in different ways.

• Some of the top reported benefits of the Firewise Communities/USA recognition program are:
  o Framework for Action. Meeting the criteria for becoming a Firewise Communities/USA site helps communities get organized and find direction for their wildfire safety efforts.
  o Learning About Wildfire. As people go through the Firewise process, they learn about wildfire risks in the community and the simple things they can do to reduce them.
  o Peace of Mind. Working together as a community to take steps to reduce the risk of damage from fire, helps people start to feel safer in their environment and in their homes.
  o Community-Building. Firewise activities rally people around a common cause for the good of the neighborhood, forming community ties that are especially helpful during emergency situations.
  o Access to Funding and Assistance. Preference is sometimes given to Firewise Communities/USA communities over other applicants to grant money allocated for wildfire safety or fuel mitigation.
  o Also...We've noted homeowner insurance rate increases attributed to the fire risk, especially here in the west....
Open Forum & Announcements

What Else Do You Want To Hear About?

Or….

What Else Should We Be Working On?
Meeting Wrap-up
Board Work Session
New Business

- **Officer Elections** **ACTION**: Strasser moved, Piepmeyer second to retain current officers
- **Annual Report** **ACTION**: Approved to post (Mooney) to city site
- Roy: Firewise Update (since we’re making good progress, maybe discuss next steps which could include BV-wide emergency planning – natural disasters, power outages, fire response, etc.) **DISCUSSION**: Focus on current and future HOA apps
- Neighborhood Association Collaboration – next slide (suggestion online to reformat this group on a social media platforms open only to NA board members) **DISCUSSION**: Tweedle to broach subject to current group by email about reformatting
- **WSA/SH21 Intersection inquiry with ITD** – review objective of effort **ACTION**: Fennie to lead, working with Williams - counsel from Piepmeyer/Mooney
- Additional opportunities: NIP, BVNA annual report (wins tracking), adopt-a-road/cleanup planning, NA-wide social event (maybe tag onto National Night Out), others? **ACTION**: Rob to lead NIP in 2024 if IBO is goal / Williams to lead road cleanup
- **In-meeting ACTION**: Swain and Tweedle to develop annual calendar of milestone activities to allow for better visibility and earlier action on items
20 yr. old NA Collaborative appears to be dead

- BVNA director interested? It’s an opportunity and needs leadership and realignment (Roy & John can offer perspectives after long engagement with this group)

**ACTION:** Tweedle to broach subject of reformatting group to current participants

Hi, all – I’m sending this out on behalf of Deanna Smith and myself, who have been co-facilitating these monthly meetings of Boise’s Neighborhood Association leaders for the past two decades.

This year mark 20 years since the founding of this effort to deepen and, ultimately broaden, the conversations between Neighborhood Association leaders about how they envision Boise’s future.

Although Deanna and I have gladly continued to serve in this role since the initial efforts in 2004 to keep Neighborhood Associations in communication with each other, we have both reached a point in our respective personal lives where we are ready to turn the reins over to someone else, in the hope that they will have the same level of commitment to see this effort through for … maybe another two decades?!?

The power of neighborhood leaders coming together to share their respective knowledge and experience, and to shore each other up in times of conflict, as well as to broaden each neighborhood’s perspective beyond its immediate borders has been, I think, immeasurable. It’s one of those intangibles that helps make Boise what it is and helps ensure its livability qualities will endure well into the future.

**The next meeting of Collaborative Visioning is scheduled for Thursday, February 8th, at noon via ZOOM.**

I will be happy to share the CV Distribution List with whoever is willing to step up and lead.

Perhaps various NA leaders would like to take turns “hosting” the meeting each month?

**YOU ARE** Collaborative Visioning.

It exists **FOR YOU**.

**YOU**, individually and collectively, are its **FUTURE**.
Ongoing Business & Follow-ups

- Warm Springs “clean-up” in Spring – Katie (include cell tower sidewalk landscaping suggestion? **ACTION**: Establish Q2 date - Williams to lead

- BVNA logo use (BarberValleyThreads.com) - Tax consequences? **ACTION**: No consequences - Williams to contact neighbors to start “business arrangement” discussion

- Alta Harris strategy – further action? **DISCUSSION**: Stark to contact Black and Mooney contact Fowler about updates / Discuss next steps in March as city budget process approaches

- Peace Valley sign quality **DISCUSSION**: Hallam to ask city about master planned work and address quality concerns

- “Passive” donation. **DISCUSSION**: Swain to finalize Zion Bank Zelle or other options for neighbor donations - discuss approach in March

- Easement actions? Do we begin to communicate with the City regarding code compliance (conditions of approval for entitlements) on Tesoro Lot 11, Finis Terra Wildlife corridor encroachment, and Brian Sub backyard parcel access through ACHD weigh station right of way? **DISCUSSION**: Tabled until construction is complete (Tesoro)
Old/Ongoing Business

• CID status – HRCIDTA request to brief BVNA Board ACTION: Closed (Mooney email to Crowley)

• Update on Woven/WSA MONITOR: Veasy to continue to lead work with city and ACHD on frontage improvements and calming

• Website position letter addition (Veasy) ACTION: Closed - position letters are now on the website
2024 Major Focus Areas - Board Ownership

Barber Valley NA

Officers: Mooney-President / Stark-VP / Veasy-Secretary / Swain-Treasurer

Parks/Trails: Hallam
Development: Veasy/Mooney
Transportation: Piepmeyer
Neighborhood Investment Program: Stark
Neighborhood Collaborative?: Tweedle
Annual Report & “Wins”: Tweedle
Emergency Coordination/Firewise: Tweedle
Website & Communication: Veasy
Grants & Finances: Swain

Miscellaneous Items
Board Calendar - Swain/Tweedle