August 2020 Board Meeting
Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams – 13 August 2020
BVNA Board Attendance – August 2020

• Present: Mooney, Moore, Veasy, Nice, Stark, Crowley, Swain, Reinhart, Santillan

• Absent: Vincent
Agenda

• Chief Ryan Lee, City of Boise Chief of Police
• Parks and Trails – Steve Moore, BVNA Vice President
• Wayfinding & Signage – Kay Nice, BVNA Director
• Transportation Update – Rob Stark, BVNA Director
• Harris Ranch Elementary School update – Katie Swain, BVNA Director
• Firewise – Hank Vincent, BVNA Director
Chief Ryan Lee
Chief of Police, City of Boise
Barber Valley – “Bridge to Bridge”

- Parkcenter Bridge
- Eckert Bridge
- Hwy 21 Bridge

2010 Video
2020 Video
• Barber Valley is a ‘narrow’ neighborhood sandwiched between two immense conservation areas
  • North/South traffic arterial (“residential” as defined by ACHD Master Street Map)
  • Neighborhood is sometimes described as “Harris Ranch”
  • Community activity centers that define the neighborhood
    • Idaho Shakespeare Festival
    • Barber Park – and the resulting ‘floater parking’ issues during the river float season
    • Schools – East Junior High, Riverstone International, Harris Ranch Elementary (coming 2024)
Recent City Staff Background to City Council

- Commercial and residential developments are quickly coming on-line along the WSA corridor and may be required to develop roadway improvements associated with the 5-lane Warm Springs Ave cross section and rights-of-ways for double-lane roundabouts.

Figure 4: Barber Valley and Harris Ranch, Red Areas Not Built-Out
Neighborhood Demographics

- **Neighborhood Population:** 5,287
- **% of Citywide Population:** 2.3%

### Demographic Statistics

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### Housing Units

- **Total Neighborhood Housing Units:** 2,216
- **% of Citywide Housing Units:** 2%

### Housing Units by Type

- **Owner Occupied Housing Units:** 88%
- **Renter Occupied Housing Units:** 7%
- **Vacant Housing Units:** 5%
- **Median Home Value:** $368,307
  - Citywide: $222,462

### Additional Statistics

- **Average Autos per Household:** 2.1
- **Households with 0 Vehicles:** 0%
- **Drive Alone Commute Trips:** 74%
- **Mobile Homes:** 5%

Sources: 2019 Esri Demographic & Market Estimates; 2019 VRT Routes; 2018 ACHD Bike Facilities; 2018 Ada County Tax Assessors Office; 2013 Tree Canopy & Impervious Surface; 2012-2016 American Community Survey

18 | Updated 10/2019
Neighborhood Issues

• Boise River floater parking
  • Overflow from Barber Park into Barber Junction neighborhood
  • Other parking issues are HOA/CCR-centric (e.g. RVs in street)
  • BVNA requested that the BPD consider summer float weekends a “Special Event, just as a home Bronco football game brings out increased police presence

• Barber Pool and Intermountain Bird Observatory
  • Trespassing – graffiti – homeless camping

• Traffic Speeds on Warm Springs Avenue
Chief of Police Ryan Lee

- Chief Lee spent an hour taking questions from each of the board members.
  - Highlighted the budget structure of BPD which is commendable from his perspective and reflects a change in community policy approaches that Boise reached 25 years ago.
  - Also emphasized the City is approaching a population where many cities have historically experienced an exponential growth in the demand for police services.
    - This ‘break point’ often occurs at 300-400K metropolitan population, which Boise is rapidly approaching.
  - In the course of discussing active transportation options, he emphasized that he would seek to expand beyond the current BPD focus on Education, Enforcement, and Engineering (link here). He will seek to add a fourth “E” which is Evaluation of the efforts to improve bike/ped safety.

- We were exceptionally pleased the Chief devoted so much time to our neighborhood. He responded to every question with a deep knowledge of each issue and listened with great interest to our concerns. The BVNA board consensus was the City made an outstanding selection for our new Chief of Police.
Parks and Trails

Steve Moore, BVNA VP
Parks & Trails – Update August 13, 2020

- **Goatheads**: 81 lbs of puncture vines & Goatheads collected on July 25 by 5 Barber Valley Volunteers. A hard sell given Corona Virus, hot temperatures, and weeding... Some patches of goatheads remain, maybe they can be addressed by individuals.

- **Tram Trail parking lot** and cross walk are now complete and being used effectively; cross walk provides a much safer crossing of Warm Springs Avenue.

- Received response from **Idaho Fish and Game on our Trail hazard survey** (Krista Biorn, 8/10/20):
  1. Rain in late May and vehicle use caused more ruts and damage to E. Highland Valley Road/Shaw Mtn road.
     If funding becomes available, IDFG will try to make repairs before winter. *(This is their focus, IDFG does not close the road in wet conditions, so this problem will continue to exist.)*

  2. David Gordon, Ridge to Rivers surveyed the trails in the WMA.

   #13-Cobb/#11-West Highland Valley: Minor rutting, not significant enough to merit repairs at this time.

   “#8-Lucky Peak/East Shaw Mountain Road, #12-Homestead: several short sections of mild to moderate erosion, these Sections were easily negotiated, repairs would require larger machinery. They will only maintain Cobb, West Highland Valley, and Homestead as needed, since there are more pressing needs in the system at this time.”

   IDFG offered to let BV 10 volunteers do repairs with rakes and by hand at T13-4 (Cobb). Reduce trail widening by placing boulders along section. Reduce rutting by bringing in road mix/fill and smoothing out with tractor and box Grader. Trail users could look for funding opportunities...
Other Parks & Trails Issues

• Alta Harris Park
  • “Closed and Awarded” – see below; contracts/approvals this month with tentative start in September.

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**Bid Date:** August 5th, 2020  
**Bid No:** FB 20-208  
**Title:** Alta Harris Park Development  
**Department:** Parks  
**Number of Plan Holders:**

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Wayfinding & Signage

Kay Nice, BVNA Board
Wayfinding & Signage Update - July

- **2019 Grant $16k** – NA identification logo design and sign toppers
  - Toppers are in production with estimated July 2020 as delivery date
  - Then to ACHD to schedule installation

- **2020 Grant $20k** - standalone signage
  - Advised NIP (Nikki Crane) and fabricator (Signs2U) of board approval
  - Waiting for NIP team approval of locations, then get ACHD/Williams Family OK
    - Eckert & Warm Springs Avenue in front of the Market
    - Parkcenter Blvd – south side on curve at bottom of bridge on MA Williams property

- **2021 Grant $2,100** – Greenbelt ped/bike signage
  - **APPROVED** grant for 11 signs with final locations TBD
  - Will work with Idaho Smart Growth (Deanna Smith)
  - Project Manager is Wendy Larimore at Parks & Recreation
Proposed Stand-Alone Signage – as of 10 Jun
Transportation

Rob Stark, BVNA Board
Transportation Update

• Ped Crossing Status
  • Warm Springs/Maynard & Warm Springs/Skybar: COVID delay
  • Eckert/Arrow Junction: Alta Harris Park development delay

• Master Street Map – next step?

• Sidewalk Improvements & MSM Change

• Float Season Parking

• Warm Springs Ave speed limit
  • Shall we initiate another attempt to lower the WSA speed limits?
2015 BVNA Letter to ACHD Commission

• The Barber Valley Neighborhood Association respectfully requests your consideration of the establishment of a valley-wide maximum speed limit. We understand the new Warm Springs bypass speed limit is proposed to be 45 MPH when complete later this year. We believe a lower maximum speed limit (35 MPH) should be considered throughout the valley to honor the objectives of the Barber Valley planning ordinances (SP01 and SP02).

• Updated traffic counts and a reduction in planned commercial development within the Barber Valley point to a reduced requirement for high capacity and high-speed traffic through the valley. We believe ACHD should be planning for traffic calming options throughout the valley, versus the establishment of a 'through' route that encourages Highway 21 traffic to cut through the valley to downtown Boise and points west. A 'through' route and associated speed limits is contrary to the planning objectives of SP01 and SP02, especially as it relates to multi-modal transportation and wildlife preservation. It is also inconsistent with the previous public investment in the Highway 21 Boise River bridge and development of the Federal Way routing from Highway 21 to downtown Boise.
2015 BVNA Letter to ACHD Commission

- The very narrow East Warm Springs Avenue corridor east of Eckert Road to Highway 21 is constrained (re; congested) with new residential developments (River Heights and East Valley) and existing schools (East Junior High and Riverstone School). This corridor also bisects the Boise River Wildlife Management Area and the Barber Pools Conservation Area. Encouraging high speed through traffic between these two wildlife preservation areas without the commensurate wildlife crossing infrastructure is ill-advised public policy. If we are not prepared to construct expensive wildlife crossings, then we advocate that traffic must be calmed to reduce motorist/wildlife collisions.

- The current 45 MPH limit from Highway 21 to the original River Heights development creates additional traffic issues as vehicles enter from the new River Heights developments, Riverland Terrance, and the new East Valley development. Westbound traffic is reduced to 35 MPH just prior to the schools and at the entrance to the Idaho State Department of Parks and Recreation offices and the Idaho Shakespeare Festival. This speed reduction is on a downhill grade and is followed by the school zone limit of 20 MPH (when active). We believe this speed reduction to 35 MPH should begin as you enter the valley just off Highway 21, or no later than Highland Valley Road.

- We request your consideration of a maximum speed limit of 35 MPH throughout the valley. We believe this honors our commitment to multi-modal traffic measures, motorist, pedestrian and bicyclist safety, and is consistent with the residential nature of Barber Valley and East Warm Springs Avenue.
Harris Ranch Elementary School

Katie Swain, BVNA Director
Firewise

Hank Vincent, BVNA Director
Please Participate – Wildfire Workshops

• Developed by the Boise State Hazard and Climate Resilience Institute, in collaboration with Idaho Firewise, the Fire Adapted Communities Network, and the City of Boise Fire Department.

• In our workshop, you will learn more about...
  • wildfire risks in Boise’s Wildland Urban Interface (WUI)
  • where fires have happened before
  • what you can do to make your home, neighborhood, and family safer
  • the important role each of us play in protecting our property and community from wildfire

• All attendees will be eligible for a FREE wildfire home assessment.

• In addition, all attendees who participate* in the pre- and post- workshop survey will also be entered to win a prize. Prizes include:
  • Yeti cooler / $50 Gift Card / Local wine package
    • *Attendees will be asked to fill out short pre-and post- workshop surveys to help us measure how effective the workshop was. You must be at least 18 years old to take the survey, but kids are welcome to attend the workshop.

• We are currently offering four virtual workshops (will be held via Zoom). However, we may add new dates – so be sure to check our website for updates.
  • August 26, 2020 (Option 1: 12 – 1:15 pm; Option 2: 5 – 6:15 pm)
  • September 9, 2020 (Option 1: 12 – 1:15 pm; Option 2: 5 – 6:15 pm)

• Please register for one of these workshops via this link:
Community Wildfire Workshops
Learn how you can protect your family & property

Each of us has an important role to play in protecting our property & community from wildfire.

Come learn about simple steps you can take to make your home, family & neighborhood safer when a wildfire occurs.

All attendees* will be,
• eligible for a FREE home wildfire assessment
• entered to win a prize

Prizes include:

- Yeti Cooler 35
- $50 Gift Card
- 3 bottles of local wine

*A audience will be asked to fill out short pre- and post-workshop surveys to help us measure how effective the workshop was. You must be at least 18 years old to take the survey, but kids are welcome to attend the workshop.

Questions? Contact carolinemharrison@boisestate.edu

Workshop presented by:

Boise State University
Firewise
Boise Fire Department

Capt. Jerry McAdams
Watch Boise Fire Dept. Capt. Jerry McAdams discuss our role in reducing the impact of wildfire in our community.

Video at: bit.ly/1se7mZ4

Watch the video now!
Meeting Wrap-up

John Mooney, BVNA President
Miscellaneous Topics

• Candidate Forums
  • Upcoming ACHD Candidate Forum organized by Boise NA Network (BNAN)
  • What do we want to ask the ACHD Candidates? What are our concerns in relation to transportation in Ada County, and specifically in the Barber Valley?
    • We will forward a question to the planners asking about the candidate views regarding the Master Street Map in the Barber Valley; do they support our effort to change the MSM from a 5-lane map to a 3-lane map (single lane parkway with single-lane roundabouts)?

• BVNA Social – we discussed Sep/Oct in July....
  • No current plans based on the pandemic status
Please review 10 Aug public hearing video:


State Statute Objective

- Provide alternate financing tools to provide public infrastructure
- Predictable, improved, and accelerated public infrastructure development

Issues: transparency, high tax rate, investment decisions without public (homeowner) input

CID Meeting Summary

- First public engagement w/testimony
- Board (Clegg, Woodings, Thomsen) agreed that CID information available to the public is lacking

Next hearing is 25 August

City of Boise Finance Department will offer BVNA “assistance” if we desire

ACTION: Board to request presentation or Q&A at September BVNA Board meeting
### Harris Ranch CID Project Costs Reimbursed to Harris Ranch Developers in 2019 (*):

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Add:
- Bond Insurance Costs: 65,000
- Debt Service Reserve: 52,000

**Total proceeds paid to Harris Ranch Developers via Bonds**: $3,921,938

**Land Value**
- $2,443,904
- 62.3% (Developers: Barber Valley Development/Doug Fowler, Harris Family Limited Partnership/Brian R Harris, Mildred Davis, and Felicia H Burkhalter)
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