Barber Valley NA Meeting Agenda
14 June 2018 ~ Mill District Clubhouse

• Greenbelt Re-Opening – Scott Koberg, Ada County Parks and Waterways
• Pheasant Heights Status – John Mooney, BVNA Board
• Transportation – Celeste Miller, BVNA Board
• Neighborhood Trails & Mapping Project – Steve Moore, BVNA Board
• Finis Terra Status - John Mooney, BVNA Board
• Board Issues
  • Wayfinding Contract Status
  • BVNA Welcome Letter
  • Strategy: Finis Terra & Pheasant Lane applications
Pen Canal Greenbelt Project

Scott Koberg, Ada County Parks and Waterways
Pheasant Heights – 4 June Hearing
PZC Approved with Conditions

Revised Conditions Approved by PZC on 11 June
Boise City Council Hearing date is TBD

John Mooney, BVNA Board
Thanks to the Applicants!

• A series of neighborhood charrette meetings in November 2017
• The applicants and their representative listened and adjusted their development approach
• This was very close to a ‘blank sheet’ application that began with the topography itself and then transitioned to community concerns

The Neighborhood Association commends the applicant for a nearly ‘textbook’ example of a charrette approach to development and complying with the “policy basis” established in the Harris Ranch Specific Plan (SP-01)
However.....we do have some concerns and requests

1. Wildlife/Wildfire Considerations
2. Recreational Connectivity

BVNA will emphasize both themes this evening

*We will emphasize them again next week when you review the Finis Terra application*
Wildlife & Wildfire Concerns

• **Wildlife: Help!!!!**
  - The Planning Staff report is 158 pages long
  - If you search for “wildlife” in the application, it is noted 11 times
    - Those 11 mentions of “wildlife” are ALL contained in the BVNA letter
  - BVNA strongly requests PZC action to add a condition of approval to ensure all future homeowners participate in a wildlife mitigation fund
    - The applicant expressed support for entering a wildlife mitigation agreement during the charrette meetings, yet there is no mention from either applicant nor staff
    - As this is an “orphan parcel” in the Barber Valley and not immediately conditioned by SP-01 or SP-02, either the Harris Ranch Wildlife Mitigation Association (SP-01) or the Idaho Fish and Wildlife Foundation (SP-02) would be compatible options.

• **Wildfire:** BVNA strongly supports the Boise Fire Department requirement for a wildfire safety plan.
NOTE: WMA trails are not managed by the City, but by IDFG as part of the WMA. R2R has an agreement to post these trails on their maps/website but maintenance is conducted by IDFG. With more use, there is more erosion and higher expectations that they will be maintained like the rest of the R2R trails. This furthers the case to provide managed connectivity away from the WMA.
Strategies

**Goal 1**
Provide a variety of trail experiences that welcome a range of recreational activities.

A. Expand the trail system.
Continue to sustainably and strategically expand the trail system, over time.
- Continue to work closely with private landowners to identify and reserve trail opportunities.
- Continue to work with Ridge to Rivers partner agencies to provide opportunities on public lands.
- Continue to work with partner organizations to connect Ridge to Rivers trails with other trail systems and recreation opportunities.
- Create connections among existing trail areas and public lands. A list of possible citizen-prioritized connections is included in the map New Trail Connections. Additional connections not identified in the map could be prioritized as opportunities arise.
- Identify a suite of strategies to expand resources for expansion and management (See Goal 5).

B. Maintain a shared use, multi-use system.
Continue designation of the majority of Ridge to Rivers trails as shared use trails to accommodate runners, hikers, equestrians, bikers and other non-motorized uses. Continue to provide existing motorized recreation opportunities on trails #4 and #6 and sustainably manage.

**Motorized Recreation**

![Photo courtesy of Boise River Service]

**Do you support the idea of some separation of trail usage in the future?**
Trail Plan Survey

- Yes: 43%
- No: 24%
- I’m not sure: 33%

C. Provide a diverse array of trail experiences.
Include a range of uses from biking, running, and walking to equestrian and motorized uses; from adrenaline action to slower-paced appreciation; and from areas that are easy to quiet areas with opportunities for solitude.
- Develop, update and manage to a recreation opportunities spectrum that allows users to find different types of experience, including portions of the Foothills with relatively less use. See the explanation of R2R recreation opportunity spectrum categories on the following pages.
- Create and maintain recreation experience zones according to the R2R recreation opportunity spectrum. See the map on page 33 which identifies the proposed location of recreation experience zones. In defining the current zones or adjusting them for the future, consider:
  - Current and projected use density
  - Carrying capacity of trails (singletrack or double track, etc.)
  - Ease of access
  - Land management policies

**Note:** The idea of a trail connection between the Table Rock area and the Boise River Wildlife Management Area, while currently not feasible, was popularly supported.
There is a compelling need to manage recreation for a neighborhood blessed (and constrained) by the Boise River WMA and Barber Pools:

- Only 2 Trailheads in the Barber Valley
- +10,000 population (2025)
- Restricted-use conservation lands
- Equals +11,000 trespassing incidents (winter 2016)

We can provide a managed recreation outlet by connecting the Barber Valley with the larger R2R trail system

........this may be the last chance!
A concept to connect WMA trails with Table Rock

- Adjacent landowner (JH Wise) met with City and applicant representative on 6 December and agreed a trail connection from Pheasant Heights to Table Rock would be possible
- BVNA sought a public/private fundraising collaboration in August 2017 – made seller’s agent aware of BVNA offer to partner with a prospective buyer
- A lesson from the recent 25-acre Maynard Gulch (Ramaker) purchase:
  - Our neighbors are conservation-minded and will contribute financially to well-devised public conservation campaigns
Revised Conditions of Approval (excerpts) – Approved by PZC on 11 June

• Thanks to Lisa Johnson – Harris Ranch, for her testimony in support of the requested trail condition of approval.

• Attached 5’ sidewalks are required on private roads & around the cul-de-sacs.

• Lot 6 shall require further review from the Boise City Public Works Hillside and the Boise City Fire Departments to be deemed buildable.

• The applicant shall work with the Harris Ranch Wildlife Mitigation Association to provide new homeowners with information regarding wildlife in the area, trail closure dates, and any areas off limits to human activity.

• The Development Agreement shall include language to allow for an easement for a future trail connection on Lot 11 which shall be granted to adjacent properties with the alignment, construction and maintenance determined by Ridge to Rivers or another public entity and lot owner(s).
BVNA Transport News

Flying Cars
ACHD/Finis Terra
WSA Committee
Celeste Miller, BVNA Board
Issues & Concerns
- Wildlife Passage
- Bike/Ped crossing
- City Park entrance
- Community Gateway
- School bus operations
- Expanded Right of Way
Finis Terra @ ACHD

• Convey BVNA Gateway Message through
  • Safety – Look at subdivision as opportunity to Calm traffic; re-direct it; anticipate MORE of it (new park, IBO, upgraded Greenbelt, ROW) Crosswalk eg.
  • All Road Users – Consider all who will pass by (National Street Message).
ACHD Receptive?

• Commissioners Hansen and Woods – YES
• Others? Not sure
• Quote of the night:
  • “ACHD has BVNA’s back!”

ACHD Response to BVNA “Corridor Study”

• “I have reviewed your request with Leadership here at ACHD and at this time there is not a nexus for ACHD to assign staff to this item. A corridor plan was initiated years ago as a requirement by the city of SP-02 but was never required to be completed. At this point the only significant development left will be by the City when they develop the proposed park. If the city or your group would like to propose corridor improvements and a funding source, ACHD would be happy to review a proposal.”

Gary Inselman, Development Services Manager
WSA Committee (Initial Meeting)

• BVNA input focused on Gateway so as to
  • Reduce cut-through traffic to downtown
  • Calming devices (round-about, street width, enhanced crosswalk
  • WSA Study upgrade mentioned

• Mesa issues discussed only fleetingly

• Largely WSA residents sounding alarm

• Take Away – wait and see

• Also…..
  • Valley Regional Transit proposal to consolidate Harris Ranch Route 18 with ParkCenter 1.
    • Seeking public comments which can be accomplished by either attending the open houses or completing online surveys. Comments are due NLT 25 June.
    • June 19th and 20th 3:00 PM – 7:00 PM at Main Street Station, 777 W. Main Street
Barber Valley Trails & Paths

Steve Moore, BVNA Board
This Just In! 4:30pm Today!
Requested Overlays of ACHD, R2R, & “directions” feature
Neighborhood Trails Map of the Barber Valley
Trails Map continued:

- Project initiated by Brandy Wilson, BVNA board member. Doug Hansen, an intern for Boise City, prepared a draft map using Arc Info ESRI Geographic Information System (GIS) software.
- A group of interested neighbors formed a review committee: Steve Moore, John Mooney, Anjanette Sabin (Harris Ranch/LENIR Ltd), Kay Nice, Lisa Hecht, and Celeste Miller.
- After individual reviews and two meetings, map is being edited by Martha Brabec (Boise City Trails/Outdoors Coordinator)-Foothills Learning Center.
- Fixes will be made due to rapid development changes and trail classifications.
- Using ACHD bikeway classifications: Bike Lane, Shared Bike Route, Neighborhood Route, Bike Blvd, Difficult (Highway Routes), Multi-Use/Greenbelt Path, Walking Trails, and Connections.
- Final product will be a downloadable map, updateable with community development and growth.
- Various base maps: streets, aerial, terrain.
- Zoomable for detail.
- Printed map?
Trails Have Been a Significant Discussion For Both Pheasant Heights and Finis Terra

NOTE: The East Valley section of the Barber Valley Trail will be ‘repaired’ in late July
Finis Terra Status

Decision Deferred until 6 August
Applicant asked to consider 4 issues
Finis Terra does NOT include wildlife and recreation connectivity

- Does not include a wildlife corridor to ease movement to and from the Boise River Wildlife Management area, the Barber Pools Conservation Area, and the Boise River
- Does not accommodate continuation of the Barber Valley Trail outlined in the Boise City Comprehensive Plan which connects neighborhoods with one another at the base of the foothills – eases bike/ped travel and connection to valley schools

*Barber Valley Trail created by establishment of HOA common lots in Spring Creek, Triplet Ranch, River Heights, and East Valley – why not Finis Terra?
• This suburban ‘strip’ is unique within the City
• ‘Sandwiched’ between two large conservation areas that represent immense private/public investment (e.g. Barber Pools & Hammer Flat)
• Development in this area should demand more than a typical subdivision application
• Wildlife considerations should occupy a higher priority than in other areas of the City (as emphasized by IDFG)
• Recreational pursuits (hike/bike) are problematic in a neighborhood dominated by an off-limits area (Barber Pools) and a wildlife area not managed for recreation
Option 1a/b: East/West across either north or south parcel boundary

Option 2: North/South connecting Pet Haven w/Teresa

Option 3: East/West Outside Subdivision
East/West Wildlife Corridor Best Option?

- **Option 1**
  - Would appear to significantly impact the existing application and require a redesign?

- **Option 2**
  - Would seem to require additional accommodations from Pet Haven landowner(s) who have already provided WUI defensible perimeter for Finis Terra on their property

- **Option 3**
  - Not an option; the majority of landowners are not agreeable to the proposed IDFG conditions
• City recommends extending the trail along the EAST border of the Finis Terra development
• City notes that preserving a future BVT option in the WUI perimeter would offer the opportunity to connect a safe routes to school option for Brian and Finis Terra residents
• BVT extends well beyond East JHS and is intended to eventually connect with Pheasant Heights at the NW corner of the neighborhood
Barber Valley Trail

• Currently terminates at Highland Valley Road

• Proposed south terminus of the BVT is complicated by IDFG on east and private property in Brian subdivision to the south

• A “future opportunity” path crossing the gulch would be problematic (steep slope)

  • BUT: it would connect Brian and Finis Terra with schools, other neighborhoods, and the Ridge to Rivers trails
• Proposed Barber Valley Trail would dead-end into private property
• Either provide trail exit into Finis Terra, or....
• Seek IDFG approval to go around private landowner and connect to S. Eastwood Place
Neighborhood Connectivity

• Warm Springs Avenue has no bike/ped facilities
• Request a temporary asphalt path from Finis Terra to Highland Valley Road
• Requested bike/ped facility would match Pen Canal crossing 1 mile north
• Boise School District states Safe Routes to School Impact: None
  • BVNA questions this assessment; both East JHS and Riverstone are within 1.5 miles of Finis Terra
Pen Canal Crossing 1 mile NW of Finis Terra
Temporary asphalt surface to facilitate bike/ped safety awaiting WSA corridor improvements
BVNA requests the Commissioners recommend a proactive and collaborative City-led interagency planning effort to account for (1) the expanded ACHD Right of Way at the WSA/Teresa intersection, (2) proposed City Park, (3) development of the BSU Intermountain Bird Observatory facility, (4) historic/cultural sites (e.g. Oregon Trail, Beaver Dick Crossing, Lumber/Irrigation History), and (5) significant wildlife interactions/risk.
4 “issues” PZC would like applicant to consider

1. Teresa Dr detached sidewalk (north side of street)
2. Brian Way ‘uphill’ sidewalk (east side of street)
3. Wildlife Corridor onsite
4. Public trail easement

6 August Hearing to reconsider application
Miscellaneous Notes

• Neighborhood Investment Program Awards Announced 19 July
  • Mayor announces project awards: 12pm in Fairmont Park

• New Restaurant Parking
  • Conditional Use to exceed parking maximum
  • 3077 E. Barber Valley Drive, 6-7pm on 21 June
  • Informal: stop by anytime during the hour to provide feedback
  • Barber Valley requires 22 parking spaces; proposing 79 (closer to Boise requirements)

• Citizen’s Planning Academy
  • 11 July, 6pm: Energize our Neighborhoods: Building Capacity and Empowering Residents to Support and Celebrate Vibrant neighborhoods
Board Business

• The BVNA by-laws designate January as the annual meeting due to the elections of the board members (Section 2.4 and 4.3). However, it does not establish a specific day for the annual meeting, such as the second Thursday of the month. Could BVNA amend the by-laws to designate that specific day at an upcoming meeting, per the standards in Section 7.1?

• BVNA Welcome Letter – Distributed to Coffee Mill & Harris Ranch

• Strategy Review – Finis Terra (next hearing 6 August)
  • Wildlife Corridor or Wildlife Mitigation Fund?
  • Setbacks
  • Barber Valley Path
  • Teresa and Brian alignment – access issues
  • Collaboration with City (Sue Howell and IBO)

• Strategy Review – Pheasant Lane (next engagement trails planning)
  • Trail connectivity

• WSA Community Gateway Project
Backup Slides