Barber Valley NA Meeting Agenda
8 November 2018 ~ Mill District Clubhouse

• The Gateway Reserve
  • Aka “12 Acre Property”, “Triplett”, “Sewage Lagoons”
• Transportation – Celeste Miller, BVNA Board
• Neighborhood Investment Program
• Development Applications - John Mooney (BVNA Board)
• Miscellaneous: WMA, Firewise, Elections, Greenbelt Alignment, Peace Valley
• Break
• BVNA Board Meeting
  • Wayfinding Contract Status
  • Transportation suspense to the City
  • Election Coordinator
The Gateway Reserve
“12 Acre Property”

Fred Boelter, ISF Board of Trustees
Mark Hoflund, ISF Managing Director
Jan Johns, Executive Director, Idaho Foundation for Parks and Lands
BVNA Transport News

Celeste Miller, BVNA Board
Boise City to ACHD
2019
BVNA Priorities List to City, WSA

• ACHD licensing Agreement with City of Boise for uses of the ROW near WSA/Hwy 21 intersection to include landscaping treatment consistent with park amenities.

• Evaluate realignment of WSA from Teresa Dr. to shift centerline of the road near weigh station to the east for a curvilinear route to manage speed as drivers enter from south and travel NW.
BVNA Priorities List to City, WSA

• Identify where WSA center turn lanes are needed and plan to coincide with ACHD’s next re-surfacing project and include bikeable shoulders

• Evaluate a target speed of 30 mph for WSA in light of: Wildlife crossings; differing, existing speed limits; the Finis Terra subdivision at build-out; Teresa Dr. access to new park and FT (where school bus stops); and that newly refurbished greenbelt and IBO will increase bike and pedestrian uses
BVNA Priorities List to City, Underpasses

• Express neighbors’ support for planned underpasses from Village Green under PCB to access river and under Eckert to access Alta Harris Park (shared use pathways reduce user conflicts).

• Suggest that lighting, lines of sight, and other safety features be incorporated into these designs.
BVNA Priorities List to City, Wildlife

• Work with ITD, ACHD and COMPASS to identify special funding opportunities to construct a wildlife underpass along Warm Springs between HWY 21 and Teresa, or placement identified by Idaho Fish and Game as a wildlife corridor.
BVNA Priorities 2019, Crosswalks

- Under consideration: From asphalt path to Spring Creek Western entrance across HR Rd;
- Re-visit one from E. Arrow Junction across Eckert to Greenbelt Eckert Spur;
- WIP: Across WSA at “old” Eckert.
BVNA Priorities List to City, Roundabouts

• Upon consideration of any roundabouts between Eckert and HWY 21 consider “mini” roundabouts as used at Shoshone and Cassia streets.
• If traffic is expected to exceed volume for minis consider smaller circular island diameters.
**ACHD Interactive Comments Map**

https://achd.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=7c8aa5d33c554f5181340d5be044c20b

**Project Year: 2019**

**Project Location:** Barbar Dr Bridge #1335, 1.0 miles NW/O Warm Springs Blvd

**Project Description:** Replace/widen bridge #1335 over Warm Springs Creek on Barber Dr.

[Click here to enter your Comments](#)

**Project Year: 2020**

**Project Location:** Warm Springs Ave, Glacier Dr / Glacier Dr

**Project Description:** Construct sidewalk on the north side of Warm Springs Ave from 320’ northwest of Glacier Dr to the southeast corner of Riverland Terrace Subdivision.

[Click here to enter your Comments](#)

**Project Year: 2020**

**Project Location:** Eckert Rd and Arrow Junction Dr Pedestrian Crossing

**Project Description:** Install crosswalk, curb ramps and lighting to improve pedestrian connectivity and safety at the intersection of Eckert Rd and Arrow Junction Dr.

[Click here to enter your Comments](#)
Help....We Need to Influence the NEXT IFYWP!!!

• Next Budget Opportunity: FY2020-2024
  • Neighborhood Comments to BVNABoise@gmail.com NLT 30 Nov to meet City of Boise 12 December suspense date
Valley Regional Transit Changes

• VRT collected public comment through **October 6** and the VRT Board of Directors approved the service changes on **October 22** for implementation in **January 2019**.
  • Additional Direction for VRT staff to work with the City of Boise to consider options for providing higher peak period frequencies on the 1 Parkcenter/Harris Ranch route.

• **OUTSTANDING PUBLIC INPUT** from Barber Valley Neighbors!!!!
  • Riders in Harris Ranch were concerned about the loss of transit service to the stop at Warm Springs and Eckert: new service will extend the Parkcenter/Harris Ranch service to the existing stop at Warm Springs and Eckert.
Route Change Iteration
Traffic & Transportation Contacts

• Boise Police Department
  • Neighborhood Services: https://police.cityofboise.org/neighborhood-services/
    • The Boise Police Department recognizes that strong neighborhoods make for a stronger community. Neighborhood Contact Officers (NCO) are available to help solve long term problems that impact neighborhood safety. Our NCO is K. Wittmuss and can be reached primarily via email at kwittmuss@cityofboise.org or via phone at 208-570-6421.
  • Traffic Enforcement: https://police.cityofboise.org/online-crime-reporting/traffic-enforcement/
    • Boise police know that traffic safety is key to neighborhood safety. This online reporting system may allow you to file traffic related concerns online directly from your computer depending on the situation:
      • https://police.cityofboise.org/online-crime-reporting/
    • You may also report a traffic concern directly to the Boise Police Motor Patrol Office at (208) 570-6374.

• Ada County Highway District (ACHD)
  • We want to know what you think. If you have a suggestion, a comment, or a question, please call or drop us a line. Our phone number is 208-387-6100, or you can complete the form at this link:
    • http://www.achdidaho.org/AboutACHD/contactUs.aspx
  • ACHD has specialists on-call around the clock to deal with signal malfunctions, missing or damaged signs and any other issue involving the local road network. If you need assistance or to report a problem at a time outside of normal business hours (8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday), please call the Ada County Sheriff's Dispatch's non-emergency number at 208-377-6790.
Neighborhood Investment Program

Heather Stegner, BVNA Board
FY19 Grant Update

Timeline
• RFPs for designer is open until Nov. 14: [https://dfa.cityofboise.org/financial-management/purchasing/rfprfqbids/current-bids-proposals/](https://dfa.cityofboise.org/financial-management/purchasing/rfprfqbids/current-bids-proposals/)
  • Bid # is SRFP 19-112 – Neighborhood Signage
• Selection expected before Thanksgiving
• NAs can choose amongst the City’s designers
  • Specified that we must be given 3 designs to choose from

Identity Kit
• Neighborhood Association Logo
• Logo must be able to be adapted into a sign
• Stop sign topper(s)

Volunteers Welcome for Signage Committee Work!
• Select designer and sign design
• Interested? [BVNABoise@gmail.com](mailto:BVNABoise@gmail.com) (or talk with any BVNA Board member)
Wayfinding Proposal for Future NIP Grant Submission

Jeremy Maxand, Former BVNA Board President
Neighborhood accessibility audit

• “Listening opportunities" around multiple disabilities, not just visual impairment.
  • Wayfinding would be an example of a specific, single project that would come out of an audit
  • Neighborhood accessibility audits are new for Boise.
    • Accessibility is assessed by looking only at a specific agency, project, or element, like curb ramps or sidewalks.
    • No existing template to assess an entire neighborhood
DRAFT Wayfinding Proposal

• Overview
  • Implement a digital tool that will significantly enhance the ability of the blind and visually impaired, and other persons with disabilities, to fully and safely travel and experience Barber Valley. Demonstration Project for future City investment.

• Background
  • In many business areas the sidewalks include dining tables/chairs and serve as obstacles, especially for those with disabilities. Barber Valley streets (current and future) are well laid-out; however, our local trails are difficult for disabled neighbors to use and therefore they miss out on the opportunity for a more efficient and peaceful option to move within the neighborhood.

• Emerging Technologies
  • Informational signs are often inaccessible to neighbors with impairments
  • New smart phone apps leverage mapping services to provide more information to disabled users: BlindSquare, TheSeeingEyeGPS, NearByExplorer, NearByExplorerOnline, AroundMe, Lazarillo
Emerging Wayfinding Technologies

• Current Apps
  • Provide information about what might be around the user but are dependent upon mapping services and businesses to update databases and also lack the ability to provide trail information or to help pedestrians locate trail heads or walking paths.

• New “Last Mile” Apps
  • Assist disabled individuals by providing more specific directional information (e.g. finding a business doorway)
  • Beacon systems are emerging that can push digital signals to a user for specific information as well as “digital signage” (e.g. daily specials/sales) that leverage audible reader technologies.
Why Barber Valley?

• Clearly Defined Neighborhood
  • “Bridge to Bridge, River to Foothills

• New Infrastructure
  • Should be fully ADA compliant (sidewalks, curb ramps, etc.)

• Relatively moderate traffic and good/emerging pedestrian facilities
  • Thus, an ideal location technology demonstration area

• Diverse Experiences
  • Good mix of existing and future “places” outlined in the Barber Valley Placemaking Plan (outdoor recreation, cultural activities, business centers, medical, and educational facilities)

• Future Opportunities
  • Central business district in Harris Ranch, parks (Alta Harris, Sue Howell, Intermountain Bird Observatory), new village center elementary school

• Supportive Partners
  • Barber Valley Development (LeNir) may be in a position to provide additional resources.
Development Applications

John Mooney, BVNA Board
Self-Storage Facility
Proposed Self-Storage Facility in Harris Ranch
Public Meeting was held 27 August at 6pm “on-site”
Location is highlighted below in yellow: 3000 S. Wise Way
• Storage facility as currently proposed
BVNA Supported Applicant Submission

• PZC recommended approval on 5 November
  • Condition of Approval: building design shall provide architectural treatments (e.g. modulation, windows, doors, vary heights and differing building materials) that are consistent with Harris Ranch and Citywide Design Review Guidelines and Standards.

• Special Exception for this use (storage unit) required since this parcel is “NAP” (Not A Part of either specific plan – SP-01 or SP-02)

• Next step is the City Design Review Board (public hearing)

• Harris Ranch Design Review Board has provided design guidance to the applicant over the past few months
  • Latest south elevation architecture is much improved from original proposal
BVNA Supported - Finis Terra

• 10 September: PZC hearing and recommended approval to City Council with conditions of approval
  • PZC recommended applicant adjust plat to preserve 50’ wildlife corridor
• 30 October: City Council hearing
  • Wildlife corridor was not adjusted
  • City Council voted to impose revised conditions of approval (ie. Insist on 50’ wildlife corridor)
  • Revised conditions approved at 6 November Council meeting (not a public hearing)
Finis Terra Wildlife Corridor

Proposed Lift Station

Corridor Pinch Point
Finis Terra Development Agreement Conditions of Approval
(excerpts)

• All exterior home lighting fixtures be of a design that will focus the light down to prevent light trespass from the subdivision.

• Development to become part of the Harris Ranch Wildlife Mitigation Association. In addition, residents shall be required to pay annual homeowner’s association fees to the conservation fund in accordance with the Harris Ranch Wildlife Impact Assessment and Management Plan.
Finis Terra Subdivision Conditions of Approval (excerpts)

• Reconfigure Lot 2, Block 1, or other Lots within Block 1, and the proposed pump station so as to not impede the 50-foot-wide wildlife corridor.

• Obtain final written recommendation from Idaho Fish & Game for desired material providing access to the lift station, landscape materials and placement of plantings in the wildlife corridor, with an emphasis on the Warm Springs Ave–Teresa Drive intersection.

• Improve the pedestrian crossing of Warm Springs Ave at Teresa Drive to the extent allowed by the Ada County Highway District.
Specific Plan 01 (Harris Ranch) Update

- LeNir Ltd (Barber Valley Development Company) represents the Harris family and executes the Harris Ranch Master Plan
- SP-01 first adopted in 2007 and frequently updated
- LeNir asked for BVNA input to the latest proposed revisions
- 2 hour review conducted on 7 November at LeNir offices
- Thanks to the following neighbors for their participation:
  - Celeste Miller & Kay Nice (BVNA Board)
  - Guy Levingston
  - Rob Stark
  - Joni Reget
  - Peter Wachtell
  - Hank Vincent
  - Mike Reineck
SP-01 Summary of Proposed Revisions

• Background: much of the single-family residential development north of Parkcenter Blvd is complete – time to update the commercial and mixed use blocks to the south (where the cows are.....)

• NO CHANGE TO ALLOWED DENSITY

• Maps and block layouts will be updated to accommodate roadway changes and the approved school site

• Allowed uses expanded to include self-storage facilities

• Former HR ranch-hand homesite proposal – limited development

• Changes to allowed landscaping materials (e.g. Japanese Yew not permitted)

• Overall number of units and commercial square footage – no change

• Neighbors emphasized that traffic flow around the proposed elementary school will be a significant neighborhood concern.
HISTORICAL FIRE LOCATIONS
(larger than 300 acres 1970-2007)

BVNA
Firewise

- Patrick Wilder, Spring Creek
  - Committee Lead
- Joni Mattia
  - Committee Member
Firewise Status (October)

• Patrick Wilder is our Committee Lead
  • Joni Mattia joined the committee this month and will be working with Patrick to scope our neighborhood response to educating and reducing the risk of wildfire in the Barber Valley

• We want and need more committee members to tackle this critical neighborhood challenge
  • If you’re new to the neighborhood, the 2016 Table Rock fire was a great motivator
  • If you were here for the 2016 Table Rock fire, you know how vulnerable we are living adjacent to the Boise River Wildlife Management Area and large open spaces

• Ongoing coordination with various local stakeholders
  • Primary interface with the Warm Springs Mesa NA Firewise Chairman (Tom Burns)
  • Checkout the Mesa NA Firewise webpage: http://www.warmspringsmesa.org/firewise-new-7-11-17
• Parks and Recreation Commission public hearing to approve Ramaker Master Plan
  • Also: ‘name’ the parcel

• 18 October
  • 4pm, City Hall
Peace Valley Overlook Reserve

• Parks and Recreation Commission
  • Recommended Naming
  • Recommended Master Plan
  • Awaiting final City Council approval

• Surprise – hiker only

• Trail still not complete
  • Seeking volunteers for a work party next week (any weekday from 2-5pm)
  • Ridge to Rivers crew estimates 4-6 volunteers can finish work in 2-3 hours
    • We have 3 volunteers currently
    • Please let us know if you can join in or we’ll have to cancel the effort and wait until springtime to finish the trail
Hiker only Explanation

• City invited a group of stakeholders to help guide the Reserve development planning – hiker only was a community recommendation.

• City received positive input on this recommendation during the public meeting at the Bown library.
  • The feedback was that it is very steep and very short with no connections to other trails – therefore not really of interest to the biking community.
  • Should some connections to other trails happen in the future, we are able to revisit the master plan and make adjustments as necessary.
Greenbelt Alignment – Mill District
The Gateway Reserve

Alta Harris Park

New Greenbelt Alignment
...for discussion with City

The Gateway Reserve
New Barber Valley Neighborhood Trails Map

Link to New Barber Valley Trails map:
https://boise.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=556d00efe32445a2ba01101c9ec9ffdf
# Campaign for Barber Pool Conservation Area Goal

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<td>• Costs relating to transfer of the 34 acre parcel from Ada County and potential restoration of Plantation Island Bridge and Greenbelt pathway.</td>
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Barber Pool Conservation Area
Winter Reminders

• Over 7,000 mule deer and nearly 500 elk spend the winter months on the WMA, browsing, resting and waiting out the long, cold winter season. During other seasons, both species are much less numerous.

• Winter is a difficult time for them. Forage is often at a premium, and winter temperatures, wind and snowfall tax their already limited energy reserves. Human disturbance can be extremely harmful to big game animals during this period, in some cases causing death or loss of fetuses.

• Remember Dogs On Leash at all times
• Ridge to River trails are provided courtesy of IDF&G
Fish & Game May Close the WMA each winter

- Why? Dogs off leash on WMA trails (Homestead, Highland Valley, Cobb)
  - Also.....Users not remaining on established trails
  - Also2.... “11,000 trespassers in 2016/17 winter”

- 2014 Memorandum of Understanding
  - Boise, IDFG, Forest Service, Ada County, BLM
  - These 5 agencies form a Coordinating Committee appointing 1 person/agency
    - Coordinating Committee will synchronize the management efforts of the agencies consistent with the purpose and goals of the MOU

- We need to self-police recreational activities on the WMA or risk IDFG closing Homestead, Highland Valley, and Cobb trails each winter.
Is WMA Closure a Possibility?

• “Yes. WMA managers have been interested in an annual winter trail closure for as long as I have been with Ridge to Rivers (13 years??), and perhaps longer. To date they have not been able to do so administratively, however IDFG is obviously still working on it. The Ridge to Rivers partnership has always been supportive of this measure to ensure health and viability of wintering wildlife in the WMA.”

  David Gordon, Ridge to Rivers Program Manager

• To Re-State this Message....

  • **WE ARE THE PROBLEM** and if we don’t fix it by complying with the WMA rules and educating our neighbors, we’ll likely lose the ‘administrative battle’ with IDFG, especially as we continue to gain more neighbors as Harris Ranch builds out to capacity.
BVNA Board Election – January 2019

We Want & Need Your Expertise & Energy!

- Bylaws state “at least 3 and no more than 10”: 2 year staggered terms
- Current representation from the following neighborhoods:
  - River Heights (2)
  - Dallas Harris Estates (3)
  - Riverland East (2)
  - Business (1)
  - Wade (1)
- 5 open seats

- Short (1 paragraph) bio before 31 Dec
- Ballots distributed online or at Jan BVNA meeting
13 December Meeting Preview

• Greenbelt Alignment – City Parks and Recreation will present plans to extend GB from Alta Harris Park to The Gateway Reserve

• Idaho Fish and Game: Boise River Wildlife Management Area biologist will present status of the WMA as well as explain IDFG concerns regarding trespassing during WMA closures and increasing social and “rogue” trails.
Board Business

• BVNA Positions
  • Storage Facility: 5 November PZC – letter of support and followup
  • BVNA Mailing for election, annual meeting, NIP grant, ACHD list, etc.
  • BVNA Board Contact list – email & phone?

• Past/Overdue 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?
  • Who will run the January election? Steve Moore tackled this at October meeting