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Page 1: Neighborhood Association Details

**Q1** Neighborhood Association (select from drop down)      Barber Valley

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**Q2** Please upload the Neighborhood Association Annual Report: Required Documentation.

2019\_na\_annual\_report\_required\_documentation\_fillable\_Barber Valley.pdf (271.3KB)

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**Q3** Does your neighborhood have a generic email address? Example: WestValleyNA@gmail.com

Email      board@bvnaoise.org

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**Q4** Who is the assigned representative to receive City development notices?

Name	John Mooney Jr
Address	7153 E. Highland Valley Rd
City	Boise
ZIP Code	83716
Email Address	jkscm01@gmail.com
Phone Number	208.850.8369

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**Q5** Does your Neighborhood Association Board have any representation requirements or goals (i.e. geographic, renter/owner, business representation)? If so, what are they?      Yes (please specify):  
Our goal is to begin a business representation presence in the membership. We do have a new business owner elected to the board of directors this year (2020). We have a goal to have a director representing all areas of the neighborhood, especially the under-served south end of the valley in the older subdivisions (e.g. Brian).

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**Q6** Does your board stagger terms? If so, how are the seats staggered?      Yes (please specify):  
10 seats total with 2 year terms; 5 directors up for election each year.

**Q7** Does your board have any standing committees? **Yes**

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**Q8** If any changes have been made since 2017, please attach a copy of the Association and Bylaws. **association's Articles of**

**2019\_ Bylaws\_amendments\_final\_Nov14.pdf (1.8MB)**

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Page 2: 2019 Annual Meeting

**Q9** When was your 2019 annual meeting held? **Date** **01/10/2019**

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**Q10** Where was your 2019 annual meeting held?

Mill District Clubhouse, 4057 S. Mill Site Ave, Boise, 83716

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**Q11** What was the approximate attendance at your 2019 annual meeting? **26-40**

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**Q12** How did you inform residents about the 2019 annual meeting? Check all that apply:

**City Every Door Direct Postcard Mailing,  
Neighborhood Association Website,  
Neighborhood Association Email List,  
Nextdoor Posting,  
Facebook Posting**

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**Q13** When did you begin informing residents of your 2019 Annual Meeting?

October 2018 was first reminder during monthly meeting agenda. Reminders continued in November and December, along with concerted 'recruiting' efforts by individual board members to solicit volunteers to run for board membership.

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**Q14** Did the Neighborhood Association conduct Board/Officer Elections at your 2019 annual meeting? **Yes**

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Page 3: 2019 Board/Officer Elections

**Q15** When was last board/officer elections? **January 11, 2018**

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**Q16** Where were your last board/officer elections held? **Mill District Clubhouse**

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**Q17** How did you inform residents about the board/officer election meetings? Check all that apply. **Our mailing list**

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**Q18** When did you start informing residents of your board/officer elections? **Unknown**

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Page 4: 2019–2020 Neighborhood Investment Program

**Q19** Did your neighborhood association apply for funding through the 2019–2020 Neighborhood Investment Program? **Yes**

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**Q20** Did your neighborhood association receive funding through the 2019–2020 Neighborhood Investment Program? **Yes**

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Page 6: 2019–2020 Neighborhood Investment Program

**Q21** Please provide details and updates on the 2019–2020 Neighborhood Investment Program project(s).

Barber Valley NIP Signage Project (FY2019): \$16k Grant for seven sign toppers across neighborhood is nearly fulfilled. The design process included an online survey and monthly meetings where 250 members voted to select a new neighborhood association design logo. The NA identity logo has been selected and approved by the membership. Topper locations have been approved by the NIP committee. ACHD is reviewing the locations and it is expected the signs will be installed in the coming year (2020). Phase Two of the Signage Project is the FY2020 \$20k Grant for three large stand-alone signs at significant community locations. The NIP committee has sent design requests to local vendors. Once the proposals have been evaluated, BVNA will engage the membership and community in the final selection process.

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Page 7: 2019 Highlights

**Q22** Please highlight the association's accomplishments for 2019. Accomplishments may include: Neighborhood Events (i.e. Neighborhood Clean Up, Block Party) Neighborhood Planning Efforts (i.e. Neighborhood Plan, input on ACHD Planning, etc.) Funding Awarded (i.e. Neighborhood Investment Program, Grants) Residents recognized at the Good Neighbor Awards Partnerships developed with local businesses or other organizations Other successful activities, projects or programs

Specific Plan 01 (Harris Ranch) Amendment Coordination and Testimony. 4 BVNA directors and 4 members of the neighborhood attended two coordination meetings with the Harris Ranch developer (LeNir Ltd) in November 2018. BVNA continued to inform the membership of the status of the public hearings for the Specific Plan (SP) and provided guidance and timing for neighborhood engagement as the code amendment made its way through the approval process with City Staff and City Council. BVNA provided both written and verbal testimony in February and March expressing support for the SP-01 Amendment but with concerns about the elementary school site development and the details regarding the transportation planning for the school site as well as the adjacent Harris Ranch Town Center (Village Green). BVNA testimony emphasized that a strong planning effort between City Staff, Boise School District, and ACHD is critical as the proposed elementary school is developed. Traffic flow in the heart of Harris Ranch to/from the new school will be a significant planning challenge and BVNA asked to be included in the future planning efforts. City Council approved the SP Amendment in April and BVNA testified in support but with two concerns, (1) Southeast quadrant traffic circulation, and (2) consistent definition of the term 'townhome'.

Community Garden. BVNA received interest from neighbors for a community garden and coordinated with a motivated neighbor (Jon Williams). After extensive research from Mr. Williams, the board voted to not pursue this effort. Mr. Williams agreed with our motion based on the lack of available City land and complex liability issues the BVNA was not willing and equipped to accept.

Firewise. The BVNA Firewise committee chair, Patrick Wise, resigned in January and BVNA sought throughout the year to enlist a new committee chair. The BVNA directors voted to retreat from aggressive pursuit of Firewise certification from a NA-perspective. The board determined the most effective course of action will be to provide NA-level coordination and attempt to facilitate efforts between the various Homeowners Associations (HOAs). Individual HOAs are the most appropriate organizations with the correct legal status and tools to enforce Firewise and Harris Ranch North was able to achieve Firewise certification in May 2019. Both Spring Creek and River Heights HOAs have engaged Firewise board members and BVNA hopes to facilitate additional certifications of HOAs in 2020. BVNA also hosted a wildfire workshop in October which was coincidentally the same week that a wildfire was ignited by the contractor (Granite Construction) working on the Finis Terra development. The fire burned from Finis Terra across Hammer Flat and into the foothills immediately above the south end of the Barber Valley.

Council Springs Apartments. BVNA noted that the developer improperly removed trees during excavation and appealed to City Code enforcement. The applicant was required to pay into the City Tree Fund because the City Forestry Dept said they didn't think there was sufficient room for the additional trees on the property. The City informed BVNA that an occupancy permit would not be issued until the applicant mitigated the caliper inches of trees removed during the excavation.

Greenbelt Alignment. The development of Alta Harris park raised the problem of Greenbelt routing. BVNA coordinated with adjacent Mill District neighbors in late 2018 and continued to facilitate communication between the neighbors and the Parks Department as the alignment issue was addressed. There were two meetings in 2019 but action was deferred until early 2020 to permit the City Parks Superintendent to coordinate with the numerous agencies involved in this project.

Dallas Harris Estates Townhomes (DHE 10). BVNA began interacting with the City planners in April regarding this 184-unit development adjacent to the proposed elementary school site. BVNA provided written and verbal testimony supporting the applicant but emphasized that the City and ACHD should be coordinating preliminary discussions of the traffic-flow expectations in this area as it relates to the Village Green, elementary school, and access to the Warm Springs Avenue 'bypass'.

Foothills Access. Based on BVNA success with a public easement on the Pheasant Heights development, BVNA began coordination with the developer of the Boulder Heights project immediately above (north) of Pheasant Heights. Establishing a connection from the Pheasant Heights easement to the Boulder Heights trail network (which leads connects to the Table Rock Trail system) is the goal and coordination is ongoing as 2020 begins.

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WMA Archery Range. The BVNA directors fielded several comments about the process that led to the installation of a new Idaho Fish and Game archery range on Highland Valley trail. BVNA coordinated with the City and Idaho Fish and Game (IDFG) to explain how the Highland Valley Trail archery range was installed with extremely limited public outreach. BVNA hosted a meeting in September where IDFG explained the new archery range and the membership was able to express concerns about the process and the re-routing of an established long-time hiking/biking trail. BVNA was not notified about this project which was an oversight both the City and IDFG expressed regret. BVNA addressed Wildlife Management Area (WMA) trespassing and 'social trail' issues throughout the year.

Transportation. Several projects were completed in 2019 that involved neighborhood interaction. The Barber Drive 'one-lane bridge' was replaced in April. This project was shepherded through ACHD by Mr. Mike Reineck and the BVNA Board in 2016–2018. A local neighbor, Mr. Richard Noble, also noted the safety issues presented by a poorly installed Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacon (RRFB) crossing Warm Springs Avenue into the Spring Creek neighborhood. Mr. Noble's professional and focused engagement with ACHD led to the repair of this crossing in October. Also, the neighbors on Barber Drive contacted ACHD in 2018 regarding increased vehicle speed and successfully coordinated the installation of traffic abatement devices in 2019. Finally, the BVNA conducted an online poll to support the submission of transportation project inputs to the City. 87 members participated in the online poll and two projects were submitted to the City for consideration: 1) Relocation of Barber Drive power pole; and (2) Installation of Digital speed readers on East Warm Springs Avenue east of the Idaho Shakespeare Festival.

Warm Springs Condos (Dallas Harris Estates 18). BVNA began involvement with this large condominium project in May and immediately urged the City and developer to start discussing and planning for traffic flow around the nearby elementary school. We wished to stimulate discussion about the possibility of pass-through traffic once Millbrook connects to the bypass which will jeopardize a 'pedestrian friendly' atmosphere as children access the future Harris Ranch elementary school. BVNA seeks to ensure the newly installed street infrastructure supports appropriate low-stress separated bicycle and pedestrian facilities in this high density area. BVNA recognized that the SP-01 streetscape options should have been modified during the amendment process earlier in the year. Hopefully it is not too late to install high-quality bike/ped infrastructure to support the elementary school and connectivity to the Harris Ranch Village Green area.

Website Launched. BVNA launched a website in May and used a portion of the City mini-grant funds to resource web support services. Based on the website launch, the BVNA directors voted to retreat from involvement with the BVNA Facebook page which was originally sponsored by the BVNA. The directors voted to ask the Facebook page moderators to change the name of the page and remove the BVNA associations with the intent to permit the Facebook page to focus on social and community announcements. The 'business' activities of the BVNA including meeting minutes, documents, and helpful links are now provided through the new BVNA website (BVNABoise.org).

Harris Ranch Elementary School Planning. The BVNA Board was approached by parents in June with concerns about the lack of information regarding the elementary school planning as well as the small size of the planned 'urban elementary school' site. BVNA began interacting with the Boise School District (BSD) and coordinated and hosted a public meeting in August with 70 members in attendance. The August meeting did not include any details on school design and there was significant and very forceful concern about the small size of the school site. BVNA successfully achieved a position on the school-planning group that is holding a series of "charrettes" between BSD and the developer to provide input to the design of the school site. The first charrette was in October. BVNA solicited a volunteer for this opportunity and interviewed two candidates and selected Katie Swain to represent BVNA during the school planning process. Parent representatives from Adams and Riverside Elementary Schools are also involved in the charrettes. While SP01 is probably the most thoroughly planned area of the Treasure Valley and the school site was determined several years ago and was included in SP01, many neighbors were apparently unaware of this concept. Unfortunately, this disagreement has caused a fair bit of consternation for the BVNA, the developer, and BSD. BVNA was seemingly caught between BSD and the developer. The acceptance of the 'urban school' concept was foreign to some neighbors and felt that this elementary school site was not sufficient in acreage as compared to other more suburban schools in the Treasure Valley. Because of the informational nature of BVNA, we have tried to remain neutral in this issue since we are not decision makers and the school site seemed to be well established in SP-01. BVNA is however willing to help with neighbor inputs and facilitate community meetings in 2020 and we are optimistic that school issues can be settled in 2020 so as to not delay the development of the school site into a high-quality elementary school.

BVNA Bylaws Amended. The BVNA directors approved changes to our bylaws for the consideration of the membership. A vote was

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election process, and added minimal participation levels for BVNA directors.

Peace Valley Overlook Area. BVNA has been involved in the development of this interpretative trail site that was purchased by neighbors and turned over to the city. Design and funding of elements of the interpretative trail and exhibits are in the works as BVNA works with the City of Boise.

River Floater Parking. BVNA Director Rob Stark tackled this thorny coordination problem beginning in June. Many river floaters avoid parking at Barber Park and instead occupy public parking in the new Barber Junction neighborhood which inconveniences neighbors. The delayed installation of parking at the new Alta Harris park contributed to the problem in 2019 and Rob began coordination between the City and County Parks departments as well as ACHD. BVNA also testified in October at the Parks and Recreation Commission regarding the floater parking issue and how it relates to the planned parking at the future Alta Harris park. BVNA unsuccessfully sought Parks Commission support to solve the river floater parking problem before park green-up in the spring of 2020. The resolution of this issue remains outstanding and the interim proposal we have coordinated is not a good resolution. BVNA submitted petitions to ACHD in January 2020 and hopes to get a fire marshall scheduled to review the proposed parking in early 2020. BVNA regrets that the City doesn't appear to want to assist with a resolution and the County doesn't want to have an overflow lot at this time.

Guest Speakers: this past year, BVNA hosted the following guest speakers:

Scott Jenkins, Owner/Developer of Aspen Valley Senior Living

Jennifer Tomlinson, City Parks Superintendent (Sue Howell, Alta Harris, Peace Valley Overlook)

Gregory Kaltenecker, Boise State University, Intermountain Bird Observatory

Krista Biorn, Wildlife Biologist, Boise River Wildlife Management Area

Brad Compton, Regional Supervisor, Southwest Region, Idaho Department of Fish and Game

Katelyn Menuge, City Geographic Area Planner (GAP)

Fred Boelter, RHP Risk Management, The Gateway Reserve

Angela Rossman, Harris Ranch Wildlife Mitigation Executive Director

Jerry Pugh, Community Programs Coordinator, City of Boise

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### Page 8: 2020 Planning

**Q23** Please highlight projects, programs, efforts planned for 2020. Efforts may include: Neighborhood Events (i.e. Neighborhood Clean Up, Block Party) Neighborhood Planning Efforts (i.e. Neighborhood Plan, input on ACHD Planning, etc.) Funding Awarded (i.e. Neighborhood Investment Program, Grants) Residents recognized at the Good Neighbor Awards Partnerships developed with local businesses or other organizations Other successful activities, projects or programs

NIP –signage project and neighborhood survey to select signage locations.

ACHD –input on streetscape infrastructure for new streets to be installed in the Town Center of Harris Ranch.

ACHD –continued coordination on improving the right of way in the area of an abandoned ITD weigh station.

Greenbelt Alignment –coordination with City and County on new alignment from Alta Harris park to the Idaho Shakespeare Festival area.

Sue Howell Park Planning –how to engage with the park donor and City/ACHD/BSU to efficiently develop the area. The Diane Moore Nature Center (Idaho Bird Observatory) is also a major new development at the City's southeast entrance and a quality renovation of the Warm Springs Avenue right of way and park entrance(s) is a high priority for the neighborhood.

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**Q24** The Energize Our Neighborhoods sponsors workshops throughout the year, please let us know topics of interest to your neighborhood.

ACHD Master Street Map –especially as it relates to Warm Springs Avenue between Parkcenter and Eckert.  
Ridge to River interaction –especially as it relates to Boise River Wildlife Management Area linkage with Table Rock trail network.  
Boise Parks –Alta Harris greenup and Greenbelt alignment

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**Q25** Please tell us what other resources or what types of assistance the Energize Our Neighborhoods program can offer your neighborhood. Education regarding the city planning process

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**Q26** The City welcomes photographs! (By providing photos, you give the City of Boise permission to use the images to promote neighborhoods on the website and in printed materials.)

**December Reseeding volunteers above Hammer Flat with IDFG.JPG (2.4MB)**

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**Q27** Please upload any additional photographs.

**December 2019 Meeting Diane Moore Nature Center.JPG (1.7MB)**

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**Q28** Please upload any additional photographs.

Respondent skipped this question

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