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Page 1: Neighborhood Association Details

Q1

Barber Valley

Neighborhood Association (select from drop down)

Q2

Yes (board contact form found here)

Did you submit the required Board Contact Form? Note: This is required as part of the Annual Report. It is important for the City to have the most up to date list of board members and contact information to ensure that city information is communicated to board leadership.

Q3

If any changes have been made since 2019, please attach a copy of the association's Articles of Association and Bylaws.

2019_Bylaws_amendments_final_Nov14.pdf (1.8MB)

Q4

What steps is your neighborhood association taking to ensure equitable representation and inclusion on the board, at events, and in general membership (geographic, renter/owner, demographic, business representation, etc.)?

Ongoing social media outreach, occasional placement of sandwich boards for those that miss social media outreach efforts, semi-annual postal mailings to all residents. We informally 'recruit' neighbors from all communities, especially those areas with no current or former board representation (e.g. Brian subdivision, Golden Dawn mobile home development, the only apartment complex in the NA - The Arboretum, and the assisted living facilities in the neighborhood). We also began an outreach this year (2020) to the business interests in the neighborhood, seeking a "path-finder" initial 'business member' based on the expected growth of commercial interests in the Barber Valley as the number of businesses increase. We target ALL neighbors in our outreach and communication and do not make special efforts to recruit any special class of neighbor.

Q5

What methods does your neighborhood association use to communicate with the membership? (check all that apply)

**City Every Door Direct Postcard Mailing,
Neighborhood Association Newsletter,
Neighborhood Association Website,
Neighborhood Association Email List,
Nextdoor.com Posting,
Facebook Posting,
Sandwich Boards**

Q6

Please provide links to your neighborhood association sites (if applicable):

Website:

bvnaoise.org

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/401669773305392>

Page 2: Neighborhood Communication

Q7

Electronic

Does your Neighborhood Association have an electronic or print newsletter?

Q8

How frequently do you send your Neighborhood Association Newsletter? (skip if you do not have a newsletter)

We send 2-3 newsletters each month: 1 announcing the upcoming monthly meeting followed by post-meeting announcement with the meeting minutes and other news.

Q9

How do individuals sign up to receive the Neighborhood Association Newsletter? (skip if you do not have a newsletter)

We have a contact form on our website and our newsletter is merely a frequent communication to our membership using our existing email contact list.

Q10

How many people are on your Neighborhood Association email list? (please enter 0 if your neighborhood association does not have an email list)

725

Q11

How do people sign up to be on the neighborhood association email list? (skip if you do not have an email list)

Annual postal mailings and website contact form - invitations to existing members to forward to new neighbors and frequent social media reminders to 'sign up'.

Page 3: 2020 Annual Meeting

Q12

Date

01/09/2020

When was your 2020 annual meeting held?

Q13

Where was your 2020 annual meeting held? Or what virtual platform did your neighborhood association use?

Mill District Clubhouse

Q14

41-60

What was the approximate attendance at your 2020 annual meeting?

Q15

How did you inform residents about the 2020 annual meeting? Check all that apply:

City Every Door Direct Postcard Mailing,
Neighborhood Association Website,
Neighborhood Association Email List,
Nextdoor.com Posting,
Facebook Posting,
Neighborhood Association Newsletter

Q16

4 or more weeks before

When did you begin informing residents of your 2020 annual meeting?

Q17

Yes

Did the Neighborhood Association conduct Board/Officer Elections at your 2020 annual meeting?

Page 4: 2020 Board/Officer Elections

Q18

Respondent skipped this question

When were the last board/officer elections?

Q19

Respondent skipped this question

Where were your last board/officer elections held? Or what virtual platform did you use?

Q20

Respondent skipped this question

How did you inform residents about the board/officer elections? Check all that apply.

Q21

Respondent skipped this question

When did you start informing residents of your 2020 board/officer elections?

Q22

We recognize that 2020 has been a challenging year for all. Please highlight the association's accomplishments or small wins for 2020. Highlights may include: Neighborhood Events (i.e. Neighborhood Clean Up, Block Party) Neighborhood Planning Efforts (i.e. Neighborhood Plan, input on ACHD Planning, etc.) Switching to a virtual platform for meetings Funding Awarded (i.e. Neighborhood Investment Program, Grants) Partnerships developed with local businesses or other organizations Other successful activities, projects or programs

We made the switch to a virtual platform with our April 2020 meeting via Microsoft Teams. We chose that platform based on our early March 2020 Teams meeting with City Council member Elaine Clegg where her administrative assistant suggested Teams would be a good platform going forward. The following are what we consider accomplishments for this reporting year (2020):

- 1) Pedestrian Connection - Dallas Harris Estates 18 (Warm Springs Condos): Written and verbal testimony before the City Planning and Zoning Commission and City Council to improve connectivity in the SE5 block of development in Harris Ranch. Result was the addition of a new pedestrian sidewalk along the bank of Warm Springs Creek which will connect Parkcenter Blvd with Millbrook Avenue in the southeast quadrant of Harris Ranch.
- 2) Millbrook Avenue Bicycle Facility: Written and verbal testimony before City PZC and Council to remove parking on the newly developed Millbrook Avenue to permit the addition of bicycle lanes (instead of vehicle parking). This effort was a continuation of the previous effort above (#1) where we identified significant areas for improvement, especially in bike/ped connectivity, in the City's Specific Plan 01 (Harris Ranch).
- 3) Specific Plan Process Improvement: Ongoing interaction with the City Planners throughout the year attempting to improve the Specific Plan process, given our long NA history interacting with the City's first two Specific Plans (SP). We are seeking recognition that SP coordination involves extensive up-front public engagement but the codified development plans are often too rigid to accept 'best practices' as they emerge. The SPs for our neighborhood were great when they were developed in 2007, but they now lack best practices regarding bike/ped connectivity (for example). We hope to influence the City to bring our lessons to the continued development of Specific Plan 03 (Syringa Valley).
- 4) Eckert Road/Alta Harris Park Streetscape: This was another example of a very flawed SP process. The development proposal for the new Alta Harris city park was submitted by the applicant (City Parks Department) to the City Planners. Since this was an SP development, the only public notification was for a Boise River System permit, which is a very technical, focused review. The parks department's first proposal, which was approved by ACHD, proposed the installation of an 18' vehicle travel lane, 5' bike lane, 12' planting strip, and 10' sidewalk in front of the new park. This was clearly an error that was only caught by BVNA because of our concern regarding the streetscape frontage to a new city park. We were successful in coordinating with the City Parks department, City planners, the developer, and ACHD to resolve the oversight(s) and attain an improved streetscape .
- 5) Additional Trash Receptacles Along the Ada County Section of the Greenbelt: BVNA coordinated with Ada County to install additional trash receptacles along the Greenbelt between the Idaho Shakespeare Festival and the Highway 21 bridge. The pandemic-related surge in Greenbelt usage also led to an increase in trash accumulation with no public trash receptacles in this area.
- 6) Unauthorized Camping: BVNA coordinated with both ITD and ACHD to have new "No Camping" signage installed near the Highway 21 bridge where unauthorized long-term RV camping had begun (likely pandemic related). Four signs were installed in the future Sue Howell park area which will preemptively get ahead of this issue before it becomes a City Park problem.
- 7) Barber Pool Advisory Council Coordination: BVNA participated in a series of meetings with respondents to the BPAC request for proposal (RFP) for a contract to develop a Master Plan and rehabilitation of the Barber Pool Conservation area. Through this forum, BVNA acted as a neighborhood stakeholder, along with the City Parks department, Ada County Parks and Waterways, Idaho Foundation for Parks and Lands, Idaho Shakespeare Festival, and Idaho Fish and Wildlife Foundation (on behalf of IDFG).
- 8) Enhanced Pedestrians Crossings - Warm Springs Avenue: BVNA secured two enhanced crossings projects at Skybar and Maynard which are awaiting installation when the pandemic-related slowdown in ACHD projects improves.
- 9) Wildlife Management Area trail coordination: The Boise River WMA is unique in the Ridge to Rivers trail system because recreational users of the trails are effectively recreating on a public conservation area that exists to primary support wildlife habitat and 'consumptive users' (e.g. hunters, trappers, etc.). Trail users are 'non-consumptive' and are a growing user group in our neighborhood which poses immense management challenges for Idaho Fish and Game, which manages the WMA. Although we do NOT have a concrete success in this area in 2020, we were successful in getting IDFG to finally consider minor improvements and possible additions to the existing WMA trail system.
- 10) Funding Awarded: BVNA secured a Neighborhood Investment Program in 2019 that delivered an attractive Barber Valley identity logo and 7 sign toppers. We followed that effort in 2020 with submission and approval of two standalone signs, which await installation. We were subsequently awarded a 2021 grant for eleven Greenbelt bike/ped wayfinding signs.

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11) Master Street Map Amendment (ACHD): BVNA began this effort in 2015 and the first success was the MSM Amendment in 2016 which reduced the Warm Springs Avenue MSM from 5 to 3 lanes from Eckert Road to Highway 21. The effort culminated in 2020 with the ACHD approval of the City's request to reduce the Town Center Collector (Warm Springs Avenue bypass) in Harris Ranch from a dual-lane parkway (two vehicle lanes in each direction), to a single lane parkway with single-lane roundabouts. This required extensive coordination and collaboration between BVNA and the developer (LeNir Ltd), as well as the City Transportation Department, City Planners, and ACHD. The effort was secured with detailed collaboration between BVNA and the ACHD District 1 Commissioner (Jim Hansen) who successfully proposed a motion to amend the street map with no further traffic studies required - which would have delayed this effort AND led to additional public expense.

<https://www.idahostatesman.com/news/local/community/boise/article243937952.html>

12) Peace Valley Overlook Trail Connection: BVNA led a fund-raising effort in 2017 which secured funds to purchase a 25 acre foothills parcel. The City joined the neighborhood fund raising effort with the final \$100,000 contribution, which then led to the donation of the parcel to the City Parks Department. Peace Valley Overlook Reserve was a 'dead-end' parcel with no trail connectivity, but engaged coordination by BVNA with the City's Open Space and Foothills Manager and the Harris Ranch developer led to initial agreement to ensure the adjacent private parcel (Foothills East) was sold to a developer with the condition that a trail connection would be made to Peace Valley. Boise Hunter Homes purchased Foothills East in late 2020 and agreed to include a public easement from Peace Valley across Foothills East (now called Harris East) and connect to the Ridge to Rivers Homestead Trail. We await final trail easement details in 2021.

13) Additional Acreage for Harris Ranch Elementary School: an engaged group of BVNA membership expressed deep concern regarding the proposed Harris Ranch Elementary School in 2020. The design and vision for this school was always laid out in the Specific Plan, yet some new neighbors were unaware that the school design was intended to be an 'urban elementary' with a limited footprint (less acreage). BVNA coordinated between the concerned neighbors and the developer who then agreed to donate additional acreage to the school site.

14) Boise School District Collaboration: based on the HR elementary school site concerns, BVNA secured a stakeholder position on the BSD planning effort for the new school. BVNA coordination remains ongoing in 2021 during the design process and continued charette meetings with all stakeholders as the pandemic restrictions loosen and the school construction start date approaches.

15) Float Parking Relief #2: BVNA has led ongoing neighbor coordination to tackle the growing problem of neighborhood disruptions caused by river floaters parking in the Barber Junction subdivision. One of the Barber Junction streets (Rivernest) secured enough homeowner signatures in 2020 to get float parking signage. This is on the heels of a successful 2019 BVNA effort to identify parking signage that would be acceptable to Barber Junction neighbors and ACHD (and Boise City traffic enforcement).

16) Barber Park Parking: BVNA coordinated with the Barber Point HOA (part of SENA) who were seeking information about a proposed parking lot addition to Barber Park. They were in opposition to the effort and BVNA joined them in opposing the Ada County effort to add a parking lot to an existing greenspace without any public interaction or outreach. The result was Ada County revised their development proposal and temporarily deleted the parking lot proposal to secure more public feedback in 2021.

17) Boise Bicycle Project Goathead Festival: BVNA coordinated with BBP to host a virtual event in the Barber Valley which resulted in the collection of the rogue invasive weed.

18) WMA Trail Survey (related to #9): BVNA led a detailed survey of trail hazards and need improvements to the Ridge to Rivers trail system on the WMA. Seeking more engaged IDFG engagement for 'non-consumptive users', BVNA coordinated with community trail users and developed a spreadsheet and related map for IDFG. Unfortunately, action on this effort has not proceeded based on IDFG staffing and the pandemic restrictions.

19) Gateway Reserve Rehabilitation: BVNA reacted to neighbor concerns about the amount of invasive weeds growing in the newly disturbed soil in the Gateway Reserve. BVNA coordinated with the Reserve owners (Idaho Shakespeare Festival) and secured volunteer time for two reclamation experts that provided professional consultation in concert with the ISF horticulturalist and their ISF Board project lead.

20) Online NA Voting: BVNA Secretary developed a benchmark (in our opinion) virtual voting process for our annual meeting and board election in January 2021. BVNA coordinated with the City to avoid the complications that other NAs have experienced, specifically the very public controversy generated by the NA voting in the North End NA.

21) Community Infrastructure District Legislation: BVNA became aware of significant community concern about the establishment and management of the Harris Ranch Community Infrastructure District (HRCID). BVNA acted as a conduit for information between the community and the City, which manages the HRCID. We hosted a virtual meeting where the City Treasurer presented the CID operations and answered numerous community questions.

22) Significant BVNA Meeting Guests: BVNA hosted the new Boise Police Chief, Ryan Lee, as well as newly elected City Council member Jimmv Hallvburton.

Page 6: 2021 Planning

Q23

January

What month is your neighborhood association planning on holding their 2021 annual meeting?

Q24

In an effort to establish a consist annual meeting season for all neighborhood associations and to align elections with City of Boise resources, would your neighborhood association be willing to hold their 2021 annual meeting sometime between August and November 2021?

No, we would not want to move our annual meeting to sometime between August and November (Please specify why):

We've already conducted our annual meeting and would consider changing, but our board vote indicates that unless there is a problem, we'd rather not change our timeline process. If a change benefits our NA because we get alignment with COB resources, we would reconsider, but we need more detail on what "additional COB resources" look like.

Q25

We recognize that a lot is still uncertain for 2021. Please share any projects, programs, and efforts planned for 2021. 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 Awards/applications (i.e. Neighborhood Investment Program, Grants) Partnerships with local businesses or other organizations Other activities, projects or programs

- 1) Fall 2021 neighborhood cleanup
- 2) Pandemic-dependent: Firewise fuel reduction efforts (based on a ACT grant for the rental of a chipper)
- 3) Firewise Coordination amongst HOAs
- 4) Harris Ranch Elementary School collaboration and coordination with neighbors and communication to BSD.
- 5) Warm Springs Avenue traffic calming - proposal developed to complement submission to the COB transportation planners and seek ACHD Commission approval of an amendment to the IFYWP.
- 6) Business Membership: partner with a local business to secure our first 'business-member'.
- 7) Gateway Reserve Volunteer Coordination: provide community volunteers for a future revegetation effort and conversion to an improved wildlife habitat in the Gateway Reserve.
- 8) Ridge to Rivers Trail Repairs: coordinate with R2R and IDFG to repair segments of the WMA-trail network.
- 9) Post-Pandemic: Neighborhood picnic and social to celebrate the covid-squash!
- 10) Starview Drive improvements and trail link from BV to Table Rock trail network: Continued coordination with the Warm Springs Mesa NA to ensure the Starview Road improvments include bike/ped facilities. In addition, ensure the public easement from Pheasant Heights is leveraged to ensure a trail connection up to Boulder Point and the R2R trail network on the Mesa.

Q26

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

Firewise!!!!

Q27

Please tell us what other resources or what types of assistance the Energize Our Neighborhoods program can offer your neighborhood.

Firewise resources to jump start our efforts - we believe this is an extremely high priority - developing a better response to our unique wildfire threat (sandwiched between two huge conservation areas) and ensuring we have a solid emergency response plan for notification and evacuation. We need help here....

Q28

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

HarrisRanch_sunset_SWMoore.JPG (1.2MB)

Q29

Please upload any additional photographs.

Barber_Valley_NWview_SWMoore .JPEG (1MB)

Q30

Respondent skipped this question

Please upload any additional photographs.
