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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.)?

We continue to struggle with community engagement post-COVID. Our approach in 2023 was to continue to seek engagement via social media and our email contact list. We did try to use 'old-fashioned' meeting advertisement by posting sandwich boards prior to two of our 10 monthly meetings this year. We have discovered that despite efforts, the primary means to get 'notice' from our busy neighbors is to ensure we have an engaging monthly meeting agenda and continue to tackle difficult projects that directly benefit the neighborhood. We continue to focus our outreach and 'recruiting' of engaged neighbors primarily through social media channels, an annual postal mailing announcing the annual meeting in January, and an average of 2-3 emails monthly to our distribution list of neighbors that signed up on our website (now totaling 947 addresses).

What methods of outreach does your Neighborhood Association use to communicate with the membership?

Our BVNA Secretary is an administrator of a loosely associated Facebook Group (Barber Valley Living) where we post BVNA meeting reminders. We also backup our Facebook postings with Nextdoor outreach. We often engage via social media to insert factual commentary when the social media discussion is veering off to unsubstantiated or inaccurate information. Our primary outreach is via our substantial email contact list of 947 neighbors who have opted-in to receive our monthly meeting announcements, meeting minutes, and any additional neighborhood announcements. We also occasionally post sandwich boards at a critical neighborhood road intersection to reach neighbors, especially elderly neighbors, of our upcoming monthly meetings. We plan to update our one-page neighborhood fact sheet this year and return to keeping it stocked at our neighborhood gathering spots (e.g. coffee shops and restaurants). Finally, we use our website (www.BVNABoise.org) to list all city hearings impacting the neighborhood, announcements, and meeting minutes (which are full presentation decks), along with future meeting dates, and helpful links. The information is robust and available to the public (no password required).

Please provide links to your Neighborhood Association sites, if applicable.

bvnaoise.org

Does your Neighborhood Association have a newsletter? (electronic/print)

Yes

How frequently do you distribute your Neighborhood Association Newsletter?

We send a reminder of upcoming meetings the weekend before our Thursday meetings then distribute our monthly meeting minutes 3-5 days after each meeting and post them on our website. We conduct an average of 10 monthly meetings each year.

How do individuals sign up to receive the Neighborhood Association Newsletter?

We have "Contact BVNA" and "Join our Mailing List" links on our website. We have a sign-up sheet at each meeting and encourage those on the list to share the opt-in link with their neighbors in every communication.

How many people are on your Neighborhood Association email list?

947

How did you inform residents about the 2023 annual meeting?

We took advantage of our city-budgeted mailing to send postcards to all NA residents. We also included the announcement in our monthly meeting minutes, email outreach, and social media postings on Facebook and Nextdoor.

When and where was your annual 2023 meeting held?

Mill District Clubhouse. This is the same location for our monthly meetings and annual meetings for the past 10 years.

How did you inform residents about the board elections?

Same as above - we included our board elections as part of our annual meeting in January.

What was the approximate attendance at your 2023 annual meeting?

45

What were the top three priorities for your Neighborhood Association this year?

As outlined and communicated to our neighborhood in our February 2023 meeting minutes, we intended to accomplish the following this past year (1) Secure project status in the ACHD Integrated Five Year Work Plan for at least one of the projects identified in the adopted Barber Valley Neighborhood Transportation Plan which was adopted by ACHD in January 2023, (2) Woven Subdivision streetscape improvements for Warm Springs Avenue: ensure ACHD and the City implement a streetscape design that serves to slow motor vehicle speeds in the immediate area of the Woven and East Valley neighborhoods, and (3) Homestead Trail parking - ensure a solution is implemented that allows trail users to travel to the Homestead Trail and are able to turn their motor vehicles around on Council Springs Road and then park on-street without disrupting safe traffic flow to the new Harris East subdivision.

Please highlight the association's accomplishments or small wins for 2023.

Our top priority of ensuring at least one Barber Valley project is included in the next ACHD IFYWP is still unresolved. Our inputs are due to ACHD this month (Feb 2024). BVNA's engagement with the City and ACHD regarding traffic calming features for the streetscape of the Woven sub-division was successful. BVNA testimony resulted in a city condition for the development to include 'vertical traffic calming' features on Warm Springs. This effort further grew to include a city-sponsored street tree project that will include the addition of 40 new street trees adjacent to the new Woven development and fronting the existing East Valley neighborhood. These trees will be planted in the spring of 2024 and the project is being led by the City's Forestry Division manager in collaboration with the East Valley HOA and BVNA. Regarding our third priority for this past year, we were unsuccessful in securing a solution that ensured trail users would be able to secure street parking at the trailhead without executing unsafe turns in the newly realigned Council Springs Road. The lesson learned is that the City supported a solution but did not direct a Site-Specific Condition of Approval and the applicant/developer accomplished early excavation decisions that precluded a turn-around. However, we were successful in securing a new Ridge to River trail connection between Homestead and Peace Valley as well as visual screening for Spring Creek neighbors that will be affected by the newly constructed Council Springs Road motor vehicle traffic (especially at night). Other small wins for 2023 included (1) Safe Opening of the new Dallas Harris Elementary School to include BVNA advocacy to install proper school zone signage and signals (Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacons and School Zone flashers), (2) published educational BVNA business cards emphasizing Wildlife Management Area off-leash rules to avoid disrupting wildlife, (3) Transitioned from contracted web services company to internal BVNA control, (4) Continued to coordinate with Harris Ranch Wildlife Mitigation Association on how to best expend the \$30,000 secured from the Harris East developer for wildlife habitat restoration, (5) Installation of two Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacon pedestrian crossings on Warm Springs - Maynard and SkyBar, (6) Valley-wide speed limit reduction and new double-yellow lines on Warm Springs, despite ACHD staff resistance, (7) Installation of first educational and donor signage at Peace Valley Overlook, (8) Initiated public response to 'save' Valley Regional Transit Route 1 - retained Barber Valley VRT service with a reconfigured

Route 17 that will loop through the neighborhood, (9) Continued community education and polling regarding ongoing CID litigation - 217 responses to BVNA's community survey, (10) Met with Mayor to emphasize the need for the City to find a means to complete the construction of Alta Harris park, (11) Rebutted City-position of 'contemplative park' status at Marianne Williams and noted a playground is an option, (12) Facilitated the certification of two new Firewise neighborhoods in the BV, Dallas Harris Estates and Barber Station Townhomes.

Please share any projects, programs, and efforts planned for 2024.

(1) Complete a large City-Forestry sponsored street-tree planting event on Warm Springs Avenue (2) Achieve Firewise certification for another BV subdivision - to join the following existing Firewise neighborhoods: Harris North, Harris North, East Valley, Barber Station Townhomes, and Dallas Harris Estates (3) Coordinate with the City and Boise Hunter Homes to achieve a quality Ridge to River trail connection on Harris East that will connect Peace Valley Overlook Reserve with the Homestead Trail. (4) Coordinate with the Harris Ranch Wildlife Mitigation Association to finalize the expenditure of \$30,000 that improves wildlife habitat in the Barber Valley. (5) Coordinate with Idaho Foundation for Public Lands for a park overlook off Warm Springs Avenue using Neighborhood Investment Program funds. (6) Coordinate with the Intermountain Bird Observatory to install amenities at Diane Moore Park using Neighborhood Investment Program funds. (7) Mitigate/Reduce disruptive 'cut-through' traffic in the BV, specifically motorcycle traffic on Parkcenter and Warm Springs during warm weather months. (8) Expand the Warm Springs 'street-tree' project to add an additional planting area (River Heights + Idaho Parks, Finis Terra?) that serves to add visual friction to the streetscape and achieves the goal of traffic calming. (9) Successfully work with the developer and neighbors of the proposed Village Green/Town Center to obtain a first-class project that is best suited for our neighbors and provides necessary amenities that do not currently exist in the Barber Valley. (10) Work to resolve the bottleneck on Alta Harris Park and ensure funding is set aside to proceed with construction before legal issues with a delay are encountered in CY2025. (11) Coordinate with VRT, High Rhodes Investment, and Barber Valley Development/LeNir Ltd to build a new bus shelter and complete the existing shelter using Neighborhood Investment Program funds. (12) Add a set of stairs, connecting the Greenbelt connector and E Parkcenter Blvd, near E Barber Valley Drive. There are no stairs at this location, and there is evidence of high foot traffic taking this route, to shortcut having to take the sidewalk path all the way around. The soil is very eroded at this location, and there are safety issues as pedestrians may slip and fall while taking this path off the bridge. (13) Coordinate with Idaho Transportation Department and investigate streetscape changes to improve turning vehicle safety at the intersection of Warm Springs Avenue and State Highway 21.

Additional Documents

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