June 2020 Board Meeting
Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams – 11 June 2020
Agenda

• Opening Comments – City Councilmember Jimmy Hallyburton
• Harris Ranch School – Katie Swain, BVNA Rep to Boise School District (BVNA Director)
• Transportation – Rob Stark, BVNA Director
• Wayfinding & Signage – Kay Nice, BVNA Director
• Parks and Trails – Steve Moore, BVNA Vice President
• Development – John Mooney, BVNA President
Harris Ranch Elementary School

Katie Swain, BVNA Board
Harris Ranch Elementary - Updates

• Introduction

• Letter from Boise School District to Barber Valley patrons
  • May 14th – Delay of school design/construction

• Survey results from BSD Parent Survey
  • >85% parents say they will be sending their children back to school in the Fall of 2020

• Community Survey
  • Over 150 responses thus far
  • Survey closes Sunday, 14 June and if response continues as-is, we will be sending the letter to BSD the week of 15 June.
Transportation

Rob Stark, BVNA Board
Pedestrian Crossing Status

• Warm Springs/Maynard, Warm Springs/Skybar delayed due to COVID leaving ACHD with skeleton crews, looking like late summer, early fall, or possibly later completion.

• Eckert/Arrow Junction is being delayed to be done in conjunction with streetscape changes with Alta Harris Park development. ACHD wants to make sure they put the crossing in the best possible location for park access.
Sidewalk Improvements & MSM Change

• Warm Springs between Signal Rock & Greybull (Glacier neighborhood frontage) is mostly complete although the connection with existing sidewalk needs to be fixed for the second time.
  • Contractor misaligned it and created 2 90 degree angles. After complaints, ACHD engineer spray painted how they wanted it so it would be more accessible and instructed contractor to remove and rebuild this section. Contractor removed and put it back in the same way again. The saga continues.

• City generated a Master Street Map Change to remove the rural designation on Warm Springs between Starview & Barber.
  • Rural is primarily motor vehicles and city wants any future development to include pedestrian improvements. Also now the ACHD 5 year plan includes new sidewalk between Starview & Parsnip Peak.
Boise River Float Season Parking

- Barber Park has approximately 500 parking spaces
- Total number of vehicles parked in 2019 season: 25,342
- Average number of vehicles parked on Saturdays: 788
- Average number of vehicles parked on Sundays: 718
- On Saturday July 13th 987 vehicles were parked, 240 in the one hour between 2-3PM (a record)
- Total number of shuttle riders in 2019: 43,602
- Average number of shuttle riders on Saturdays: 1367
- Average number of shuttle riders on Sundays: 1230
- On Saturday July 13th there were 1698 shuttle riders (a record)
- As Boise grows float numbers will only get worse
Barber Junction is being overrun by floaters either trying to avoid paying to park or because Barber Park parking is full. Cars are parked so emergency vehicles could not access rear of subdivision. Floaters sitting in homeowner’s front yards in their “skivvies”, drinking, leaving behind garbage, and even plugging their air compressors in electrical outlets on the front of homes without permission.

During the winter enough homeowners signed petitions that 2 streets (Logger & Single Tree) will be signed as “No Parking Saturday, Sunday and 4th of July June-August 12-5PM. This signage plan is currently delayed due to ACHD’s skeleton sign crews during COVID. Engineer is pushing and hopes they will be up soon.

Boise Parks has finally confirmed they will allow float parking in Alta Harris Park after months of vague answers.
Southern “Gateway” Project

• Possible future neighborhood project to enhance the southeast entrance to the City – create a gateway entrance to Boise & Barber Valley using the excess right of way on Warm Springs from Highway 21 to the old weigh station.

• Hope is to complete in conjunction with development of Sue Howell Park across street whose timeline is still an unknown.

• Plan to use U of I landscape architecture student on indefinite hold due to COVID since the students are all gone.

• Funding sources?
  • Open Space and Clean Water Levy funds? A series of Neighborhood Investment program grants?
  • In search of a neighborhood lead for this project – a board member or anyone from the valley that wants to tackle a civic improvement project with assistance and 'coaching' from the NA board.
Barber Pool Conservation Area
Barber Pool Conservation Area

- 712 acres between Barber Dam & Diversion Dam
- Most is privately owned by Idaho Foundation for Parks & Land
- Also includes 35 acres of Ada County land and the BSU Intermountain Bird Observatory/Diane Moore Nature Center
- One of the largest areas of its kind in an urban area in U.S.
- Home to over 200 wildlife species
Barber Pool Conservation Area

• IFPL is currently working on their master plan and is also starting rehabilitating the plant life and working to bring more water into the riparian areas

• Trespassing, off leash dogs, campfires, trash and other abuses have increased during COVID with people looking to get out

• Public education has been a constant battle both inside and outside of neighborhood

• Hopes of a land swap to add an Ada County parcel to the conservation area are in jeopardy.
  • The County parcel provides a public access point from the Greenbelt to the river and adversely impacts the conservation area
  • IFPL acquisition of the County parcel would provide more protection for the Pools
Barber Pool Conservation Area

• Working on greenbelt signage that will better educate the public (rough draft shown)

• Currently getting estimates on the signage which would be placed below the East Valley Rim, Pet Haven Gulch, and the Diane Moore Nature Center by Highway 21
Wayfinding & Signage

Kay Nice, BVNA Board
Wayfinding & Signage Update

• 2019 Grant $16k – NA identification logo design and sign toppers
  • ACHD approved the 7 sign topper locations:
    • Park Center Blvd/Barber Valley Dr – north and south side
    • Warm Springs/Parsnip
    • Eckert/Millbrook
    • Warm Springs/Shakespeare
    • Warm Springs/Sky Bar
    • Warm Springs/Teresa (replacing WS/Hwy 21)
  • Toppers are in production with estimated early July 2020 as delivery date
  • Then to ACHD to schedule installation
Wayfinding & Signage Update

• 2020 Grant $20k - standalone signage
  • Fabricator Signs2U working on redesign within our budget
  • NIP team discussing locations
    • Eckert & Warm Springs Avenue in front of the Market
    • Parkcenter Blvd – south side on curve at bottom of bridge on MA Williams property

• 2021 Grant $2,173 – Greenbelt ped/bike signage
  • Expect to hear of status in July
  • 11 signs final location TBD
  • Preliminary locations from Idaho Smart Growth report in 2018

• 2022 Grant $10k – application to be made 1/2021
  • One standalone sign on hillside at curve on WSA off Highway 21
  • Will be duplicate of two approved and installed on Parkcenter and at Eckert
Proposed Stand-Alone Signage – as of 10 Jun
Parks and Trails

Steve Moore, BVNA VP
Barber Valley Trail Users Group – Trail hazard inventory of the Boise River Wildlife Management area completed in late April

- ID Fish and Game invited our work as a means to help improve the trails on the WMA for recreational users.

**Background:**
- Predominant mandate is for hunters
- Recreational users (hikers and mountain bikers) also enjoy the area trails
- Archery Range built on Highland Valley trail in Spring 2019 – displaced long-used single-track
- BVNA met with IDFG and local mountain bikers
- Discussion included impact of social trails which contribute to habitat fragmentation
- Winter displacement of deer and elk

**Data provided:**
1. Locations (coordinates) descriptions of fixes needed;
2. a Google Earth .KMZ file locates all the points on trail sections;
3. Photos were also taken for each locality
Trail Hazards Review on the WMA
## Data provided on each trail segment

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Ruts, rills, caused by vehicle use make for tough cycling

IDFG is evaluating our input and will be assessing means to improve trails:

- Contracts (need funding)
- Volunteer efforts to fix trails with crews
Hope is that IDFG and Recreational trail users can work together
Reduce trail use apart from official trail heads – to avoid loss of recreational access to WMA
Reduce disruption of wildlife, particularly in the winter
Improve road and trail designs to accommodate both hunters and hikers and bikers
Possibly develop additional trail access parallel to existing access to not cause further habitat fragmentation
Similar issues exist at the Peace Valley Overlook Reserve with use of social trails adjacent on WMA
SWIMBA Proposal to build trail at Lucky Peak Reservoir
SWIMBA (SW Mountain Biking Association) – Prepared proposal in 2015 to Army Corp of Engineers (USACE)

- USACE manages land around Lucky Peak Reservoir
- BLM adjacent land and MOU with USACE for fire prevention at Lucky Pk Reservoir
- May 2020: Environmental Assessment Completed and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI):

Public Comments invited on these environmental documents until June 21, 2020 (see link above)
Barber Valley bicyclists to participate in Boise Bicycle Project
Goathead Collection

Goatheads = Tribulus terrestris, or puncture veins
Looking for volunteers to help on:

- **Sat., July 25, 2020, 8:00 – 10:00 AM**
- RSVP to Steve Moore: star_garnet@msn.com
- Details to follow to volunteers
- See map at and other info at: www.boisegoatheadfest.com

**Goathead fest on August 1st**
Development Activity

John Mooney, BVNA Board
Around the Valley.....

Barber Station

Parkcenter

Amity
Around the Valley…..

Barber Station  Barber Junction  Spring Creek  Mill District  East Valley

Harris Ranch  Harris North  Golden Dawn  River Heights  Brian

Parkcenter  Anity
Block SE5: Warm Springs Condos
BVNA Testimony City Council on 2 June: support the application with continued concerns about the long-term plan for Warm Springs Avenue

- Preliminary plat for 6 multi-family lots and 2 common lots on 7.45 acres (192 units in future condo plats)

- Successes:
  - Pedestrian path on north side of Warm Springs Creek
  - Removal of on-street parking to support bike lane at Millbrook (future roundabout)
  - City Council direction to staff to begin SP amendment process to ensure future buildout of Warm Springs does not jeopardize neighborhood connectivity (single-lane parkway with single-lane roundabouts)

- Continued Concern:
  - Crossing safety at Millbrook (Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacon) – Safe Routes to School
  - Termination of bike facilities at intersection of Millbrook and Woodcutter (route to future school); maybe we tackle this with SP01 amendment or when SE11 develops
  - The future of Millbrook ‘cut-through’ traffic?
Blocks SW12 & SW13 – Haystack Subdivision

PROJECT TOTALS (SW 12 + SW13)

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Blocks SW12 & SW13 – Haystack Subdivision

BVNA testimony Planning and Zoning 8 June: support with continued concerns about the Master Street Map (MSM)
- Preliminary/Final plat for an additional 254 units
- Successes:
  - PZC support for SP Amendment (although no mention in the PZ action letter dated 10 June)
- Continued Concern:
  - No bike facilities on Haystack – 15’ sidewalk (which is a common lot);
    - Huge ped facilities; no bike facilities
  - Crossing safety at Wise and Old Hickory
  - Mix of crossing treatments may be confusing to motorists (RFB at Wise – RRFB at Old Hickory and Millbrook)
Amendment 7 – Adopted Nov 2019

- Haystack Sub#1 is adjacent to Warm Springs Avenue
- Warm Springs is identified as a “Two-lane Parkway with Roundabouts (4-lane R.O.W)”
- Strong neighborhood support to change this to a “Single-lane Parkway with Single-Lane Roundabouts”
- 90+ Letters of support for this change from neighbors in written testimony to City Council on 2 June (Re: SE5)
We remain concerned about the lack of bicycle facilities within the ‘interior grid’ to/from the Town Center.
Haystack – no bicycle facilities
Haystack – no bicycle facilities

TWO-LANE MIXED USE LOCAL ROAD WITH URBAN SIDEWALK (SECTION B-B)

S TRAILWOOD WAY, & E. HAYSTACK ST.
And... Continued problem with ACHD and City permitting the curb space to ‘count’ as bike lane
Alta Harris Park – Eckert Road Frontage

- CRAZY application process!
  - Apparent lack of coordination between the applicant (Boise Parks and Rec) and other City staff offices (e.g. City Transportation)

- River System Permit initiated an ACHD Project Report
  - Which then proposed this Eckert Road cross-section fronting a NEW CITY PARK (below)
    - Which forced BVNA to seriously consider appealing the application - due to the lack of a coherent plan for the Eckert Road frontage – board vote to NOT appeal
Alta Harris Park – Eckert Road Frontage - Continued

- Park has completed all approvals and we’re trusting the City will “repair” the Eckert Road frontage
- BVNA requested buffered or separated bike facilities on Eckert Road – those plans (example below) are still under review at ACHD.
- When restroom plans are complete the City plans to have the park out to bid this month
Specific Plans – can they be improved?

• Specific Plans provide predictability and ‘smart’ development

• But….they’re enforceable city code, so when there is a clear ‘improvement’ to the plan, an amendment to the code must be accomplished FIRST
  • Developers don’t want to deal with every new “best idea” – understandable
  • SP-01 is a well-devised plan with immense public and private investment in the plan since the earliest charette meetings (2005-2006); followed by a series of amendments (7 total)

• BVNA needs to be reviewing the existing Amendment and preparing for Amendment 8 work later this year – possible improvements:
  • Warm Springs Avenue parkway – single vice dual-lane
  • Foothills East connection to Peace Valley Overlook Reserve City Park
    • Alternative lower foothills recreational trail option?
Miscellaneous Topics

- We’re sandwiched – two immense conservation areas with restricted recreational access
  - How to develop lower foothill recreational trails that don’t impact the WMA and the Barber Pools?
  - If we don’t find alternative recreational paths in the WMA, we will likely continue to deal with social/rogue trails and the adverse impact on wintering wildlife
- Options?
  - Highland Valley: Dog Head
  - Peace Valley Overlook Reserve: continuance north onto Foothills East (SP-01)?
  - Pheasant Heights: connector from Barber Drive to Boulder Heights (Mesa)
  - Hammer Flat ‘loop’ to the parasail launch area?

- Future Challenges
  - Barber Hill Vistas – new applicant and development plan?
  - Pheasant Heights
  - SE11 – frontage to new school
  - “Not a Part” parcels within the valley: “specific plans form the policy basis…..”
Meeting Minutes
Meeting Attendees

• **Present:**
  - Mooney, Moore, Veasy, Vincent, Crowley, Nice,
  - Santillan, Stark, Swain

• **Absent:**
  - Reinhart

• **Guest:**
  - Councilmember Jimmy Hallyburton (Thanks!)
Board Actions

- Voted to change signage using the graphic to the right (without NA text)
- Contractor confirmed signage will be "3D" with foreground deer offset from background
- Board agreed to research conducting a combined neighborhood event on 25 July to correspond to the already scheduled Boise Bicycle Project Goathead event
  - Steve Moore (Goathead), Courtney (skeleton weed? And possibly food truck event), and Hank (Warm Springs Adopt a Road cleanup)
  - Decision on a combined day and details from Steve by late June
  - Councilmember Hallyburton said to be on the lookout for details on the Goathead Festival parade which will still take place, but with social distancing procedures on 1 August