July 2020 Board Meeting
Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams – 9 July 2020
BVNA Board Attendance – July 2020

• Present: Mooney, Moore, Veasy, Vincent, Nice, Stark, Crowley, Swain, Reinhart

• Absent: Santillan
Agenda

• Parks and Trails – Steve Moore, BVNA Vice President
• Wayfinding & Signage – Kay Nice, BVNA Director
• Transportation Update – Rob Stark, BVNA Director
• Harris Ranch Elementary School update – Katie Swain, BVNA Director
• Development – John Mooney, BVNA President
Parks and Trails

Steve Moore, BVNA VP
Boise Bicycle Project Goathead Collection
Barber Valley
Saturday, July 25, 8:00 – 10:00 am

Meet at East Junior High Parking Lot

Want to help? Email Steve at star_garnet@msn.com, or just show up

Updated 7/9/20

Parks & Trails

Harris Ranch Town Center Block/ Switchback: Around block rimmed by Parkcenter- Barnside-Wolf Tree-Old Hickory

Riverstone School
By gray shed

Along N side of Parkcenter, between S Harris Ranch Rd & Warm Springs Ave

Barber Valley Trail

Discontinuous patches of Puncture vine all along trail

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Around block rimmed by Parkcenter- Barnside-Wolf Tree-Old Hickory

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Barber Pool Reserve

East Jr High

River Heights

East Valley

Barnside-Wolf Tree-Old Hickory

Puncture/Puncture Vine Hot Spot

Along N side of Parkcenter, between S Harris Ranch Rd & Warm Springs Ave

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Goathead collection in the Barber Valley

- Due to safety concerns about COVID-19, we will focus on Goathead/puncture weed collection on Saturday, **July 25, 8:00-10:00 am**

- **Please bring masks if needed. But working outside at 6 ft + distance should minimize virus spread.**

- Please bring gloves, water, hand weeding tool, and sun protection

- Meet at East Jr High parking lot at 8:00 am

- Future road cleanup efforts and possible BNVA associated neighborhood picnics TBA.

- Switchback will likely host a local Goathead Fest gathering on August 1

*For more info on Goathead Collection Effort - See Boise Bicycle Project website:*

- [https://www.boisegoatheadfest.com/goatheadcollection](https://www.boisegoatheadfest.com/goatheadcollection)
Tram Trail parking lot at Warm Springs Golf Course nearing completion - Cross walk moved for better visibility

Photos taken 7/6/20
SWIMBA Proposal to build trail at Lucky Peak Reservoir
In cooperation with Army Corps of Engineers

- Proposed trail would add 15 miles for Hikers and Bicyclists
- Supported by SWIMBA
- Environmental Assessment completed and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)
- Recent opposition by Idaho Wildlife Federation(6/24/2020) [https://idahowildlife.org/news/6ilx0cvb217oioxwttsr7n6b8d2whl](https://idahowildlife.org/news/6ilx0cvb217oioxwttsr7n6b8d2whl)
Boise River Wildlife Management Area
News Release, June 22, 2020
Corps Extends Comment Period for Lucky Peak Lake View Recreation Trail

Boise, Idaho. – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Walla Walla District (Corps), in cooperation with our natural resource management partners, is extending the public comment period for the draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Lake View Recreation Trail at Lucky Peak Dam and Lake, Boise, Idaho.

The 30-day comment period is being extended an additional 60 days from June 22 through August 20. All information and comments submitted during this extension will be included in the permanent public record, along with previously received comments.

The draft FONSI and EA are available in electronic form through the Corps website at: www.nww.usace.army.mil/Missions/Environmental-Compliance/.

Electronic comments may be filed directly online at: www.nww.usace.army.mil/EnvironmentalComplianceComment/ or via email to NEPANWW@usace.army.mil, inserting “LP Trail EA” in the subject line.

Also can Mail comments to:


If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Mr. Ben Morris, Environmental Resource Specialist, at 509-527-7294.
Wayfinding & Signage

Kay Nice, BVNA Board
Wayfinding & Signage Update

• 2019 Grant $16k – NA identification logo design and sign toppers
  • Toppers are in production with estimated July 2020 as delivery date
  • Then to ACHD to schedule installation

• 2020 Grant $20k - standalone signage
  • Advised NIP (Nikki Crane) and fabricator (Signs2U) of board approval
  • Waiting for NIP team approval of locations, then get ACHD/Williams Family OK
    • 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 $2,100 – Greenbelt ped/bike signage
  • APPROVED grant for 11 signs with final locations TBD
  • Will work with Idaho Smart Growth (Deanna Smith)
  • Project Manager is Wendy Larimore at Parks & Recreation
Proposed Stand-Alone Signage – as of 10 June
Transportation

Rob Stark, BVNA Board
Summary of June Topics

- Ped Crossings
  - Warm Springs/Maynard & Warm Springs/Skybar: COVID delay
  - Eckert/Arrow Junction: Alta Harris Park development delay

- Sidewalk Improvements & MSM Change
  - Glacier connection to River Heights
  - City Council request to ACHD for MSM change (Parkcenter to Eckert)
  - Removed rural designation for WSA between Starview and Barber
  - ACHD IFYWP adds sidewalk Starview to Antelope Springs neighborhood
    - 16 July at 5:30pm public hearing on IFYWP

- Float Season Parking
Development Activity

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

Barber Station

Parkcenter

Amity

Highway 21
Around the Valley.....

Barber Station  Barber Junction  Spring Creek  Mill District  East Valley

Harris Ranch  Harris North  Golden Dawn  River Heights  Brian

Parkcenter  Anity
Recent Activity

• Barber Valley Storage: one-year time extension for a bond to construct curb, gutter and sidewalk
• Master Street Map – 30 June City Council Action

II. Work Session Items

1. ACHD Master Street Map 2020 Update (15 min)
   Presenter: Karen Gallagher, Planning and Development Services

   Motion to approve the direction as identified in the recommendations.

   RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
   MOVER: TJ Thomson, Council Member
   SECONDER: Jimmy Hallyburton, Council Member
   AYES: Clegg, Woodings, Bageant, Hallyburton, Sánchez, Thomson
MSM Presentation to City Council (30 Jun)

- City Transportation Staff presented to Council in Work Session
- ACHD updates the MSM every two years. City identified changes for the 2020 update
- Warm Springs Avenue change was one of three presented to Council to consider for a formal letter submittal to ACHD by 9 July. ACHD public hearing in September

**Overview of Discussion Items:**

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<td>Warm Springs Ave, Parkcenter Roundabout to Eckert</td>
<td>Reduce from 5-lanes to 3-lanes and reduce roundabouts to single lanes (Town Center Arterial)</td>
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Reduce proposed configuration from 5 to 3 lanes

• Current configuration is intended as an interim street section to provide connectivity prior to full build out of the area.

• The MSM and SP-01 call for this section of Warm Springs Ave to be built out to a 5-lane Town Center Arterial.
  
  • City Staff Comments: “Expanding Warm Springs Ave comes at the expense of reduced comfort, safety and convenience for all other modes of travel. Expanding Warm Springs Ave to 5-lanes will create a significant barrier to non-automobile travel through Harris Ranch, specifically hindering access to City parks, the Greenbelt and the future Harris Ranch Elementary School, and the widening contradicts many of the City’s transportation goals (Moves) found in the 2016 Transportation Action Plan 1.”
Figure 3: Ultimate Harris Ranch Lane Configurations (per MSM and SP-01)
Excerpts From Staff Presentation to City Council

- The Barber Valley Neighborhood Association (BVNA) initiated this effort to evaluate whether a 5-lane Warm Springs Ave is needed and, thus, supports the City’s efforts to request this change.
  - The developer of Harris Ranch also supports the City’s request to the ACHD Commission to modify the ultimate Warm Springs Ave configuration in the Master Street Map as well a modification to SP-01 to show Warm Springs Ave as a 3-lane cross section between Wise Way and Eckert Road.

- Harris Ranch Traffic Impact Study:
  - A 2016 Traffic Impact Study (TIS) generated by Harris Ranch found that single-lane roundabouts and signalized intersections along Warm Springs Ave between Parkcenter Blvd and Eckert will accommodate future anticipated traffic volumes even at full buildout of Harris Ranch in 2035. That TIS, however, recommended Warm Springs Ave be built out to a 5-lane cross section because future traffic is expected to surpass an ACHD-established threshold of 720 vehicles/hour in one direction for single-lane facilities (ACHD Policy Manual 7106.4). The 2016 TIS made specific and debatable assumptions about development potential and background traffic growth rates. The study acknowledged that future traffic analyses should be undertaken as Harris Ranch and the Barber Valley is built out to reaffirm those early assumptions and traffic predictions. The background traffic growth assumptions, and possibly the trip generation rates, appear to have been conservative and high. As stated above, the community trade-offs of a wider road than may be needed are steep and detrimental to walking and bicycling.
Staff Background Detail to City Council

- Commercial and residential developments are quickly coming on-line along the WSA corridor and may be required to develop roadway improvements associated with the 5-lane Warm Springs Ave cross section and rights-of-ways for double-lane roundabouts.
Staff Recommendations to City Council

- Before effort and resources are expended by development to construct the 5-lane Warm Springs Ave configuration and multi-lane roundabouts, the conclusions of the 2016 TIS should be re-evaluated to determine if a smaller Warm Springs Ave cross-section will accommodate future traffic needs staff recommends:

1. Revisiting COMPASS annual traffic growth rates for the Barber Valley and surrounding areas

2. Revising development projections within Harris Ranch, the Barber Valley and surrounding areas

3. Evaluating current traffic volumes on key corridors through Harris Ranch
Staff Recommendations approved by Council

1. Submit a request to ACHD to modify Warm Springs Ave on the Master Street Map to have an ultimate configuration of three travel lanes between Wise Way and Eckert Rd. The City will request ACHD provide technical support to update the traffic projections. The City may be asked to lead this effort.

2. After ACHD’s review, begin the SP-01 Amendment process, modifying the ultimate configuration to three travel lanes.
Miscellaneous Topics

• Monthly Neighborhood Collaboration Meeting
  • All are encouraged to join the Zoom (second Thursday at noon)
  • Thanks to Courtney for her participation
  • Ongoing efforts
    • City Council ‘districts’ – effort to move from current political structure
    • ACHD election – mobilize voters

• Future Challenges
  • Barber Hill Vistas: possible new buyer interested in the parcel
  • Pheasant Heights: owner reports “still no significant forward progress to speak of... I will let you know if things change.”
  • SE11: next large parcel on the Warm Springs bypass for future development; also is adjacent to the new school site
  • “Not a Part” parcels within the valley: “specific plans form the policy basis.....”
City Council ‘Districts’ – Creation and Implementation

- Signed by Governor on 25 March – effective 1 July
- Which model: ACHD or the County Commission Model?
  - How and when to transition to districts?
  - Opportunity for interested neighbors to engage in this process to determine the implementation details for this new political structure – if you’re interested, contact BVNA at our email address: board@BVNABoise.org

 councils districts in accordance with this section. Any city having more than one hundred thousand (100,000) inhabitants based upon the most recent federal decennial census shall establish districts and shall elect councilmen by districts for districts so established. Districts shall be established no later than one hundred twenty (120) days prior to the general election following the date that election precincts are established pursuant to the provisions of section 34-301, Idaho Code.
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 (below) are still under review at ACHD.

- Update: COVID-delays. City now has all consultant information and have been working on permitting. We’ll have the Alta Harris Park Project out to bid this week (mid-July). Our projected bid opening will be August 5th. Then we’ll work on contracts/approvals in August and have a tentative start date in September. I’ll forward you the construction schedule as soon as it is available.
Specific Plans – can they be improved with limited friction between the developer and neighbors?

• 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”, which is 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?
Maynard Gulch Cell Tower Height Increase

- The City approved a request to extend the height of the cell tower at Maynard Gulch (picture below)

- Finding: The proposal to install a 15’ monopole extension to an existing 113’ wireless communication tower qualifies as an eligible facilities modification request that may not be denied by the City.
NA Collaboration Ideas

• Rent a chipper – a future option using NIP funding?
  • Other NAs have done this in the pursuit of Firewise fuel abatement efforts

• NA Social - delayed to Sep/Oct