

VPNA BOARD MEETING | MINUTES

July 21 | 6:30-8 pm | Davis Park Apartments

Meeting called by Matt Ciranni

Attendees Matt C, Erin S, Deb H, Tony Z, Melvin B, Blair S, Kathleen Lacey, Laura L

AGENDA TOPICS

General Announcements/Discussion

I. ROUNDABOUT ART STATUS

Erin provided city paperwork for Matt to sign in Devin's absence, and reported that the artist, Dirk Anderson, has ordered materials and is constructing. She also mentioned that Wendy Laramore, Boise Parks & Rec, may be taking care of landscaping.

Kathleen said we'll have a recognition ceremony that VPNA will plan/coordinate with ACHD and partners.

Action Items

Matt — Add roundabout art recognition ceremony planning to future VPNA agenda

II. GRAFFITI ON FAIRVIEW PARK TRAIL SIGNAGE

We discussed the graffiti incident and noted that it had already been removed today by City of Boise staff Josh Olsen.

Kathleen confirmed that any future vandalism on City of Boise-funded art projects should be reported to Boise Arts & History Department, as well as to the Boise police.

III. CITY REINVESTMENT GRANT PLATFORM

Kathleen mentioned that the city's Neighborhood Reinvestment Grants data will be moved to a new platform called ZoomGrants to streamline the process for all parties, and she requested that a VPNA representative attend a training session. VPNA will also be tasked with inputting 2014 data. Training will be held July 28 and August 13 at local libraries.

Action Items

Kathleen — Send ZoomGrants training dates/times to VPNA

IV. SECRETARY POSITION FILLED

A vote was held to officially have Laura Loftus complete the remainder of Deb's term as VPNA secretary.

V. NATIONAL NEIGHBORHOOD NIGHT OUT

Plans were discussed/solidified for an ice cream social for National Neighborhood Night Out. It will be held 7 pm August 5 at the Davis Park Apartments common area. We can use the tables from the meeting room.

Action Items

- **Matt** — Buy ice cream, bowls, spoons, napkins, cups
- **Erin** — Bring ice water and chalk; check into "entertainment" from the Board Room and the Boise Bicycle Project
- **Laura** — Contact Carrie Demirelli at the City of Boise re: usage of recreation equipment
- **Everyone** — Bring toppings and circulate the date/time in your neighborhoods

VI. NEIGHBORHOOD MOVIE NIGHT

We settled on Sept. 5 or Sept 12 as our first choices for movie night, to be held again this year at Veteran's Park.

Action Items

Devin — Schedule the event with her contact.

VII. WHITEWATER PARK and ESTHER SIMPLOT PARK

Erin mentioned a lack of parking on the Boise side of the whitewater park, and that people are being charged to park on the Garden City side. She asked Kathleen whether the city would consider providing a temporary solution for the summer, perhaps co-opting some nearby Esther Simplot acreage for the time being.

We also discussed the tall grasses around the area ponds. Blair and Deborah felt a little unsafe walking and running in the area, and asked if the city could create more visibility by cutting the grass.

Deborah noted a decrease in the amount of trash she's been finding around the ponds, most likely due to the notes she's been leaving in the area. A Boise Police officer said volunteers have been making sweeps through the area, so may have also been picking up garbage.

Erin also expressed a desire to engage Garden City in strategic planning for the park area; Kathleen suggested Jay Storey could be key player to this effort.

Kathleen said digging should start in Simplot Park in the fall, pending a few permits.

Action Items

Kathleen — Check with city about possible temporary solution to parking at the park, cutting grass around the area undeveloped ponds to increase safety

Open Round Table: What's Happening in Your Hood?

I. TAFT MANOR (MATT)

Matt noted that Taft Manor has a lot of vacant, distressed properties stemming from the 2008 economic turndown. He also mentioned that a new-ish restaurant, Kona Girl's Hawaiian BBQ, at 39th and State, seems to be doing well. Green Chutes has closed, but is looking for a new space.

II. QUAIL GLENN (TONY)

Tony described this area as a "poor, poor neighborhood" although some nice houses are being built. This led Erin to ask Kathleen if the city ever received results from the city-funded neighborhood survey.

Action Items

Kathleen — Check with city re: neighborhood survey results

III. WOODLAWN AREA (LAURA, BLAIR, DEBORAH)

Blair asked about the possibility of re-surfacing the Fairview Avenue basketball courts, and adding some additional games (via paint)—like foursquare. Kathleen mentioned this may be a good candidate for a neighborhood re-investment grant.

Action Items

Kathleen — Check with Boise Parks & Rec to see if Fairview Park resurfacing is in their plans before we consider submitting a grant for this.

IV. DAVIS PARK & STEWART APARTMENTS (ERIN)

Erin said she is doing resident engagement at both of these apartment complexes. Erin has been opening the Meeting Room at Davis Park on Saturdays so that the kids can use the computers. She said the kids would like a basketball hoop in the apartments, and expressed a wish for providing them with an ongoing coding instructor. Blair thought she could check with Micron Foundation re: available funding and/or events. The group thought it would be nice to raise funds for a few things on the kids' wish list, and we decided to table this discussion for another meeting.

Action Items

Kathleen — Check with Boise Parks & Rec to see if Fairview Park resurfacing is in their plans before we consider submitting a grant for this.

Matt — Add Davis Park/Stewart Apartment Kids' Wish List to future VPNA agenda