

VPNA BOARD MEETING | MINUTES

October 19, 2015 | 6:30-8:00 pm | Davis Park Apartments

Meeting called by Matt Ciranni

Attendees Board Members: Matt, Tyler, Laura, Erin S, Rae B, Kathleen C, Ron, Brian C, Brian K, Melvin

Guests: Deslyn and Robert O'Dell, developers; Nissa Nagel, Elizabeth G, Kevin C, residents; Paul (PJ) Mitchell, speaker

AGENDA TOPICS

I. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Matt mentioned that he would like to step down from the President position at the VPNA annual meeting in April and asked members to consider taking on this position and spread the word to other potentially interested individuals.
- Erin S reported that Kathleen Lacey (City of Boise Planning and Development) sent an email today stating that the artist is still finalizing permits on roundabout art project.
- Introductions
- Kathleen C. said that Kevin Coryell would like to be a Veteran's Point sub-neighborhood representative. Matt explained that, until the VPNA elections are held in April 2016, Kevin would be an interim representative. A motion was made to take a vote for Kevin to serve as an interim Veteran's Point sub-neighborhood representative, and all 10 board members present voted in favor.

II. MOORE STREET MINOR LAND DIVISION

Guests Deslyn and Robert O'Dell presented a development project they are planning for their property at 3001 Moore Street. They are planning to demolish the current house on the property, split the lot into two parcels, and build a two-story, 1,700- to 1,900-square-foot residence on each parcel. This process is called a minor land division. The O'Dells are in the process of submitting the request to the city for approval, and they are required to get a signature from a neighborhood association representative acknowledging that the neighborhood association is aware of the plan.

The O'Dells shared information about other properties they've built to give the group an idea of possible designs and floor plans for these new homes.

Erin S. said she likes the plan and the idea of infill in the area. Matt agreed but mentioned that some neighbors have complained to him about the townhouses on Pleasanton (which are not the O'Dells'). Tyler noted that neighbors do get tired of seeing the same cookie-cutter style of infill homes, but agreed that these particular home designs would fit in with the neighborhood. Rae said she saw them yesterday and agreed that they fit into the neighborhood.

Matt signed the Signature List for the Minor Land Adjustment. (*Update 10/25/15: Signed Letter Attached*)

The O'Dells expect to begin work in spring. Documentation attached.

III. BICYCLE CRASH DATA and FUTURE ROAD PLANNING

Paul (PJ) Mitchell was invited by Erin to talk about Boise bicycle crash data so that we can consider his findings as our neighborhood grows. Paul gathered ITD bicycle crash data dating back to 2007 and mapped that to see where crashes happen in Boise. Paul has summarized his findings in articles in BSU's *Blue Review*

(<https://theblureview.org/7-years-boise-bicycle-crash-data>). His website, BoiseCycleTracks.org, features interactive maps and his *Blue Review* articles.

Erin said she is often asked at bicycle safety meetings why no one else from this neighborhood is showing up—so she invited Paul to this board meeting to help us be more informed and, hopefully, more involved in this issue.

Paul passed around his laptop, showing his mapped bicycle crash data. He explained that ITD collects crash data from *reported* crashes; crashes are reported when there's property damage or injury. He finds that there are more crashes on or near commercial corridors. Considering that commercial areas along Main/Fairview are in development, this data can help us plan for ridership.

Paul is working to put together a coalition of groups, including neighborhood associations, to collaborate on a grant request to the Bullitt Foundation's Urban Ecology program. He is hoping the groups can come up with community sustainability-related ideas deserving of grant funding. He invited anyone who's interested in this issue to work on the grant with him.

The group discussed various bicycle issues in the area, including the need for bicycle safety training and better planning for cyclists and pedestrians on State Street.

IV. 23rd STREET UPDATE

Nissa Nagel provided an update on this project; she had previously voiced her concerns about 23rd Street safety issues at the June 2015 VPNA meeting. Her concerns originally stemmed from the fact that Whittier discontinued its bus service for children east of 23rd Street, and she found that the route to Whittier across 23rd Street was not safe for students. Since presenting at the VPNA meeting in June, Nissa has succeeded in getting a crosswalk with signs installed at 23rd & Bannock.

Nissa has also begun working on an ACHD Community Programs application; this ACHD fund is used for projects proposed by a school district, city, or citizen. The City of Boise wrote a letter in support of a traffic-calming sidewalk bulb-out for the 23rd & Bannock intersection; with this support in hand, Nissa is asking ACHD to take a broader look at the entire block and consider the following: reduce the speed limit from 30 MPH to 25 MPH on 23rd Street, eliminate passing on 23rd Street, and install a crosswalk signal at 23rd & Pleasanton. Nissa is requesting a letter from VPNA saying that we support the Community Programs application. The letter from the VPNA can be general or more specific.

Kathleen C asked if there is room for a bulb-out and a bike lane. (The bulb-out would be on the NE corner of the 23rd & Bannock intersection.) Nissa does not know the answer to that question. She mentioned that a bulb-out has a psychological calming effect, as the shape lets drivers know to expect something ahead.

Also, Nissa said that ACHD will be developing Bicycle & Pedestrian Plans for neighborhoods in the area, and she thinks our neighborhood will be included in the North plan. Rae would like to confirm if we are.

Brian K suggested that we ask the city to conduct a police watch on the crosswalk and do a media campaign about the new crosswalk.

Action Items:

Erin: Write letter w/ Nissa in support of the ACHD Community Programs application and circulate for VPNA board approval.

Rae: Contact Brooke at ACHD to ask if our neighborhood will be included in the North Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan.

(10/25/15 update: Letter supporting Nissa's Community Programs grant request is signed and attached.)

V. NEIGHBORHOOD REINVESTMENT GRANTS

The group discussed possible ideas for the City of Boise Neighborhood Reinvestment Grants, due November 1.

Kathleen offered to write the \$2,000 mini-grant focusing on communications and a possible event. Erin and Tyler will work together to submit a grant request for a lighting project on the Main/Fairview corridor.

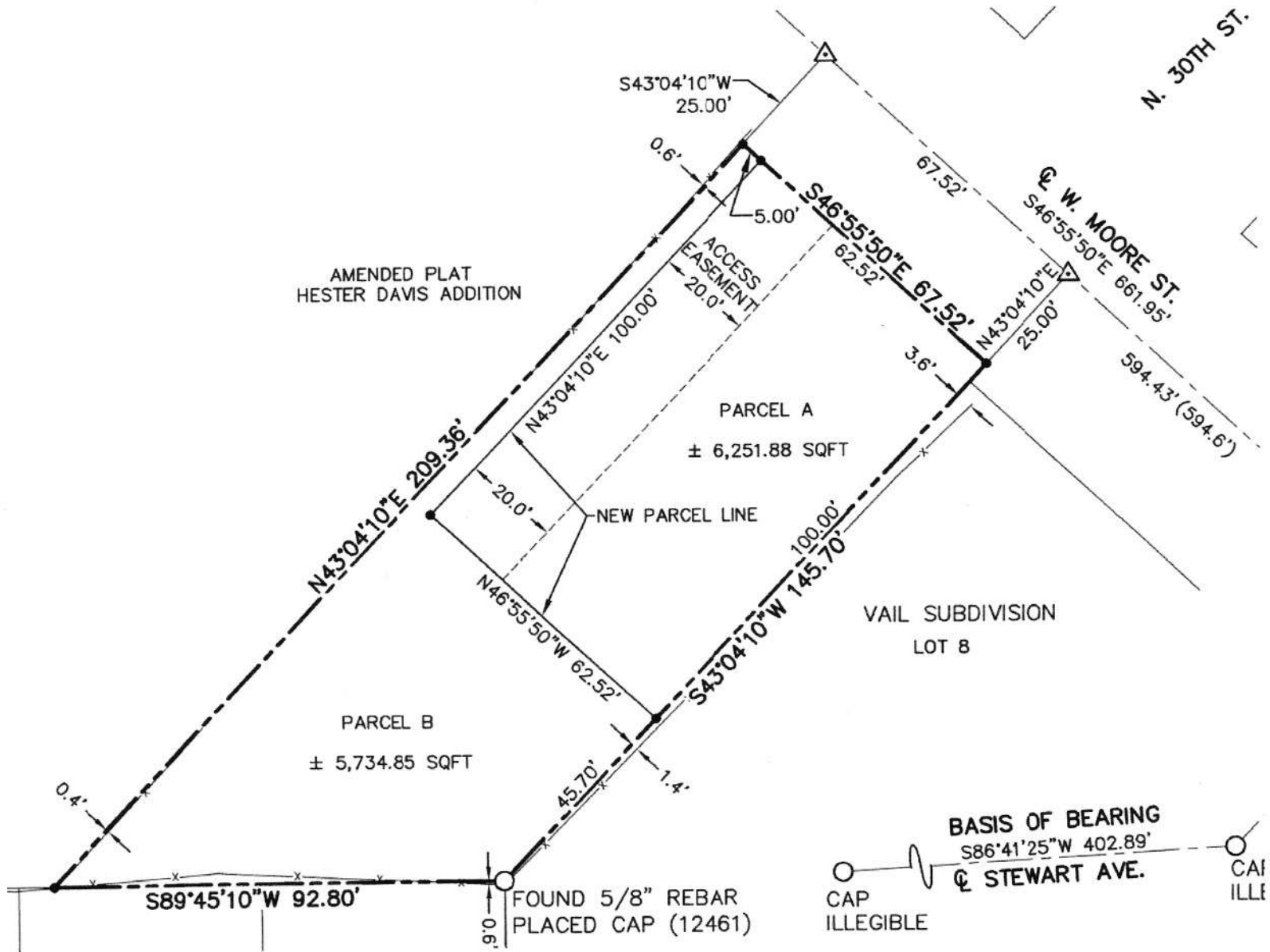
A vote was taken; all 10 board members voted in favor of pursuing these two grants.

MINOR LAND DIVISION RECORD OF SURVEY FOR

MOORE HOMES LLC

A PORTION OF LOT 49, OF THE AMENDED PLAT
OF HESTER A. DAVIS ADDITION.

IN THE NW 1/4 OF SECTION 4,
T.3N., R.2E., B.M., BOISE, ADA COUNTY, IDAHO
2015



**MOORE
HOMES**

PROJECT: MOORE STREET
DESCRIPTION: 2 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCES

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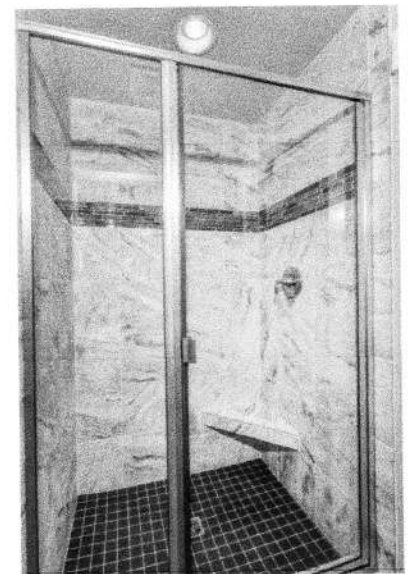
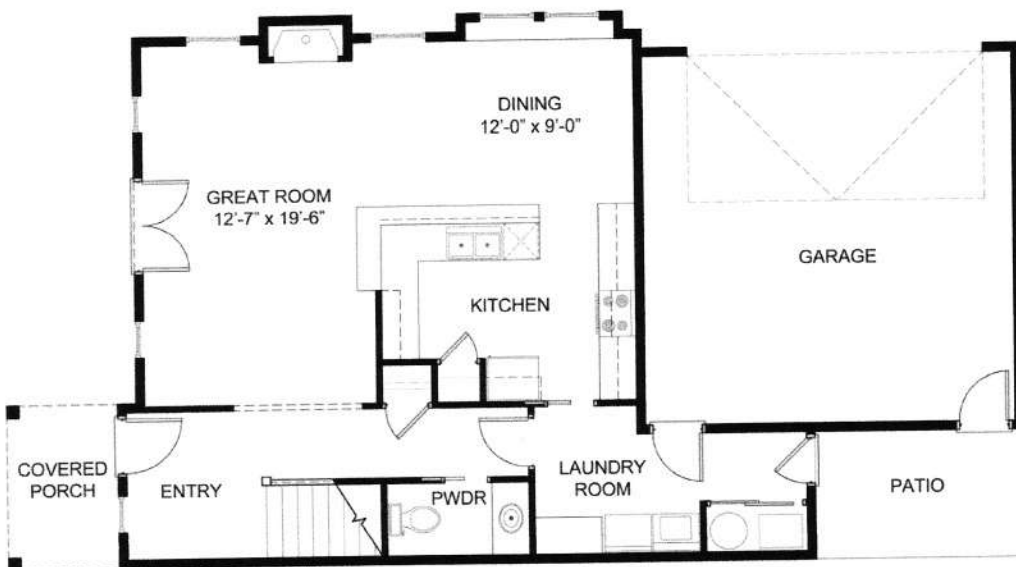


530 N 28th Street Boise

- ◆ 3 Bedrooms, 2 ½ Bathrooms
- ◆ Approx 1,780 sq ft
- ◆ 2 Car Attached Garage
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- ◆ Custom Cabinets
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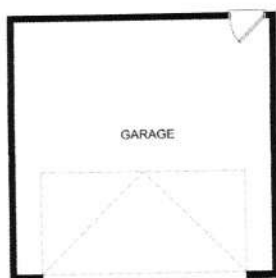
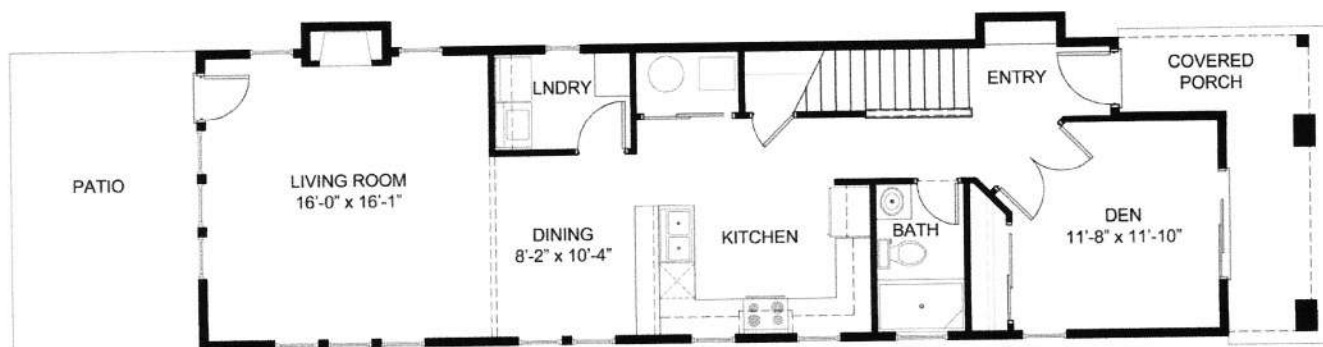


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Recent Whitewater Area Projects





VETERANS PARK
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

10/22/2015

Dear Brooke J. Greene,

On Monday October 19, 2015 the Veterans Park Neighborhood Association (VPNA) had opportunity to learn about traffic calming needs on 23rd Street between State Street and Main Street. It is the boards understanding that an ACHD Community Programs application will be submitted by the end of October by a VPNA resident Nissa Nagel, who is a mother and a 15 year resident of the neighborhood who lives East of 27th Street. The VPNA unanimously supports Nissa's application for traffic calming and further wants to elaborate on the need for a reduced speed limit on 23rd Street and improved pedestrian infrastructure.

Recently, Whittier School stopped bussing kids who live East of 27th Street because of improved pedestrian infrastructure and crossings as result of the 30th Street Project. 23rd Street was the cutoff for that project and minimal pedestrian improvements have been made to intersections along that corridor that are frequented by school age children. 27th Street has a designated School Zone where 20 MPH speed limits are enforced before and after school and flashing lights at crosswalks. VPNA neighbors are in love with the pedestrian improvements on this street and they are heavily used.

23rd Street has speed limit of 30 MPH even though it's the home to Madison Early Childhood Center, which is operated by the Boise School District. The VPNA believes that the design of 23rd encourages faster driving that puts our most delicate residents at risk of serious injury or fatality if a crash were to happen along this route. VPNA strongly recommends ACHD reduce the speed limit in this corridor to 25 MPH with a 20 mph school zone reduction during the appropriate hours for the safety of neighborhood children. The VPNA agrees with the City of Boise's request for a bulb out at the W Bannock crosswalk, and would also like to see a flashing light installed at this crossing.

Furthermore, it is our understanding that Whitewater Park Boulevard was built specifically to become a main connector running North/South to reduce traffic volume on Streets like 27th and 23rd Street. Now that Whitewater Park Boulevard is complete we believe that now is an appropriate time to improve pedestrian safety and overall walk ability by making interior neighborhood streets pedestrian oriented and not designed for high volume pass through motorized traffic.

The VPNA unanimously supports this project and has hope that with the positive response already shown by ACHD, the City of Boise and other groups that it is prioritized as a top project through ACHD Community Programs.

Thank you,

Matt Ciranni
VPNA President