

VPNA BOARD MEETING | MINUTES

November 17 | 6:30-8 pm | Erin Sorensen's Home

Meeting called by Matt Ciranni

Attendees Matt C, Erin S, Laura L, Patricia H

AGENDA TOPICS

I. NEIGHBORHOOD REINVESTMENT GRANTS

We discussed the four 2014 Neighborhood Reinvestment Grants that we need to invoice and/or submit Q4 reports for:

- 1) Quinns Pond Swim Buoys. This grant was submitted by Devin McGlynn and Kelly Wilde, and none of us knows the status of invoicing—although we assume it's all complete. Laura will check with Rhiannon at City of Boise to confirm.
- 2) Whittier Elementary Art Installation. We filled out the Q4 report for this but need to touch base with Roger Sherman, who is managing this project, re: invoicing.
- 3) Neighborhood Outreach and Communication. This was submitted by Devin McGlynn (originally to fund a newsletter) and we are pretty sure none of this has been used. Erin will check with Kathleen Lacey re: whether we can use this in 2015 for a mailer for our annual meeting. No reporting or invoicing was completed tonight on this project.
- 4) Roundabout Art. We completed the Q4 report for this, and Erin said we are waiting for the project to be completed/installed in mid-December to submit final artist invoice.

Action Items

Laura will check with:

- Rhiannon (City of Boise) re: \$1K buoy grant to confirm invoicing and reporting is complete.
- Roger Sherman re: Whittier Wall invoicing

Erin will contact Kathleen to see if we can use \$2K Communications Grant for 2015 outreach effort (mailer to promote VPNA annual meeting).

II. NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDTABLE

Matt mentioned that new modular homes are being built in the Independence Park area on State Street near Flying Pie Pizza and the Salvation Army.

III. 30TH STREET PLAN and NEW HOUSING

Matt noted that a neighborhood resident was concerned that rowhouses being constructed in the neighborhood would cause increased traffic and negatively impact parking. This resident asked Matt to testify on his behalf about these impacts at a city hearing. Matt directed the resident to Kathleen Lacey at the City of Boise, and also let him know that more dense housing is consistent with the approved 30th Street Plan.

Erin said that Neighborhood Housing Services is developing workforce housing in Garden City that is affordable for median-range/public service earners such as teachers and firefighters. Sherry McKibben, an Idaho architect, is developing the newest phase with a focus on energy efficiency.

IV. ROUNDABOUT ART UNVEILING / EVENTS

Erin said that the roundabout art will be done mid-December. If the City decides to do an unveiling in December, Erin thought it would be fun to make it an eve of holiday caroling. If the City unveils the project in spring, we'll see if we can do something in Esther Simplot Park afterwards.

In general, the group thought it would be fun to do spring and fall events in the neighborhood.

Erin will contact Boise Parks and Rec for a Simplot Park update.

V. WHITEWATER PARK BOULEVARD REMNANTS

We had a quick discussion wondering who owns the remnants of land along Whitewater Park Boulevard.

Update Tuesday, November 18: Matt found that all the remnant/unused/sliver parcels along the road right of way are owned by ACHD, and not Boise City. The exceptions are a few small parcels near the western edge of Regan and Woodlawn Streets that are listed as belonging to a James Greenwood.

Next Meeting

- Monday, January 20