

VPNA BOARD MEETING | MINUTES

November 17, 2015 | 6:30-8:00 pm | Davis Park Apartments

Meeting called by Matt Ciranni

Attendees Board Members: Matt, Tyler, Laura, Patricia B, Rae B, Ron, Brian C, Brian K
Guests: Jennifer, Ann and Andrew

AGENDA TOPICS

I. NEIGHBORHOOD REINVESTMENT GRANTS

- Matt discussed the Neighborhood Reinvestment Grants we submitted to the City of Boise earlier this month. We submitted one grant for a swing and power source for Fairview Park, and a mini-grant for \$2,000 for neighborhood communications. The lighting project we had previously discussed and voted on did not come to fruition due to the amount of time that planning the grant submission would require.
- The board discussed planning for the 2016 grants earlier in the year, beginning in July 2016.
- There was discussion around the Heron Hollow sub-neighborhood. Our Heron Hollow representative (not present at this meeting) has asked in the past for VPNA to apply for grants that benefit the Heron Hollow area. But, for this to happen, representatives from that area need to provide VPNA specific, fundable ideas for the Heron Hollow neighborhood and become involved in the grant submission process. Funding is often available if someone from the area is willing to participate! Input is (as always) encouraged from residents in the Heron Hollow neighborhood for the next grant cycle.

II. BOARD MAKE-UP

Right now the Board has three members from Veterans Point sub-neighborhood, and our by-laws state that we are supposed to have only two. Matt was wondering if one of the Veteran's Point representatives could be a Pleasanton rep. Brian C will be this rep, as it turns out he lives in the Pleasanton sub-neighborhood, anyway.

III. SUB-NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDTABLE

Tyler: Would like to revisit a goat head attack event for next year.

Brian K: Interested in knowing about land swap between the City of Boise and California construction company LocalConstruct. LocalConstruct owns the historic Spaulding Ranch that the city is considering swapping for a piece of land in the neighborhood at Whitewater Park Boulevard and Main Street.

He also mentioned that last evening (Nov. 16), about 20 police cars surrounded Fairview Park and officers were asking neighbors to stay indoors. He didn't know the cause.

He suggested that it would be good to find out what the city plans to do about the homeless people who frequent Fairview Park. He is working on a project with Terry Reilly called CATCH, a pay-for-success program that is trying to fight recidivism for released prison populations. They are working to get people in homes. Ada County has a \$13M budget to spend on indigent services—and a pay-for-success grant can help counties and states save money (and benefit investors). If an organization can develop a program that helps the county cut costs, it can get paid to enhance services in the community.

Brian C has heard that someone is building homeless housing units and wondering where they will go. These shelters will have a door and lock. **Brian K** responded that someone is building tiny houses in Garden City that are about \$5K.

Brian C asked if our neighborhood has a Boise Police Department liaison, and Matt pointed him to Officer Schiffler. Brian said that, every weekend, the Main/Fairview corridor is very noisy and there is drag racing going up onto the Connector. The group said that the Connector is policed by the Idaho State Police.

Rae has been in contact with ACHD re: whether our neighborhood will be included in the upcoming ACHD Pedestrian Study for the North section of town. She shared a map that reflects that it looks like the plan will include us. (*See attachment.*)

Rae also asked about irrigation and water rights in the neighborhood.

Laura put in a plug for Whittier uniforms, which the school is trying to raise money for, and mentioned the idea of doing a service project for kids in the Davis Park apartments for the holidays next year.

Ron spoke about the benefits of/need for diagonal parking along Veterans Parkway and curbing a gutter by the Dutch Goose running down to corner. This could help make park access easier for area residents and create a block and a half of parking.

Matt expressed frustration at the fact that bulldozers are starting to raze foothills for more development in the Harrison Hollows trail system. Colin Connell is the developer. Matt said that neighbors wanted to work with the Connell to mitigate development, but the city did not allow for it. Rae suggested Matt invite the city's open space coordinator to come talk to us to explain how this happened.

The Salvation Army's building has been put on the market. The SA has temporarily moved this facility's operations to the Booth Home in the North End, then will move to new headquarters being constructed on West Emerald Street.



Foothills
Bruce Eggleston

North/East Ends
Susan Riggs
Matt Halitsky

Downtown
Cody Riddle
Sarah Schafer

Central Bench

den Blvd

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W Main St

N Orchard St

S Orchard St

S Vista Ave

Roadway Ave