

# VPNA Board Meeting | Minutes

September 21, 2015 | 6:30pm - 8pm | Davis Park Apartments

Meeting called by Matt Ciranni

Attendees Matt C, Tyler V, Ron B, Brian C, Brian K, Melvin B, Rae B, Patricia B, Kathleen C, Kathleen L, Erin S

## I. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Roundabout art will hopefully be installed in October. There was a cost overrun. Kathleen Lacey (City of Boise liaison) thinks she will be able to get the extra funds from the reinvestment grant committee. Tyler can help with the electrical part of the installation as he is an electrical engineer.

Election for mayor and city council and vote on foothills levy coming up. We will get more information so we can possibly vote at the next meeting if we want to take a side. Some city council candidates have expressed an interest in coming to address the VPNA board. A few members expressed support of allowing them to come as they are making an effort to reach the community.

Brian K asked if there was an update on the discussion from a couple months ago about crossing 23rd st to get to Whittier. No one knew of any news.

### Action Items

**Matt** to get more information on the foothills levy and arrange for city council candidates that have expressed interest for the next meeting.

**Erin** to spearhead neighborhood goathead removal effort.

## II. UPDATE ON SOUTH OF MAIN ST EXPANSION PLANS

Matt and Erin met with the President of the West Downtown NA Scott Tagg and agreed on expansion plans for each NA. VPNA would expand south of Idaho street to the connector and west of 23rd st. WDNA would expand south of Idaho street and east of 23rd st.

Tyler feels the Veterans' Point sub-neighborhood would probably identify more with West Downtown

Kathleen feels the same about Pleasanton sub-neighborhood. She is also concerned about the south side of Idaho St from 23rd st east to the WDNA boundary. Under the proposed expansion this would go to WDNA and the neighbors across the street would be in the VPNA. Her ideal boundaries for her NA would include area of WDNA. She will support planned expansion.

Brian K said the area south of Idaho is different from the current VPNA area and thought adding that area might skew the vision of the NA.

Erin expressed some concerns about the homeless population and the Torch strip club for the West Downtown expansion. She wants the VPNA to have a say in the development of the Main/Fairview corridor and access to urban renewal funds.

Kathleen L clarified that if a NA covers a parcel of land that is being considered for development, the NA would be notified.

There was a proposal to change the expansion area boundary to 27th st.

### **Voting**

Matt moves to accept the proposed expansion. Erin seconds.

Yes: Matt C, Ron B, Brian C, Brian K, Melvin B, Rae B, Patricia B, Erin S

No: (no one)

Abstentions: Tyler V

### **III. QUICK NEWSLETTER FORMAT/ROUGH DRAFT**

Matt suggests that we do a quick newsletter. Suggested topics are VPNA expansion/boundaries, events, proposed CWI campus, updates on Esther Simplot park, call to action.

Some concern over not having much money to do a newsletter.

Rae would like to tour Esther Simplot park construction site and write an article.

### **IV. NEIGHBORHOOD REINVESTMENT GRANTS**

Neighborhood reinvestment grant proposals are due November 1 so we need to talk about them at the next meeting.

Possible grant applications: update/remove some streetlights, mini-grant for dissemination of information among NA residents (newsletter, postcard, annual meeting announcement, business cards/stickers).

### **Action Items**

**All** to think about and prepare for possible Neighborhood Reinvestment Grant application(s).

### **Next Meeting**

Monday, Oct 19