

# VPNA ANNUAL MEETING | MINUTES

April 18, 2016 | 6:30-8:00 pm | Whittier Elementary School Gymnasium

**Meeting called by** Matt Ciranni (VPNA President)  
**Attendees** **Board Members:** Matt C., Tyler V, Patricia Z, Rae B, Ron B., Melvin B., Kevin C, Brian C., Brian K.  
**Webmasters:** Kathleen and Sam Coskey  
**City of Boise Liaison:** Kathleen Lacey  
**Guest Speakers:** Wendy Larimore (City of Boise Parks and Recreation), Jay Story (City of Boise West End Project Coordinator), Joe Tate (ACHD), Casey Mattoon (Idaho Sierra Club)  
**Neighbors:** VPNA Area Residents  
**Core Purpose** Preserving and Enhancing the Quality of Life in the Veterans Park Area

## AGENDA TOPICS

### I. General Announcements

- A Boise Neighborhood Associations Board Member survey has been completed. A Boise Residents Neighborhood Engagement Survey is now available. Residents can access the survey at <http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/2671986/Boise-Residents-Neighborhood-Engagement-Survey>
- The Neighborhood Game: The Neighborhood Game - Boise will be a fun opportunity to look at your neighborhood in a new way (and a cool way to meet people)! The game is on Saturday May 14<sup>th</sup>. Participants will go out in a team of 2-3 people with a list of activities to complete. Teams will do as many activities on the list as they can. Each neighborhood needs a volunteer from the area to run the event. Find more information at <https://www.facebook.com/TheNeighborhoodGameBoise/info/>

### II. Whitewater Park Boulevard Roundabout Sculpture

- Water Chute sculpture has been installed. Roundabout will be completed in the next few weeks.

### III. Fairview Park Grant Announcement (Kathleen Lacey)

- Mayor David Bieter announced last Friday the award of \$487k of neighborhood reinvestment grants across the city. VPNA applied for a reinvestment grand and was awarded money for a Biggo Duo Swing and electricity. The swing will be installed in Fairview Park summer 2016. More information about the swing can be found at <http://www.dynamoplaygrounds.com/products/DX-3200>
- The neighborhood will need to obtain donations in the amount of \$500 for the project. Neighbors can donate at <http://www.vpnaboise.org>

### IV. Esther Simplot Park (Wendy Larimore)

- The park's buildings have been completed. The playgrounds are mostly completed. The islands are completed. Top soil is being installed and plant material will be installed by the end of June. The City is hoping vegetation will be established by the end of the summer; this will be required before the park can be opened to the public. There will be a dog off leash area, but it will require a leash to get there from the parking lot.
- A map of the park is available at <http://parks.cityofboise.org/parks-locations/parks/esther-simplot-park-site/>
- The greenbelt on the north side of the Boise River will remain closed until Simplot Park is opened. Wendy anticipates that the Greenbelt spur from Whitewater Park Boulevard/Pleasanton to the Whitewater Park will be opened by the end of May.
- The Albertson's Foundation has provided funding for the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of the Whitewater Park. The 2<sup>nd</sup> phase will include main beach access, 3 drop structures, and a stream into Veteran's Pond. There will not be any adjustable waves in the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase.
- Neighbors are concerned about traffic and parking in the Veteran's Park East sub-neighborhood and would like signage informing visitors that there is no access to the park from those streets. Residents can inquire about sign requests with ADHD.

#### **V. West End Development (Jay Story)**

- The City of Boise has completed a property exchange with Local Construct. Local Construct has obtained land bordered by Fairview, Main, Whitewater Park Boulevard and 28<sup>th</sup> street.
- The city has requirements for the development of the area including residential (including income-based housing) and commercial uses as well as an extension of 29<sup>th</sup> street through the property and Public East-West pedestrian walkways.

#### **VI. Ready for 100% Boise (Casey Mattoon)**

- Idaho GreenFest is this Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 4 to 10 pm in Downtown Boise. More information can be found at <http://www.idahogreenfest.com/>
- Idaho Sierra Club is making an effort to get The City of Boise to commit to utilizing 100% renewable energy city-wide by 2025. Visit <http://www.idaho.sierraclub.org/> for more information and access to a petition.

#### **VII. State Street/ Veterans Memorial Parkway/36<sup>th</sup> Street Intersection Redesign (Joe Tate)**

- ACHD has finished the Design Phase of the project and is now in the Right-of-Way Acquisition Phase. The intersection will utilize a ThruU-Turn concept. There will be 3 pedestrian crossings.
- There will be a project going in this summer to install a pedestrian crossing by the end of August 2016.

#### **VIII. Board Elections, Open Sub-Neighborhood Chair Elections (Matt Ciranni)**

- Heron Hollow (1 open seat)

- Matt Gregg (Self-nominated); Motion to elect by Matt C; Approved by vote of area residents with no dissenting votes.
- Whittier Place (2 open seats)
  - Casey Langenbach (Self-nominated); Motion to elect by Matt C; Approved by vote of area residents with no dissenting votes.
- Veterans Point (2 open seats)
  - Kevin Coryell (Temporary unelected chair nominated by Matt C-); Motion to elect by Matt C; Approved by vote of area residents with no dissenting votes.
  - Josh Gilbert (Self-nominated); Motion to elect by Matt C; Approved by vote of area residents with no dissenting votes.
- Treasurer (Vacated by Patricia Zurfluh-Booth)
  - Toni Roberts (Self-nominated); Motion to elect by Matt C; Approved by vote of area residents with no dissenting votes.
- Secretary (Vacated by Laura Loftus)
  - Brian Knight (Self-nominated); Motion to elect by Matt C; Approved by vote of area residents with no dissenting votes.
- President (Vacated by Matt Ciranni)
  - Tyler Victorino (Self-nominated); Motion to elect by Matt C; Approved by vote of area residents with no dissenting votes.
- Vice-President (Vacated by Tyler Victorino)
  - Matthew Ciranni (Nominated by Tyler Victorino); Motion to elect by Matt C; Approved by vote of area residents with no dissenting votes.