

# VPNA June MEETING | MINUTES

June 20, 2016 | 6:30-8:00 pm | Davis Park Apartments

**Meeting called by** Tyler Victorino (VPNA President)  
**Attendees** **Board Members:** Matt C., Tyler V, Melvin B., Brian K., Tony R., Erin S. Mary C.  
**Webmasters:** Kathleen C  
**City of Boise Liaison:** Kathleen Lacey  
**Neighbors:** Ryan G. Greg H., Andrea V., Susan L.,  
**Core Purpose** Preserving and Enhancing the Quality of Life in the Veterans Park Area

## AGENDA TOPICS

### I. General Announcements

- Welcome and introduction of neighbors present at the meeting.
- There is a meeting to discuss restriping 23<sup>rd</sup> Street to add bike lanes and limit parking to 1 side of the street.

### II. 32<sup>nd</sup> and Moore BCACHA Development

- Neighbors presented their concerns regarding the 32<sup>nd</sup> Street and Moore Street Boise City/Ada County Housing (BCACHA) Authority Housing Development. The plan is for 50 multi-family units. Their concerns include:
  - Neighbors have been working to improve the neighborhood over the past decade; improvements include a reduced crime rate and increasing property values spurred by healthy growth and developments, Whitewater Park Boulevard, and Esther Simplot Park.
  - The development does not follow the plans put in place by collaborative processes in Blueprint Boise, the 32<sup>nd</sup> Street Master Plan, or the North End Master Plan. Those plans call for infill housing such as duplexes and townhouses rather than high-density multi-unit housing.
  - The City of Boise has not zoned this land for high density housing. The developer would have to request a zoning change to move forward with the project. The developer can receive a *density bonus* for low-income housing.
  - Neighbors discussed studies showing best practices for low-income housing include adequate emergency access and sufficient transportation corridors. This area would have a 1 way entrance/exit from Whitewater Park Boulevard and narrow streets flowing North and East through the neighborhood via 32<sup>nd</sup> Street and Moore Street.
  - There are already multiple low-income housing projects in existence in the adjacent neighborhoods. Neighbors state there was a spike in crime rates at one of these developments during 2015 over 2014 levels.

- Surrounding Elementary Schools are full and have the highest levels of children receiving Free and Reduced Lunch in the Boise School District. Adding new low-income housing projects in the neighborhood would increase the burden on Lowell, Taft, and Whittier Schools and increase the amount of children that would have to be bussed further away from their homes.
- Neighbors are requesting that the VPNA Board considers voting to take the position to oppose the development as planned by BCACHA and present the opposition at the City of Boise Planning and Zoning Hearing.
  - Citizens can speak for 3 minutes but neighborhood associations can speak for up to 20 minutes.
- **Action Steps**
  1. Ryan and Greg will send a list of talking points for the VPNA Board to consider.
  2. Kathleen L. will inform the VPNA Board of the City of Boise Planning and Zoning Hearing Date.
  3. VPNA will reach out to Deanna Watson of BCACHA for rebuttal of the talking points.
  4. VPNA Board will vote to oppose, support, or abstain from taking a position on the development.

### **III. Fairview Park Swing Project**

- VPNA needs to raise \$500 for the Swing and Power Project. A neighborhood business has offered to match up to \$250 for the project. The VPNA Board reviewed ideas to raise money. An evening block party was suggested. Concerns included hot weather and alcohol restrictions. A morning breakfast fundraiser was suggested as an alternative. Two timeframes were suggested: one for a late July Saturday morning prior to the installation and another on for immediately following the installation. Concerns included not having the money available for the City prior to the installation and not being able to celebrate with the swing during the pancake breakfast.
- **Action Steps:**
  1. Kathleen will have Toby Norton from the Parks and Recreation Department contact Tyler with the anticipated installation date.
  2. The VPNA Board will vote on a date for the Fundraiser.
  3. VPNA Neighborhood Representatives will reach out to residents in the neighborhood to market the Pancake Breakfast Party.

### **IV. Grant Ideas for 2016 Grant Applications**

- Lights for Heron Hollow area
  - City has standards for how bright the lights will be
  - Light poles would be owned by the City of Boise
  - Residents in the area whose homes might be lit up by the lights would need to be contacted and provide support for the increased lighting
- Sidewalks for Heron Hollow area
  - There are concerns about drainage to the river (Infrastructure has not been set up to move water to the river)

- Residents have been told there will never be sidewalks in the area and have developed infrastructure that would be damaged or buried by new sidewalks
- Lighting for the Rowland Spur Pedestrian Pathway
  - The pathway is very dark at night
  - Residents in the area use the pathway to commute at night
  - The pathway is believed to be owned by the City of Boise and would be eligible for grant funding
  - Lights could be ground lamps at knee height
  - Contact Toby Morton for more information about lighting the pathway
- Cleanup for the Crane Creek Pathway and Alley from Jordan Street to State Street
  - Project inspired by the SNOW Alley in the North End
  - Weeds have been growing out of control
  - People have been dumping trash in and around the creek
- **Action Steps**
  1. Tyler will email Toby to inquire about rules for lighting the Rowland Spur Pedestrian Pathway
  2. Kathleen will find out examples of lights and lighting options and send information to the VPNA Board
  3. Mary will identify residents in her sub-neighborhood that might be effected by lighting, direct them to examples of new lights around the City, and measure support for the lighting project
  4. Tyler will send a link to the City's standards for street lighting