

VPNA September Meeting | MINUTES

October 17, 2016 | 6:30-8:00 pm | Davis Park Apartments

Meeting called by Tyler Victorino (VPNA President)
Attendees **Board Members:** Tyler V, Matt C, Brian K, Ron B, Rae B, Brian C
Neighbors: None
Other Stakeholders: None

Core Purpose Preserving and Enhancing the Quality of Life in the Veterans Park Area

AGENDA TOPICS

I. General Announcements

- **Notes:**
 - City of Boise Announced Grand Opening of Esther Simplot Park to occur on November 2 at 1pm with Ribbon Cutting Ceremony.
 - Fairview Park Swing Installation and Power Project has been delayed; installation will tentatively occur Spring 2017.
 - An application has been submitted to the City of Boise for Adare Manor, an apartment project planned for the lot bordered by 24th, Fairview, 25th, and I-184. This project could have 160 units (1 and 2 bedroom apartments) and is intended to be completed in the next 5 years.
- **Action Steps:**
 - None

II. Heron Hollow/Wylie Lane Boundary

- **Notes:**
 - We have tentative approval from the Collister Neighborhood Association to annex the Wylie Lane neighborhood area that is unincorporated.
- **Action Steps:**
 - Tyler will check with Cathleen Lacey to see what we need prior to holding a vote to annex the Wylie Lane area that is unincorporated.

III. Grant Applications

- **Notes:**
 - Communications Grant
 - We are on track to have this application completed
 - Whittier Elementary School
 - Whittier may be on the Boise School District's 10-year Master Plan and could be slated to be rebuilt.
 - Any existing playground equipment might not fit in if the school is rebuilt; new playground equipment might be installed as part of a rebuild.

- The School District is willing to work on a grant application, but is expecting at least a 6-week process to get all needed parties together to work on the grant.
 - Garden Shed is still needed in the short term. Partners include the Boise Urban Garden School (BUGS)
 - Green Bike Stations
 - Boise Green Bike reported to VPNA that they already have funding to put bike stations in all of the parks along the greenbelt.
 - Bike repair stations in Esther Simplot Park and Willow Lane Park
 - Tyler discussed that Boise Bicycle Project has helped with funding for existing bike stations.
 - Tabled Grant Ideas include:
 - Rowland Spur Lighting Project: VPNA will work to incorporate the area and then work to apply for a grant to light the pathway.
 - Whittier Elementary School Playground Equipment and Art Panels: Decision is pending Boise School District plans for Whittier Elementary School
 - Crane Creek Rehabilitation Project: VPNA will need to complete outreach to neighbors in that area to gauge interest and support for the project.
 - Fundraising:
 - Grants for playground equipment awarded to other Neighborhood Associations have had much larger matches, exceeding \$7,000. The Board Considered fundraising options.
 - Board will consider the opportunity to create an annual festival/fair in one of the neighborhood parks (Simplot/Veteran's) to raise money for VPNA matching funds during the November meeting.
- **Votes:**
 - Brian K made a motion to suspend the grant application for playground equipment. Rae B. seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to approve the motion.
 - Rae B. made a motion to approve a grant application for a Garden Shed for Whittier Elementary School. Matt C. seconded the motion.
- **Action Steps:**
 - Brian C. will get letters of support from Boise School District Facilities, the Principle of Whittier Elementary School, from the PTO, and from the Boise Urban Garden School.
 - Rae is going to email Josh Gilbert to inquire about costs for a Garden Shed.
 - Tyler will lead the effort to apply for a grant for Bike Repair Stations for Simplot Park and Willow Lane Park.