

# VPNA September Meeting | MINUTES

January 16, 2017 | 6:30-8:00 pm | Davis Park Apartments

<b>Meeting called by</b>	Tyler Victorino (VPNA President)
<b>Attendees</b>	<b>Board Members:</b> Rae B, Kathleen Coskey, Ron Birkenbine, Toni Roberts, Matt Gregg, Matt C, Brian K <b>Neighbors:</b> None <b>Guests:</b> Friends of Boise Schools, Sue Lovelace
<b>Core Purpose</b>	<b>Preserving and Enhancing the Quality of Life in the Veterans Park Area</b>

## AGENDA TOPICS

### I. Friends of Boise Schools

- **Discussion Notes:**
  - There is a bond election on Tuesday March 14, the campaign arm of that is friends of Boise Schools.
  - All 4 Public High Schools are nationally recognized by the Washington Post
  - The condition of some of the school buildings do not reflect the high standards that we have for our schools
  - Bond is for \$172.5 million
    - Bond is a 20 year “roll”
  - The bond will not affect the tax rate.
    - Expiring 2012 levy paid teacher salaries
    - 1996 bond is expiring (\$94 million)
    - Rising property values is increasing tax revenues
    - Without the bond, taxes would go down about \$70 per year for the average tax payers
  - The bond needs a supermajority to pass, or a 66.6% yes rate
  - Whittier is overcrowded, built to house 300 students, now has 550 students
    - Portables are over utilized. They are not as secure as a school building
    - There are 144 portables across the district.
    - Half of the schools in the district were built between 1912 and 1960, the typical lifespan is 60 to 70 years.
  - Projects listed on the left side of the graph should be completed in the first 7 years, by 2023/24.
  - \$13 million into restoring Boise High School gym, music class space will be renovated and expanded from 1 story to 2 stories.
  - North will be renovated to improve safety such that the front entrance is visible from the office.
  - Plan comes from an external audit of the districts facility needs.
  - More information is available at [yesforboiseschools.com](http://yesforboiseschools.com)
    - Interested parties can view this website for volunteer information to call to advocate (phone banking) for the bond measure

- Interested parties can visit the website to donate money to support friends of Boise Public Schools
  - VPNA could choose to endorse a bond measure/policy or vote to support the bond measure.
- **Action Steps:**
  - Matt C. made a motion to endorse the Yes For Boise Schools bond measure, Toni R. provided a second
    - 7 voted for the measure and 1 abstained.

## **II. Adding the position of Webmaster to the board**

- **Notes:**
  - Attendance included 7 of 14 members creating a quorum.
- **Action Steps:**
  - Rae made a motion to add webmaster, and thus Kathleen Coskey
    - 8 voted for the measure

## **III. Changing boundaries to add Wylie Lane extension**

- **Notes:**
  - The Collister Neighborhood Association approved our annexation

## **IV. Annual Report**

- **Notes:**
  - Matt C. has completed the report.

## **V. Treasurers Report**

- **Notes:**
  - We received \$2000 for the Strasburg foundation for the Jordan Street Garden
  - There is \$815.92 unrestricted in savings
  - We owe \$ for the web domain and PO Box, both could come out of the communications grant
- **Action steps:**
  - Kathleen Coskey will email to determine a method for payment for the web domain.

## **VI. Special Parking District near Whitewater Park/Simplot Park**

- **Notes:**
  - We are not sure how the neighbors in the area would react to a special parking district.
  - Residents in the area might be limited by not having parking for themselves/friends/guests close to their homes.
  - Guest passes may alleviate the problem.

- The parking district might allow residents to park closer to their homes if they return during peak hours.
- **Action Items:**
  - Plan to make this a topic at the annual meeting to invite input from residents in that area

#### VII. Splitting VPNA

- **Notes**
  - There is a disconnect somewhere between Whitewater Park Boulevard and the other side of Veterans Memorial Parkway.
  - VPNA has been set up on a Census Tract which did not consider natural boundaries.
  - Representatives in the 'West End' area are having a hard time appeasing residents on the other side of the natural barriers and might be limiting their representation of their own sub-neighborhoods in an attempt to represent those other areas.
- **Action Items**
  - Will add to agenda for next time.