

VPNA March Meeting | MINUTES

March 20, 2017 | 6:30-8:00 pm | Davis Park Apartments

Meeting called by Tyler Victorino (VPNA President)

Attendees **Board Members:** Tyler V, Toni R, Kathleen C, Rae B, Matt C, Brian C, Brian K, Erin S

Neighbors:

Guests: LKV Architects, Safe Routes to School, Kathleen L. (City of Boise), Rob Mason (Sunset Neighborhood Association)

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

AGENDA TOPICS

I. General Announcements

- **Discussion:**
 - Still need to do a letter to request parking study for neighborhood adjacent to Simplot Park.
- **Action Items:**
 - **Tyler will complete letter and send it to the City.**

II. Whittier School Design

- **Discussion:**
 - City has large concerns regarding transportation and pedestrian access
 - Hearing date on April 10 in front of P&Z
 - LKV has completed traffic study
 - Designed for maximum of 650 students
 - Community center is a partnership between Boise Public Schools and Boise City Parks Department; all day community center
 - 12 – 16 month construction process; eastern 3rd of the site is not an option for the new building
 - Separating buses from parents increases safety and makes it more convenient for parents and bus drivers
 - Parking spaces: 1 for each employee plus 1 for each classroom (84 total spaces)
 - Playground and open space will be cut in half (approx.)
 - Community center will have clinical services NPs and PAs for H&Ps and clinical evaluations as well as community classes for adults and senior citizens through the community school as part of the City of Boise.
 - The new plan has reduced off-street parking from 84 to 67, some from each lot.
 - Has increased hardscapes: patio areas for bikes and pedestrians, mostly on the northeast corner at Jefferson and 29th street
 - Has created a more direct connection from pocket park at NE corner to the entrance of the building
 - Grass area is not large enough for a full size soccer field

- **Action Items:**
 - **Board Members opposed to P&Z approval to this plan will submit a list of talking points to the board over email for voting:**
 - **Supporting increased green space at the site, current plans do not allow for a full-size soccer field**
 - **Reduce onsite parking, specifically in the proposed bus loop**
 - **Support Preservation Idaho's bid to make modifications such that the new school design will blend with the aesthetic features of the old school.**
 - **Reduce crossing points to prevent pedestrian-vehicle conflicts.**

III. City of Boise Grants

- **Discussion:**
 - Whittier Garden Supplies grant was not approved due to planned rebuild of the school.
 - All other grants were approved
 - Fairview Park Power and Swing set Grant will be going out to bid in the spring and constructed early summer.
- **Action Items:**
 - **None**

IV. Treasurer's Report

- **Discussion:**
 - Balances
 - \$25.86 Balance in Savings
 - \$740.60 Current balance in unrestricted funds
 - \$766.46 Total in checking and savings
 - Income:
 - \$72.71 City of Boise Mini-Grant for PO Box Rental
 - \$250.20 Mini-Grant for Web Hosting for 3 Years
 - \$322.91 Total Income for the month
 - Expenses:
 - \$20.17 Web Domain to GoDaddy.com
- **Action Items:**
 - **Toni will buy more checks, we have only 4 left**

VI. Rob Mason from Sunset Neighborhood Association

- **Discussion:**
 - There are too many heavily biked streets that are also heavily car trafficked streets going from the neighborhoods to the downtown core.
 - Sunset NA would like to have someone designated to be a transportation chair for VPNA to participate in discussions with the City and ACHD to advocate for improved connectivity for bicycle commuters.

- City is initiating its Transportation Development Plan this week
- ACHD is revisiting Roadways to bikeways plan; network of bicycle routes on roads so everyone can get around the city safely.
 - Meetings will be on 4/3, 6/5, 7/10
- Rob Mason: goodwillout@hotmail.com / 208-501-5808
- Brian C expressed interest in representing VPNA as the transportation chair
- **Action Items:**

VII. Secession of West End from VPNA

- **Discussion:**
 - There is continued concern that sub-neighborhoods are not being represented.
 - Focus of VPNA's work has been in the West End area
 - Questions about the responsibility of Neighborhood Representatives in the West End to advocate for areas east of Whitewater and/or north of State Street
 - There is concern that the strong representation from West End sub-neighborhoods are discouraging representation from other sub-neighborhoods.
 - There is concern that a West-End secession from VPNA would effectively kill VPNA and other sub-neighborhoods would no longer have any neighborhood association representing them or advocating for them.
- **Action Steps**
 - **Rae will continue to take steps to begin the process of West End secession from VPNA**
 - **Matt C will reach out to current and former representatives from sub-neighborhoods outside of the West End area to seek participation in a committee focused on those areas**

VIII. Annual Meeting at Whittier next month

- **Discussion:**
 - Annual Meeting is scheduled for April 17 @ 6:30 PM
 - We have tentative reservations for Whittier Elementary School's gym
- **Action:**
 - **Send out postcards**