

Pierce Park Neighborhood Association

Annual Meeting Minutes

October 18, 2017

Quorum established at 6:35pm

Roy Napper called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm

Board Member election

Roy Napper led board member nominations. New board member elections were started with a discussion on responsibilities, the role of board members, and time commitment including how often board members meet. These questions were answered by President, Roy Napper. The current board agreed to post the bylaws either on the PPNA website or facebook page for residents and new board members to review. All current board members were re-nominated. The current Vice President, Jonathan Coonts, shared that he no longer wanted to remain on the board but no longer serve in this position and nominated Adam Warr for next year's Vice President. Crissy Kojima was nominated for the position of Secretary/Treasurer and Roy Napper was nominated for the position of President. Four new board members were nominated: Jamie Ellsworth, Tarril Stephenson, Vilate Gee, and Geena Pannel. All nominations were voted in by residents in attendance.

Updates on Gary Ln site, 1.43 acres

President, Roy Napper, explained current status of site. This land is owned by Boise Parks and Rec and designated for development as a park or parks and rec facility in approximately 8-10 years, according to the city's master plan. Roy explained the associations options for using this area prior to the development by the city. The association could potentially 'adopt-a-park' and use this area by signing a contract with the city on a yearly basis. The association would be responsible for all costs, upkeep, insurance, etc. An option for funding this would be the use of yearly mini grants. This does not change the city's plans for the location and does not guarantee that we would be able to change or influence specifically the city's future plans for the site. For example, if we put in our own irrigation etc. and invested PPNA funds to do so, it does not guarantee that the city would develop the area with open grass areas. Kathleen Lacey added that no city/community funds would be able to be used for this site. We could use the area informally, but it would not be funded by parks and rec. We couldn't put things in this area such as picnic tables. She indicated that development of this area is planned for 2024. She also shared that there are sometimes opportunities to get the city to move the plans to an earlier date. This land was going to be used for a fire station at one time but was then handed over to Boise parks and rec. A resident asked if this area could still become a fire station in the future, Kathleen Lacey indicated that this is not the plan, but it's not ruled out as a possible change to the future plans.

A resident asked if the land could be sold to a developer. It was explained that the location is currently zoned for a park or park facility, such as a community center; however, there is always the possibility that the zoning designation could be changed and it doesn't always have to go up for a public hearing.

Residents asked whether or not we would consider working with other associations, since residents on the west side of Gary Ln. would likely be interested in the development of this property as well. It was mentioned that residents in this area do not have a playground or place for children to play outdoors.

Mini Grant and Capital reinvestment funds application discussion

Examples of funded projects were shared including the traffic boxes such as the ones in our neighborhood on Glenwood and State and Gary and Gillis. Kathleen Lacey, association comprehensive planner, shared information on the grants in general. There is \$500,000 available designated for neighborhoods to apply for. Kathleen also shared history of projects and funding. Two years ago funding applications from neighborhoods were turned down for the first time and last year there were many projects that did not receive funding. Therefore, these reinvestment funds have become much more competitive. When reviewing grant applications, Kathleen informed us that the city looks at how well the projects align with city goals and how helpful the project would be to the neighborhood and city.

Guest speaker: Paul Fortin, candidate for city council seat 2

Paul Fortin introduced himself and shared some of his experiences, thoughts and goals for the city. Residents were able to ask him questions and receive feedback on city and neighborhood specific issues. F-35 planes were discussed as well as the new stadium downtown. Many questions/comments were shared in regards to our neighborhood's access to and maintenance of the greenbelt section closer to Glenwood. One resident shared that he felt the city needed better coordination between Ada county and the city of Boise. Access to the greenbelt could improve if we had friendly bike paths to the greenbelt. There is not access through the Plantation golf course, impacting many of our residents.

Proposed Capital Reinvestment fund application discussion

Crissy Kojima shared information on a current application being developed by the association for a pathway between Baron Ave off of Gary Lane and the new Millwell subdivision off of Pierce Park Ln. Residents asked questions about the pathway and gave their feedback. Examples of the difficulties experienced by not having good connectivity between parts of our neighborhood were shared. One resident shared that she would want it to be handicap accessible so that one of her family members could use it. Kathleen Lacey shared that it would be ADA compliant. Another resident shared that it needs to be well designed so that little maintenance is required. Kathleen Lacey shared that it would not have to be maintained by the Millwell subdivision homeowners association. Details are still being worked out, but it is possible that Boise parks would take care of certain needs. It was mentioned that signs encouraging residents to take ownership are helpful so that people don't litter and pick up litter if they see it. Another resident asked about the possibility of this becoming a road for vehicles in the future-it was clarified that it cannot become a road because of the way the Millwell subdivision is built. A vote was taken and residents approved the board's plan to submit the application with all in attendance voting yes, except one. One member (Tarril Stephenson) did not want to say no, but reported she had more questions about the impact of this on her neighborhood association. She lives in the Millwell subdivision. She voiced concerns that this would be in the only green space in the Millwell subdivision.

Door Prize drawing

Roy Napper led the drawing for door prizes and these were handed out to those in attendance and winners who were no longer in attendance will be contacted at a later time.

Other discussions

Kathleen Lacey shared the purpose of neighborhood association. NA can have more input in building/development projects. City staff sometimes come to neighborhood meetings. A resident asked about the unmarked foothills area at the end of Pierce Park and what the status is/plans are for those trails. Another resident shared that David Gordon with Ridge to

Rivers would be a good person to contact for more information. The possibility of expanding our boundaries in the future was also briefly discussed. This would require permission from surrounding neighborhood associations, changing of our maps, and approval from the city.

Officers and Board Members as of October 18, 2017

Roy Napper-President

Adam Warr-Vice President

Crissy Kojima-Secretary/Treasurer

Jonathan Coose-board member

Jamie Ellsworth-board member

Terril Stephenson-board member

Vilate Gee-board member

Geena Pannel-board member