

**Pierce Park Neighborhood Association
Board Meeting, Nov 14 2020, 10AM, via Google Meet**

Board Attendance:

Crissy Kojima (pres)

Adam Warr (VP)

Wade Dorrell (sec)

David Meyer

Evan Feick

Anthony Sanchez

Absent: Shawn Shelton (treas)

Members:

None

Guests:

Jimmy Halliburton, Boise City Council

Meeting began at 10:08AM, following informal discussion w/ Jimmy.

Board introductions.

- Crissy: President, got interested originally in E-W connector path project
- Adam: VP, got interested originally wrt. Gary Ln open lot to be used for park/open-space vs. fire station
- Wade: Secretary, interested in a more complete neighborhood, more local options/amenities for everyone so people don't have to drive all over
- Dave: Also Panther Creek HOA pres, mentioned a couple interests including safety/pedestrian improvement along Pierce Park Ln, cleanliness, light intrusion
- Anthony: librarian at Collister, said he's might be considered "one issue": lower speeds on the through-neighborhood route (Gillis/Portsmouth/Limelight/Tobi)
- Evan: just moved here this summer, interested in getting involved and meeting neighbors, heard about canal pathways project

Crissy mentioned what we must to do to maintain status as NA:

- Annual meeting (done for 2020)
- Annual report (still need to do it for 2020)

NAs also can apply for mini-grants. We didn't do this in 2020 since we didn't have a treasurer. Crissy hasn't been able to get in touch w/ Shawn/treasurer since the annual meeting. Will get in touch so we can consider grants for 2021.

Transportation project submissions: Submissions to the city are coming due. Wade talked briefly about what we submitted in 2020, how the city uses these to tune what they ask of

ACHD. (They did not pass ours along.) Because e.g. Dave, Anthony's concerns point in the same direction as what we submitted last year (usable/safe sidewalks, traffic speed), it sounds like we will at least want to resubmit, if not add/change. Wade will get detail submission requirements for this year and will coordinate w/ rest of board to get list tuned up and submitted by due date (mid Dec.) Jimmy mentioned that we should talk to our ACHD commissioner May May about how we best address the concerns, and to learn about the petition Harrison Ave neighborhood was successful with to get traffic calming. Wade will contact Mary, and Jimmy mentioned later he'd let her know we'd reach out.

Existing grant that must be applied to E/W connectivity: Adam asked whether our grant can go toward 2021 canal pathways master planning somehow. From what Jimmy said, it sounds like the answer is "possibly." Here's a couple notes paraphrased from what he said:

- The city's looking to use open space levy funds more equitably (not everyone lives near the foothills!) Our NA's head start trying to hold open some space near canals, as well as the existing grant, might be helpful. Zach Piepmeyer and Tom Law are leading on the pathways planning, **Jimmy will send Tom's email to Crissy so we have both contacts to stay engaged in the planning in 2021.**
- Jimmy mentioned also staying in touch w/ "Canals Connect Communities" which is an advocacy group. (We have that contact. We signed onto their letter to support the plan budget item, and they email us periodically when new opportunities come up. -Wade)
- Jimmy noted that an important thing about the plan is future development will have to abide by it, and this will help e.g. get easements assigned to city in the first place, rather than having to work it out after the fact.
- It will take about a year (most of 2021) to complete the process, with lots of stakeholder & NA involvement.

Adam asked about **park advocacy**, how do we best do this:

- Jimmy mentioned the city's moving through park master plan a bit faster than expected. E.g. a park in East Boise got in about 2 years ahead of plan. He said to reach out to him, he won't get upset if he gets too many emails about parks! There are innovative ways to use land on a variety of different things.
- Dave mentioned we might want to talk to Southeast Neighborhood Assoc, they've been very effective. Related, Wade will send info about the monthly neighborhood association cross-collaboration meeting, which could be another opportunity for individuals on board to learn from more experienced NAs.

Adam would like to talk next meeting about **delegating specific projects to specific board members**, "passion projects" for each. E.g. Crissy thought perhaps Dave might be interested in focus on Pierce Park Ln, Adam about parks, and we can talk about that next time.

Other project ideas: Dave mentioned he'd called director of Saint Vincent de Paul about garbage/mess, e.g. in the back along the canal lateral. Said SVdP did come up w/ a plan to do a better job. Dave thought more could be done, possibly w/ neighborhood improvement grant funds? (Crissy mentioned grant funds are now required to be spent on public, not private, something that changed/clarified recently.) Jimmy mentioned that perhaps the city's free tree program might yield something that could help beautify areas like that along sidewalks, might also pair well with traffic calming or pedestrian improvements if all made at the same time.

Next meeting:

- Dec 12, 10AM, Google Meet.
- Crissy will invite Mary May to the Dec meeting.

Jimmy ran through action items he'd taken, including some mentioned above.

Additionally:

- Jimmy said he'd track forestry contact down wrt. trees that might interfere w/ walkways.
- He also mentioned Ada Co Weed Control is often the org that gets engaged to do cleanup in public areas that have weed problems, or are adjacent to private areas that do. I didn't catch how/if we needed a contact here. -Wade
- Jimmy mentioned the Boise Bike Project is giving away bikes and having a hard time finding homes for all of them because of lower contact through teachers, social workers, etc. He was curious if Anthony & Collister Library knew of kids in need, and Anthony said yes, he'd connect.