

COLLISTER NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Meeting Minutes

January 19, 2006

Meeting was held at United Collister Methodist Church, 4444 Taft, Boise

Present: See sign-in sheets (2).

The meeting began at 7:04pm.

Welcome and Announcements

CNA President Fonny Davidson welcomed meeting participants.

Treasurer's Report

Julie Klocke reported that CNA still has \$389.51 in the bank account.

2005 Annual Report

Fonny gave the annual report including information about the summer party that was held at Catalpa Park. There were funds granted to projects in our neighborhood from Boise City's Neighborhood Reinvestment Program (NRP). Boise Parks & Recreation will get grants for the proposed Briar Hills Trailhead, and they want feedback from the neighborhood. The roundabout project at the 36th Street/Hill Road/Catalpa intersection was funded with the extension of Cartwright Road.

Additional Announcements

There will be no decision on the 2006 NPR grant requests until February. Fonny stressed the importance of neighborhood associations especially in relation to this type of funding. (One of the requirements of the program is that the applications be submitted through registered neighborhood associations.)

Collister Neighborhood Plan

Committee Chair Ed Keener passed around signup sheets for people and homes to host meetings about the neighborhood plan. There is a need especially in areas west of Collister. There was a brief discussion of the Cartwright Road extension from N 36th and its relation to the CNA Neighborhood Plan. To contact Ed, call him at 429-0266 or send him an e-mail at edmakeener@cableone.net.

Open Space

Mike Jones owns land on Hill Road west of Collister. He discussed his vision for open land and organic gardens in the area calling it a "Garland of Emeralds." He discussed why urban agriculture is important.

Library Bond

Joan Wallace, Fionny Davidson, and Kevin Booe presented information and answered questions about the upcoming library bond election to be held Tuesday, February 7. The bond would include funding for three full-service libraries at Bown Crossing, Ustick and Cole, and Collister that would double the size of the library service to patrons. Passage of the bond would require a super-majority. One of several questions and responses included the effect on property tax relief.

Proposed Collister Subdivision

"Perri" Capell filled in for architect Lynn Brown. Adam Capell and Doug Hammond of CH Construction gave an overview of the proposed project. The proposal is for four duplexes on the .388-acre northeast corner of Collister and Castlebar Drive to replace an existing single-family residence with a detached garage. The 3-bedroom, 3-bath duplexes would be marketed as town homes. The

maximum height of the project would be 25 feet. They are proposing a landscaped buffer between the sidewalk and the street that would require an exemption from the Ada County Highway District. The access to the rear garages would be from Castlebar. There is an irrigation canal on the north side of the property. There would be a homeowners association that would deal with maintenance issues.

Infill Task Force

Julie Klocke has been attending weekly meetings related to infill standards. The draft related to substandard lots is three and one-half pages long.

Election of Officers

Nominations for Becky Bunderson as Treasurer, Fony Davidson as president, Julie Klocke as Secretary, and Joan Wallace as Vice President.

Motion/Second (Mike Jones/Mim Davidson/Unanimous) - Close nominations. Unanimous approval of slate of officers.

Next CNA meeting is Wednesday, February 22 at 7:00pm.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

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February 22, 2006

Meeting was held at United Collister Methodist Church, 4444 Taft, Boise

Present: See sign-in sheet. The meeting began at 7:05pm.

Welcome and Announcements

CNA President, Fony Davidson, welcomed meeting participants.

COLLISTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Date: Saturday, February 25, 2006

Time: 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Where: Collister Elementary School, 4426 W. Catalpa Dr.

Cost: \$ 2.50 per person, or \$10.00 per family

MUSICAL PERFORMANCE by JOHN NILSON

Date: Saturday, February 25, 2006

Time: 4 PM

Where: Collister United Methodist Church, 4444 Taft St.

Cost: Free Will Offering

Also: SPAGHETTI DINNER

Date: Saturday, February 25, 2006

Where: Collister United Methodist Church

Time: 2:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

(4 pm John Nilson performance)

and 5:00 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.

Cost: Adult: \$5.00, Youth, ages 6-12: \$3.00, Children 5 and under eat free

Additional Announcements

There has been no decision yet on the 2006 city neighborhood reinvestment grant requests.

Fundraising Committee

Fonny Davidson talked about CNA's need for additional funds, and discussed several ideas that other neighborhoods use, including fundraisers, carnivals, street fairs, and dues. Fonny is against charging CNA members dues. He would like to set up a standing committee that would work throughout the year on fundraising efforts, perhaps 2 or 3 people that would work on this issue on a regular basis. Ideas could include a neighborhood garden tour, getting more donations from neighborhood businesses, etc. Ideas are needed. Funds raised could be used for a neighborhood newsletter, copying costs, neighborhood events, etc. Those who are interested, please contact Fonny Davidson at madcad@interplus.net, or telephone him at 336-8325, or send an e-mail to the CNA Secretary at: secretary@collistercna.org.

Neighborhood Events Committee

Fonny Davidson also talked about the need for a committee to work on the annual summer party, and other events. At least 3 volunteers would be needed to work on coordinating publicity, food, entertainment, children's activities, etc. Those who are interested, please contact Fonny Davidson at madcad@interplus.net, or telephone him at 336-8325, or send an e-mail to the CNA Secretary at: secretary@collistercna.org.

Grant Committee

In addition, Fonny talked about the neighborhood's need to establish an ongoing grant committee, looking into city grants, as well as other sources. He had talked to Kathi Martin, manager of the Collister Center branch of Wells Fargo Bank, and she has volunteered to help on a grant search committee. Those who are interested, please contact Fonny Davidson at madcad@interplus.net, or telephone him at 336-8325, or send an e-mail to the CNA Secretary at: secretary@collistercna.org.

Association Goals

Fonny Davidson talked about goals for the Collister Neighborhood Association this year. Of particular importance is finding more leaders within the neighborhood, and increasing participation by our neighbors. Fundraising would provide funds for a newsletter that could go to every household in the neighborhood. Many in the area don't know that they are actually a part of CNA. Dr. Christine Olson, Principal of Collister Elementary, said she would be willing to put neighborhood association information in the school newsletter. **36th Street Garden Center Update**

Flinda Terteling thanked the association for sending out notice about the impending water shut off. Due to construction of the 36th Street Garden Plaza at the corner of Hill Road and 36th Street, the hot water wells draining into the ditch will be shut down around the 9th of March. This notice was provided as a courtesy to those who may have ponds downstream from the site so that they can make other arrangements for water supply. Construction on the Garden Plaza site will begin in early March, and will continue through Fall 2006. If you have any questions, please contact Flinda Terteling at 381-5205 or FTerteling@tertco.com.

Boise School District Bond Issue

Dr. Vickie Simmons, Deputy Superintendent, Dr. Pete Bailey, Director, Capital High School Area, and Dick Brooks, Facilities Service Manager, from the Boise School District gave a presentation on the upcoming March 14, 2006 school bond issue. The bond will consolidate Cole/Jackson and

Franklin/McKinley Elementaries into two new elementary schools/community centers, renovate Lowell and Roosevelt Elementaries, re-build Whitney Elementary on the same site, build a new gym at North Junior High, rebuild or renovate South Junior High on the same site, rebuild West Junior High and East Junior High on new sites, and renovate Borah High and Capital High. Dr. Simmons said the goals of the bond are to not increase the tax levy rate, to pursue partnerships with the community, and to reinvest in the schools and the community. Questions from the audience included whether North Junior High would also be renovated to be more accessible, and the answer was at a later time; it's on the master plan. The elementary at Fairmont would be located on the site between Fairmont and the swimming pool, with the Little League fields moved a little farther. The current proposal regarding preservation issues at South is to preserve about 50% of the façade facing the street, including the entrance and library, and re-use the current relief over the auditorium in the new auditorium. Plans for South have been submitted to the Board of Trustees and will be decided later in March. The plan does include sidewalks, bike racks, and other measures to encourage use of alternative transportation. More information can be found at www.boiseschools.org, or call the district at: 854-4123 or 854-4064.

Legislative Update

Representative Jana Kemp, (R) District 16, gave a brief legislative update. Three property tax bills passed the house, and are now under consideration in the Senate, including raising the circuit breaker amount to \$28,000, increasing the homeowner's exemption to \$75,000, and cutting the maintenance and operations levy for schools from .3% to .15 %. Sales tax increase by \$.05 was passed by the House, but was not tied to funding for schools. There are still many bills in process, including education issues, health and welfare issues, natural resource issues, parks, and transportation issues. Rep. Kemp said that this session has gotten up and running more quickly than last year, and has been running at a greater intensity.

Collister Neighborhood Plan

John Bertram, consultant for the Collister Neighborhood Plan, presented information and answered questions regarding the transportation section of the plan. Input from the neighborhood is needed on transportation issues, as well as the entire plan, including bus shelters, bus routes, transit nodes, classification and design of neighborhood streets, interconnectivity issues, creating a map of trails, connections and signage for greenbelt access, use of canal access roads as a parkway, and an over-all idea to connect schools, parks, shopping and employment with trails. Comments from the audience included a desire for future utilities to be underground, and a desire for a beautified corridor all along the Oregon Trail, including the Goodale cut-off, which is Hill Road. John Bertram is available at: jbertram@spro.net or 336-1438. Committee Chair Ed Keener still needs people and homes to host meetings about the neighborhood plan. There is a need especially in areas west of Collister. To contact Ed, call him at 429-0266 or send him an e-mail at edmakeener@cableone.net.

Next CNA meeting is Wednesday, March 29, 2006 at 7:00pm.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

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Meeting Minutes

March 29, 2006

Meeting was held at United Collister Methodist Church, 4444 Taft, Boise

Present: See sign-in sheet. The meeting began at 7:08pm.

Welcome and Announcements

CNA President, Fonny Davidson, welcomed meeting participants.

Neighborhood Newsletter

Fonny Davidson told the members that the Executive Committee is working on getting a neighborhood newsletter sent out, hopefully in May. The intent of the newsletter is to let people know that they are part of the Collister neighborhood, that the CNA is the vehicle to conduct neighborhood business, and lobbying the City, ACHD, and other government agencies. The newsletter will also include information on the neighborhood plan.

The Collister neighborhood has about 6000 deeded properties, with an estimated population of 15,000 to 18,000. Because the committee believes that it is important to get CNA information into all of the homes in the neighborhood, the newsletter will be mailed out. The City has agreed to cover the cost of printing of the newsletter, but CNA will need to pay for the cost of postage, estimated at \$500-\$600. The businesses at the Collister Shopping Center have donated \$100 toward the cost of postage, and Fonny asked for additional donations from members at the meeting. A thank you to Barney Skogerson, who said he would donate \$100.

The newsletter committee is chaired by Jeff Beaman, who does public relations for Idaho Power. The committee also has a volunteer graphic designer.

City Neighborhood Reinvestment Grants

Fonny Davidson announced that CNA had received a neighborhood reinvestment grant for \$16,000 for the beautification of the front of Collister Elementary on Catalpa. The other grant proposals, for playground equipment at Collister Elementary and for improvements to Owens Park on 39th Street, were not funded.

Fonny again talked about the neighborhood's need to establish an ongoing grant committee, looking into city grants, as well as other sources. Those who are interested, please contact Fonny Davidson at madcad@interplus.net, or telephone him at 336-8325, or send an e-mail to the CNA Secretary at: secretary@collistercna.org.

ACHD Community Grants

CNA has received two ACHD Community grants. The first is for sidewalk, curb and gutter on the north side of Catalpa, from 36th to Collister, and is in the ACHD budget for design and build. The second is for sidewalk, curb and gutter on the north side of Taft St., which has been approved for the 2008 build-cycle.

Picnic Committee

The committee for the CNA summer picnic has been formed, and has started to work on planning the event.

Other Announcements:

Hillside Junior High Open House and Spaghetti Dinner Naomi Aitken from Hillside Junior High School announced that the school will be holding an Open House and Spaghetti Dinner on Thursday, April 19th.

4301 Hill Road Development Catherine Scott, architect, gave a presentation regarding the building of a 500 square foot accessory building at 4301 Hill Road, on the southwest corner of Hill Road and Edwards St. The applicant, JoAnne Hoppe, is a grandchild of the original owners, and is seeking a conditional use permit to build a small guest house.

4320 Collister Dr. Development Lynn Brown gave an update on the development at 4320 Collister. They have reached an agreement with ACHD to put in a meandering sidewalk on Collister, in order to save the existing large trees.

Collister Neighborhood Plan

Ed Keener and John Bertram, consultant for the Collister Neighborhood Plan, presented information and answered questions regarding the neighborhood plan.

Comments from the members included:

Section 2.3: A request from Mark Smith of the Briarhill neighborhood that Collister north of Hill Road be designated as a two-lane residential street. There is concern that with the development of a trail head and additional homes, that traffic will increase in this area.

Chapter 7, Objective 2.2: A request for more clear definition of “gateway routes” with regard to 36th Street, and others. It was also noted that Collister Dr. south of Hill Road is currently designated an arterial, and that Pierce Park Lane is currently designated as a collector.

Page 2-18, Objective 1.1: It was suggested that the reference to the bond issue be deleted.

Canal banks as trails: Suggestion that include language regarding the preservation of connectivity to trails behind Hillside, Stewart Gulch, Foothills. Some neighbors have objected to opening canal maintenance roads as public trails, citing private property and safety considerations. It was also suggested that there be a differentiation made between canals vs. ditches. Comments were made that more neighbors need to be aware of this proposal, put the idea in the newsletter, hold more small neighborhood meetings.

Land Use: Comments included the need to define neighborhood character, and the need to tie land use to transportation.

In-fill Development: Comments included the opinion that the permitting process is not consistent. There was a request for a process that included notification on all permits, and context-sensitive design, encouraging neighbors to be good neighbors and to dispel misunderstandings.

Page 2-9, Objective 3.1: Comment that lateral ditches are the responsibility of the lateral associations, which need to be more active, and should be a community resource. A suggestion was made that canal companies could have newsletters, informing members about how to start and keep lateral associations operative, how to keep lateral open, information about maintenance and paths.

Transportation nodes: Suggest more complete definition or description of nodes.

Page 2-13, Objective 1, Item 5: Suggest language that Valley Ride should provide comprehensive route coverage in a dependable manner.

Note: Committee Chair Ed Keener still needs people and homes to host meetings about the neighborhood plan. There is a need especially in areas west of Collister. To contact Ed, call him at 429-0266 or send him an e-mail at edmakeener@cableone.net.

Next CNA meeting is Wednesday, April 26th, 2006 at 7:00pm.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

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Meeting Minutes

April 26, 2006

Meeting was held at United Collister Methodist Church, 4444 Taft, Boise

Present: See sign-in sheet. The meeting began at 7:03pm.

Welcome and Announcements

CNA President, Fonny Davidson, welcomed meeting participants.

Neighborhood Newsletter

Fonny Davidson told the members that the Executive Committee is working on getting a neighborhood newsletter sent out, hopefully in May. The intent of the newsletter is to let people know that they are part of the Collister neighborhood, that the CNA is the vehicle to conduct neighborhood business, and lobbying the City, ACHD, and other government agencies. The newsletter will also include information on the neighborhood plan.

The newsletter committee is chaired by Jeff Beaman, who does public relations for Idaho Power. The committee also has a volunteer graphic designer. CNA has received several donations to fund the mailing costs of the first addition.

City Neighborhood Reinvestment Grants and ACHD Community Grants

Fonny again talked about the neighborhood's need to establish an ongoing grant committee, looking into city grants, as well as other sources. We need suggestions for these grants. Those who are interested, please contact Fonny Davidson at madcad@interplus.net, or telephone him at 336-8325, or send an e-mail to the CNA Secretary at: secretary@collistercna.org.

Picnic Committee

The committee for the CNA summer picnic has been working on organizing the event, which will be held Thursday, August 10, 2006, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Other Announcements:

COMPASS Communities in Motion Plan

COMPASS is seeking public input on the draft of its Communities in Motion Plan. Comment period for the public will be April 18 to May 19, 2006. Ed Keener will be hosting a review of the plan at his home on Monday, May 8, 2006 at 7 p.m., address: 3423 N. 39th St. Also, Paul Woods, candidate for Ada

County Commissioner, will be at the meeting. Sunset Neighborhood is also planning a forum, at Lowell Elementary on Wednesday, May 10, 2006 at 7 p.m.

Collister United Methodist Church: 2006 Spring Fling

Collister United Methodist Church, which has graciously provided meeting space for CNA meetings, invites the neighborhood to its annual Spring Fling, to be held on Saturday, May 6th, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Lunch at 11:00 a.m. There will be baked goods, crafts, and other miscellaneous items for sale. Donated items to be sold can be delivered to the church on Friday afternoon, May 5th, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Church address: 4444 Taft, phone: 344-0051.

ACHD Capital Improvement Plan

ACHD will be holding an Open House, tomorrow, April 27th, at 4:30, at the ACHD auditorium on Adams Street, to discuss the update to the Capital Improvement Plan.

4218 W. Taft St. Development

Patricia Young and Byron Johnson have applied for a variance to build a 2000 square foot home on 4218 W. Taft St. There is currently a small 580 square foot home and a shed on the property.

36th Street Garden Center

Flinda Terteling said that they were currently in the process of getting bids, which were coming in substantially higher than they had budgeted for. They are still going ahead with the development, and hope to have the garden center open spring 2007.

ACHD Neighborhood Advisory Committee

Ed Keener is a community representative on the ACHD Community Advisory Committee. Any members with questions or concerns should feel free to contact him at 429-0266 or at: **edmakeener@cableone.net**.

Legislative Update

Senator David Langhorst gave a brief update on the 2006 legislative session, and handed out a summary sheet of key actions. More information from Sen. Langhorst is available at this link: **dlanghorst@cabelone.net**. Two-year moratorium on building power plants: the legislature felt that the state needed to be involved and wanted time to develop a state-wide plan. There were concerns about the effect on neighboring communities, discharge of mercury, that power would be sold of out-state, reliance on water and possible depletion of the aquifer. Replenish the Snake River aquifer: the legislature was concerned that it would affect the outcome of the years of work on the Snake River adjudication, which is expected to be finalized in the next couple of months. Also, the legislature did not want to see politicization of water rights. GARVEE bonds: the legislature limited funding to 6 projects, and established precedent that the legislature will approve funding of future GARVEE projects. Old Ada County courthouse: proposals are in committee; they hope to have legislative sessions there in 2008, 2009. Requests from members for next year's legislation included: state funding for drug and alcohol detox centers, allowing local option tax to support transit funding, and encouraging preservation of farm land.

Representative Jana Kemp, Seat 16B, added: No Child Left Behind (NCLB): the legislature passed two resolutions to send to the national congressional delegation, the first asking for a minimum 2-year period before non-English speaking students are subject to testing, and the second asking that both Title 1 and non-Title 1 schools receive funding for remedial education. High School Re-design: The legislature sent the proposal back to the Idaho Board of Education to provide more details, and come up with a comprehensive financial plan. Independent film business: The legislature passed a sales tax rebate for expenditures of a minimum of \$200, 000, requiring annual reporting, and containing a sunset provision. Mo-peds/scooters: Legislation was passed making certain mo-peds and scooters

street legal if they meet federal requirements for motor vehicles. An on-going committee is looking into other motorized scooters, etc.

Candidates for Office

Fonny Davidson said that CNA policy is to be open to all candidates for public office, time permitting. The following candidates contacted CNA prior to the meeting, and appeared briefly at the meeting: Cecil Ingram, candidate for Ada County Treasurer; Les Bock, Democratic candidate for House District 16B; Jana Kemp, Republican candidate for House District 16B; and Paul Woods, candidate for Ada County Commissioner, District 1.

Collister Neighborhood Plan

Fonny Davidson said that the current agenda is to have a final draft of the CNA neighborhood plan to review and discuss at the May meeting, and then vote on whether to accept or reject the draft as finished.

Ed Keener, chair of the plan committee, asked that any suggestions, additions or changes to the plan be put in writing, and delivered or e-mailed to Ed at: edmakeener@cableone.net.

Comment: With regard to the West Bench Neighborhood Association's proposal to change the City's comprehensive plan to prohibit any street currently classified as a minor arterial to be more than 3 lanes wide, not to exceed 42 feet curb to curb, or 50 feet curb to curb if a bike lane is included in the streetscape, and add new policy that existing neighborhoods should not be split by 5-lane roads, does the plan address this situation? Currently, the plan calls for a boulevard treatment on 36th Street, possibly three lanes. The draft also endorses the State Street Corridor Study.

Chapter 8, page 2-19: Need more complete development/description of "neighborhood character," and smaller sub-neighborhoods.

Need: Language regarding appropriate infill development, perhaps from the new substandard lot ordinance.

Chapter 3, page 2-7: Include wording regarding "dark skies," light pollution

. 8-2-2, page 2-19 "Transit-oriented development"-Ed Keener explained that this meant mixed use land use, residential, office, commercial, at nodes along State Street at 36th, Collister, maybe Pierce Park, Gary Lane. It would allow a change in zoning for increased density up to a ¼ mile from the node.

Ch. 8-2-2, page 2-19 Re-write re: Foothills Plan, include mitigation of development impacts to dark skies, light pollution. Need additional hydraulic study re: impact of building in the foothills.

Chapter 9-Economic Development-Some thought it may be OK in some circumstances for small, well-designed "convenience-type" store to be located within the neighborhood, but most members wanted to keep commercial activities along the State Street corridor. Allowing businesses off of State Street may open a can of worms, leading to "commercial creep" into residential areas.

Members do want to increase pedestrian, non-motorized connectivity to neighborhood businesses.

Transportation: Want to include specific language in the plan that the neighborhood wants improvements to Hill Road, particularly safe pedestrian and bicycle routes. The intention is to get the City to adopt the idea, and then get ACHD on board.

There is concern that transportation issues, particularly bike paths, are discussed in several areas of plan, and should perhaps be consolidated.

Note: Committee Chair Ed Keener still needs people and homes to host meetings about the neighborhood plan. There is a need especially in areas west of Collister. To contact Ed, call him at 429-0266 or send him an e-mail at: edmakeener@cableone.net.

Next CNA meeting is Wednesday, May 31st, 2006 at 7:00pm.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

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May 31, 2006

Meeting was held at United Collister Methodist Church, 4444 Taft, Boise

Present: See sign-in sheet.

Welcome and Announcements

CNA President, Fonny Davidson, welcomed meeting participants, which numbered over 50.

Collister Neighborhood Picnic:

The committee for the CNA summer picnic has been working on organizing the event, which will be held Thursday, August 10, 2006, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Volunteers are needed; please contact Ross Corthell, phone: 345-9022, or e-mail: rosscorthell@bc.com.

Sycamore Stroll:

The Sycamore Stroll neighborhood yard sale on Sycamore Drive will be June 17th.

Neighborhood Newsletter

Fonny Davidson told the members that unfortunately, despite our efforts, the Collister Neighborhood newsletter was delayed in getting mailed out to members. The City covered the cost of printing the newsletter, and allowed CNA to use the City's bulk mailing account. Fonny had made several trips to City Hall in order to get the newsletter out and to personally make payment of \$892.90 for postage, considerably more than estimates we were given. Another \$79.17 in postage was paid by Julie Klocke for newsletters returned as undeliverable. Several members had previously made donations which partially covered the cost of the newsletter, and additional donations would be very welcome. (Note: By the end of the meeting, an additional \$225 in total donations. Thanks to: Kay Anderson and Chuck Smith, Leslie Felton-Jue, Sharon Henderson, Carol Ryan, Faye and Robert Spencer, and Joan Wallace, and several other donors whose name we did not get, but wish to thank.)

Because the newsletter was late in getting out, and neighbors did not receive adequate notice, any vote on the neighborhood plan would be delayed until fall.

Collister Neighborhood Association--No Summer Meetings

Unless there is a matter of urgency for the neighborhood, there will be no CNA meetings until September. Notice will be given through the newspaper and e-mail.

Valley Regional Transit

Mary Barker, Marketing Director of Valley Regional Transit (VRT), gave a presentation on mass transit in the Treasure Valley. Idaho population is expected to double by 2050, with corresponding increases in traffic, congestion and commute times. There is recognition that the current mass transit system in the valley is not viable: there are not enough routes and the existing routes are too infrequent. Studies have shown that there is a direct correlation between increased routes and frequency and an increase in ridership.

Improvement in the system is dependent upon funding. Idaho is one of only 8 states in the U.S. that has no dedicated state funding for mass transit, one of only 4 states that does not allow cities or counties to provide their own funding source, and one of only 2 that does not allow a tax for transit. Federal funding requires \$2.00 in local funds for every \$8 in federal funds. There currently are no local funds to match the federal. According to the 2000 census, Boise became an urban area, and in 2007 will no longer receive federal funds for operating transit. Boise needs to come up with \$1.2 million to fund transit.

Since VRT funding depends on local city funding, city boundaries dictate bus service. Thus, because of this method of funding, the most efficient bus routing in Boise is a hub and spoke service.

The Nampa-Boise corridor may be light rail, may be heavy rail, High Occupancy Vehicle lanes (HOV), or Rapid Transit Bus. COMPASS and Valley Regional Transit have put in an application for a federal grant, but are not likely to receive it because there are no local matching funds.

VRT is asking the state legislature for permission to ask the voters to fund transit. The money would be used to: purchase right of way for a rail corridor, to match federal funds, to fund a circulator in downtown Boise, to develop a bus stop system, and to provide transit facilities. Projected costs, based upon what gets funded, run from \$19.5 million to more than \$70 million, or from \$35 to \$100 annually per household. Transit is a long term investment.

A 2002 survey reported that 88% of Boiseans support mass transit. Public transportation is an important factor considered by businesses in locating or relocating sites.

ACHD Neighborhood Advisory Committee

Ed Keener is a community representative on the ACHD Community Advisory Committee. Any members with questions or concerns should feel free to contact him at 429-0266 or at:

edmakeener@cablone.net.

Housing and Community Development 5 Year Plan Update

Earl Cook and Jim Birdsall from City of Boise Housing and Community Development gave a presentation on a new 5 Year Consolidated Plan, seeking citizen input in identifying community needs and priorities for future funding for a variety of federal and local programs. The Homeownership program is an existing program that provides federal funds to help young families purchase and live in their own home. Those meeting income requirements may qualify for a second mortgage of up to \$50,000, deferred for 5 years at which time would be re-amortized for 25 years. The American Dream Down-Payment Initiative provides grants for down-payments to those who qualify. And the Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation loans for home re-habilitation and remodeling provides low interest loans for those who qualify. A flyer about the re-hab program was sent out with sewer bills, and the response was huge. Housing and Community Development is also considering targeting areas within certain

neighborhoods. For more information, or to provide comments or suggestions, please contact Earl Cook at phone: 384-4158, or e-mail at: ecook@cityofboise.org; or Jim Birdsall at phone: 384-4158 or e-mail at jbirdsall@cityofboise.org.

Collister Neighborhood Plan

Again, because the Collister Neighborhood Newsletter was late getting out, there will not be a vote on the plan until fall.

Ed Keener, chair of the plan committee, asked that any suggestions, additions or changes to the plan be put in writing, and delivered or e-mailed to Ed at: edmakeener@cableone.net.

Comment: Page 2-18: With the recent defeat of the bond election for the library, should wording be changed? General agreement was that we would continue to encourage a branch library in the Collister Neighborhood, and remove reference to the election.

Comment: The plan needs additional protective language for other parts of the neighborhood, like it does for the Sycamore area.

Comment: There is a problem with garbage on Hill Road, between Pierce Park and Collister.

Need: Language regarding appropriate infill development, perhaps from the new substandard lot ordinance.

Comment: regarding a proposed signal at Sycamore and State-is this necessary? Ed Keener said that this was not a recommendation from the traffic committee, and is not in keeping with the State Street Corridor Study. General agreement was to strike this proposal.

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Next CNA meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 27th, 2006 at 7:00pm.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

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Meeting Minutes

September 27, 2006

Meeting was held at United Collister Methodist Church, 4444 Taft, Boise

Present: See sign-in sheet.

Welcome and Announcements

CNA President, Fonny Davidson, welcomed more than 40 meeting participants.

Next month's meeting will have an election forum for candidates, speakers on Proposition 2 (the "eminent domain" issue), and a vote on the neighborhood plan.

Edward's Greenhouse, a generous supporter of the Collister Neighborhood Association, is holding a fall festival on Saturday, October 7. More information will be e-mailed to those members who have registered their e-mail addresses.

Collister Neighborhood Plan

A revised draft of the Collister Neighborhood Plan is available for review on the CNA website, (follow this link) www.collistercna.org . Approval of the plan by the neighborhood will be on the agenda for the October 25th meeting.

Ed Keener, chair of the plan committee, asked that any suggestions, additions or changes to the plan be put in writing, and delivered or e-mailed to Ed at (follow this link): edmakeener@cableone.net.

State Street Corridor Plan

Ed Keener, who has been involved with the State Street Corridor Project, reported that ACHD is currently doing a right of way study, from 23rd Street to Highway 55. They are looking at multi-use nodes at certain places along the corridor. Initially, there may be bus rapid transit with dedicated lanes, pedestrian- and bike-friendly lanes, and roadway beautification. They are looking at changing some zoning, such as discouraging "mom and pop" stores along the corridor, and encouraging businesses to congregate at nodes.

Proposition 2

Information about Proposition 2 can be found at the Idaho Secretary of State's website (follow this link): <http://www.idsos.state.id.us/elect/inits/initinfo.htm> Ed Keener said that he will make a motion at next month's meeting seeking Collister Neighborhood's endorsement of a NO vote on Proposition 2.

ACHD Catalpa Drive Sidewalk Project

Kendall Kemmer and Justin Bledsoe of ACHD presented information about the project to provide sidewalk, curb and gutter along Catalpa Drive. Copies of the handouts are attached to these minutes. The Collister Neighborhood Association had submitted a neighborhood enhancement grant to ACHD to get sidewalks installed where missing on the north side of Collister. 22 out of 23 property owners surveyed consented, meeting the 90% requirement of the ACHD grant. ACHD then applied for federal funding through the Safe Routes to Schools program, and received a grant from the Federal Transit Administration. The federal grant, however, requires sidewalks and improvements to be made on both the north and south side of the street. Because the grant is a federal congressional earmark, it would not be possible to decline the grant without negative political consequences for Idaho, Ada County, and Boise City.

ACHD is still in the conceptual design stage for the project. They want to limit the impact on neighboring properties and work with neighboring owners. Justin Bledsoe presented three options that they are currently considering, and asked for feedback.

Comments and additional information:

- All options require continuous sidewalks and bus stops. There is flexibility as to where to place parking, or even to have to parking. Parking can alternate from the north to south sides depending on location.
- Collister Elementary has requested no parking in front of the school to make room for school buses.

- ACHD does not want to re-do existing upgrades on the north side, such as the sidewalks in front of Catalpa Park and Collister Elementary.
- Shifting sidewalks on the north side would reduce the impact to the south side, but would be cost prohibitive.
- Rights of way are similar on the north and south sides, with the exception of 5 properties on the south between Tamarack and 39th, where some property lines extend into Catalpa Dr. If parking is prohibited at this location, it may act as a traffic calming device for the roundabout.
- One option may be to move the sidewalks on the south side further into property interiors, saving trees.
- Approximately 300 feet at the east end of Catalpa will be completed with the roundabout project at 36th/Hill/Catalpa.
- Can utilities be re-located underground? ACHD does not control utility location; Idaho Power may consider it, but may also require ACHD to pay any additional costs.
- Can the speed limit be lowered? It can be considered.
- Will horses still be able to walk Catalpa to reach the arena behind Hillside? There doesn't seem to be a reason why not.
- The assumption is that Collister Elementary will remain open.
- There is about the same number of driveways on the north and south sides of Catalpa.

Question was raised as to whether the association wanted to look into the matter further, or should it be delegated to those who live on Catalpa? Motion was made by Gail Sparks, and seconded by Bill Simon, that those who live on Catalpa and are most directly impacted by any decision should be the ones to meet with ACHD and come up with an acceptable solution. Motion carried. The Catalpa Drive residents will set up a meeting with ACHD next week.

Boise City Code Enforcement

Mike Malloy, Boise City Code Enforcement Officer gave a presentation on city code enforcement. There are 5 enforcement officers to handle the needs of the entire city. Each has about 250 open cases, many of which require repeat visits. They are working on a computer system, and hope to go wireless, which will save time by not having to return to city hall to file cases. They have increased cooperation with the police department, especially with regard to parking issues, and are working more closely with community policing officers, doing joint inspections. Code enforcement is looking to establish a civilian mediation group, similar to a successful program used in Oregon. Current citations can take 6-8 months to resolve, and they are looking into hiring a judge part-time to increase efficiency. They are also working with the city attorney to make sure that judgments and conditions of citations are enforceable, and are also looking into increasing fines, which may act as more of a deterrent.

Code enforcement deals with a broad range of issues, from design review, to sign ordinance violations, alleys, graffiti, exceeding the permissible number of animals, air quality and bans on open fires, wood stoves, etc. They are currently developing an updated summary of code enforcement issues, which will be posted on the city website at (follow this link): www.cityofboise.org. There is also an on-line reporting feature for the public available on the website.

City Neighborhood Reinvestment Grants

Deadline for the 2007 Neighborhood Reinvestment Grant applications is November 17, 2006. NRG applications must be submitted by a recognized neighborhood association, not a homeowner's association or individuals. Fonny Davidson said that three applications are currently in process:

1. Owens Park: improvements: re-submit application from last year.
2. Oregon Trail Markers -on Hill Road, perhaps at 36th Street, Pierce Park

3. Castle Hills Park--sidewalk extension: Bob Peck, representing Jeannie Peck, presented information about extending the sidewalk on Eugene Street north to the driveway to the park, and south from the development to the park driveway, approximately 179 feet total. Application has already been made for this project for an ACHD Community Grant, with an estimated cost of \$30,000. Jeannie Peck has gotten the approval of the city Park and Rec department, as well as signatures from surrounding homeowners. The plan is to submit an application for a NRG also, perhaps sharing the cost. Jim Smith made a motion to support the Castle Hills Park grant applications, with several members seconding. Motion passed.

Next CNA meeting is scheduled for October 25th, 2006 at 7:00pm.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

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COLLISTER NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Meeting Minutes

October 25, 2006

Meeting was held at United Collister Methodist Church, 4444 Taft, Boise

Present: See sign-in sheet.

Welcome and Announcements

CNA President, Fonny Davidson, welcomed more than 30 meeting participants.

Fire Station Proposal

Fonny Davidson announced that the Boise Fire Department was holding a meeting this evening for neighbors within 300 feet of the site of a proposed fire station to be located near the intersection of Shirley Avenue and Hill Road. For more information, contact:

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City Neighborhood Reinvestment Grants

The following are proposed grant applications for 2007:

1. Castle Hills Park sidewalk-Extend the sidewalk on Eugene Street both north and south to the park entrance. The membership approved this grant proposal at the September meeting.
2. Owens Park improvements-Resubmit grant application from last year. Owens Park is a small park, 2/3 acre, located on the east side of 39th Street, mid-way between Catalpa and Taft. The application will request funding for a pressurized irrigation system and for a single restroom. There will need to be some grading to make the area level, and the smaller feeder drainage ditch on the north will be filled in, expanding the usable area several feet. The restroom will have a light and lock on an automatic timer. Application will be made in the future for a nature path, benches and a small picnic gazebo. Ed Keener made a motion to approve the grant application; Brenda Fralish seconded. Motion passed.

3. Oregon Trail Monuments--Fonny Davidson proposed a grant for two monuments along Hill Road, commemorating the Goodale cut-off for the Oregon Trail. The monuments would be of the same design as those on Boise Avenue and in the North End, with plaques containing information appropriate to the Collister Neighborhood. Suggested locations would be at the intersections of 36th and Hill and at Pierce Park and Hill, entrances to the Collister Neighborhood. Cost of the monuments is about \$5400 each. Motion was made by Ed Keener to approve the grant application; seconded by Mim Davidson. Motion passed.

Collister Neighborhood Plan

Ed Keener made a motion to approve the draft of the neighborhood plan for submission to the city, with corrections and comments made by Leslie Felton-Jue. Karen Moyer seconded the motion. There was brief discussion about whether additional comments, suggestions or corrections could be made, and the answer was yes. Motion passed.

Neighborhood Sidewalk Projects

Taft-Collister Neighborhood received a grant to improve sidewalks on the north side of Taft, which had received the consent of the property owner on the corner of Taft and Sycamore. The owner has since withdrawn consent, so negotiations will continue to determine the extent of the project.

Catalpa-At the September meeting, the membership voted to allow the neighbors on Catalpa to meet with ACHD to determine which of the proposed sidewalk designs would work best for the neighborhood. The consensus voted for proposal B, and the project has now been submitted to the ACHD engineers for design.

2007 Election of Officers

Election of 2007 officers for the Collister Neighborhood Association will be held at the January meeting. Fonny Davidson and Joan Wallace have decided not to run for CNA office again next year.

Election Forum

Proposition 2: John Koppel gave a presentation in favor of Proposition 2, and John Barrett gave a presentation against the proposition.

The following candidates gave a short presentation, followed by a short question and answer period:

ACHD Sub-district 3: John Franden, incumbent, and Jim Neill.

District 16B House Representative: Jana Kemp-R, incumbent, and Les Bock-D.

Ada County Commissioner, District 1: Steve Kimball-R, Sharon Ullman-I, Paul Woods-D.

Ada County Commissioner, District 3: Al Ames-D.

District 16A House Representative: Margaret Henbest-D, incumbent (unopposed).

Senate District 16: David Langhorst-D, incumbent (unopposed).

Next CNA meeting is scheduled for November 29th, 2006 at 7:00pm.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

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Meeting Minutes

November 29, 2006

Meeting was held at United Collister Methodist Church, 4444 Taft, Boise at 7p.m.

Present: See sign-in sheet.

Welcome and Announcements CNA President, Fonny Davidson, welcomed more than 60 meeting participants.

Next meeting: There will be no CNA meeting in December. The next meeting will be Wednesday, January 31, 2007, and on the agenda will be the election of officers: President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. Anyone who is interested in running for office, please contact CNA at this address: secretary@collistercna.org.

Treasurer's Report

Becky Bunderson, CNA Treasurer, reported that the current balance in the CNA account is \$816.14.

Les Bock—Representative 16B

Les Bock, newly elected State Representative for District 16B, thanked the community for voting for him. Mr. Bock said he hoped the community would contact him with suggestions or concerns at his e-mail address: lessbock@bocklaw.com or his phone number: 345-6876.

Infill Taskforce Update

Julie Klocke gave an update on the Infill Taskforce. Currently, the taskforce is working on three items: review of the city's legal opinion regarding substandard lots; improvement of notice requirements for developers and neighborhoods; and working with the City on infill components in the update of the City Comprehensive Plan to conform with Blueprint for Good Growth.

United Water Information

Stephanie Raditz, representative from United Water Idaho, gave a brief presentation to the neighborhood. The majority of water provided by United Water for the Collister Neighborhood comes from a well on Floating Feather Road and the Marden surface water treatment plant. Ms. Raditz also gave information about a water efficient landscaping class that will be offered in January, a low-income assistance program, and a customer advisory panel. For more information, check the website at: www.unitedwater.com.

Northwest Boise Branch Library

Kevin Booe, interim director for the Boise Public Library, presented information about the proposed branch libraries. The plan is to bring library services closer to where people live, with four branch libraries: Central Bench and Northwest Boise each at 7,500 square feet and at city owned sites at West Boise at Cole & Ustick and East Boise at Bown Crossing, each at 15,000 square feet. The branch libraries will be funded from the general fund, without the need for a tax increase or an election. The proposed northwest branch library will be a full service library. Although down-sized from previous proposals, it can be expanded in the future. (Note: The Garden City Library is approximately 8000 square feet.)

Citizens may comment on the branch library proposal by visiting the library's website at: www.boisepubliclibrary.org, or by visiting the library, where there will be a display showing the proposal information, with comment cards available. The Library Facility Planning Committee will be presenting a report to the City Council in January, including public comments.

Shirley Avenue Fire Station Proposal

Russ Phillips, architect from Insight Architects, and Jeff Ramey, Deputy Chief of the Boise City Fire Department, presented information about the proposed fire station at 4957 North Shirley Avenue. The station will be just under 5000 square feet, built with a residential look and scale. It will have two trucks and an apparatus bay, with 3 firefighters regularly on duty, and 2 additional in the summer. There will be no community room. There will be a landscape buffer and 6 foot fence on the west and south sides of the property. The driveway will be located on Shirley Avenue where there is an existing driveway, with an exit onto Hill Road. The plan is for ACHD to install flashing yellow lights on Hill Road, and perhaps widen the shoulder. A signal light for the intersection at Collister and Hill is not currently on the ACHD five-year work plan.

Deputy Chief Jeff Ramey explained that the master site plan for the Boise Fire Department calls for relocating an engine company in order to maintain the department's average 4 minute response time. (Paramedic response currently averages 8 minutes.) With increased growth and infill developments, particularly in the foothills, there is a need for additional service. The Fire Department's goal is 1.5 miles between stations. The existing station at Sycamore/Taft currently has an average of 3.4 runs per 24 hour period, and an average of 2 night runs per week. It will be renovated to accommodate a longer ladder truck. An application for a conditional use permit for the Shirley Avenue station has been submitted to the city, and the Planning and Zoning hearing will be held on December 11th at 6 p.m. Timeline would be to break ground in January or February of 2008, and move in during the summer of 2008.

Comments from the neighbors included concerns about the traffic congestion at Hill and Collister, especially during rush hour. Several neighbors were concerned about additional traffic on Shirley Avenue, a small quiet street with a lot of children. Neighbors were also concerned about the noise factor, especially in a residential neighborhood. Several from the Briarhill condominiums on the north uphill side of Hill Road expressed concern that the noise level would be too great, and suggestions were made that the Fire Department look for alternative sites, away from residential neighborhoods.

For more information, contact: Russ Phillips, AIA, INSIGHTarchitects, pa, 2238 Broadway Ave., Boise, Idaho 83706, phone: (208) 338-9080, e-mail at: russ@insightarchitects.cc; or contact Deputy Chief Jeff Ramey, PO Box 500, Boise, ID 83701, phone: (208) 869-5000, e-mail at: jramey@cityofboise.org.

Foothills Development

Fonny Davidson introduced the next group of speakers, and posed the question: what can the Collister Neighborhood Association do with regard to foothills development?

Paul Woods, newly elected Ada County Commissioner spoke briefly, advising the audience that he was limited in what he could say about specific issues. Ada County Commissioners make land use decisions for county property located outside cities' areas of impact. He reminded the neighbors that the comment period for the proposed Ada County Comprehensive Plan is still open. A public hearing with Ada County Planning and Zoning is planned for Thursday, December 7, 2006 at 6 pm in the hearing room on the first floor of the Ada County Courthouse. More information can be found at the Ada County website at:

<http://www.adaweb.net/departments/developmentservices/AdaCountyComprehensivePlan.asp>.

Mr. Woods, current Foothills Acquisition Coordinator, said that the city has had discussions with the owners of the Kastera property behind Hillside Junior High, but the discussions are privileged. They will continue their dialogue with them. According to the Foothills Plan, the

Kastera property is not a priority, especially in consideration of the amount of money left from the bond issue. It may be possible that donations may be raised in order to match city funds.

Don Kostelec, ACHD representative, explained that land use decisions (approval of developments) in the Foothills are not made by ACHD, but are made by Ada County and by the cities, including the City of Boise. ACHD's role in subdivision approval in the Foothills is limited to three major factors: 1. The design of the roads internal to the subdivision; 2. The place and manner in which the subdivision accesses the public roadway system; and 3. The consistency with the West Foothills Extraordinary Impact Fee Overlay District.

The area of the foothills from Bogus Basin to State Highway 55 is in the West Foothills Extraordinary Impact Fee Overlay District, established in 1998 in accordance with the Interim Foothills Transportation Plan. Development in this Overlay District pays the regular ACHD development impact fee (\$1,300 to \$3,500 per unit), together with an additional \$3,200 for each new dwelling unit.

At the time the Foothills Transportation Plan was adopted in 1998, it predicted that there would be land use development in the Overlay District of 2,620 households through the year 2020. Large planned communities that are now being proposed for the Foothills were not anticipated, and ACHD is closely monitoring these developments to ensure that their impacts are not detrimental to the transportation system. Hill Road and Cartwright Road do not have much room for improvement, and if capacity is added, where would it go? Adjacent streets and destinations can't handle the increase.

Idaho does not have a law that allows land use agencies to deny development until adequate public facilities exist or are planned to be built.

Information on the Interim Foothills Transportation Plan, the West Foothills Extraordinary Impact Fee Overlay District, or other ACHD plans/policies is available in the document **The Foothills: ACHD's Planning and Programming Approach**.

Bruce Eggleston, City of Boise Planning and Development Services, explained that foothills development is a complex issue. The Foothills Policy Plan, adopted in 1997, is the master plan for development in the City of Boise's area of impact. It governs the foothills area north of Hill Road and Warm Springs, approximately 68,000 acres, of which 40,000 acres are in Ada County jurisdiction, and 18,000 are in the City of Boise's jurisdiction.

Boise has an Area of Impact Agreement with Ada County. In general, if a property outside of city limits is contiguous to the City of Boise, a developer must make application for annexation into the city. For example, according to the Foothills Planned Development Ordinance (Chapter 6, Boise Zoning Code), a Kastera type property would have to simultaneously apply for annexation, conditional use permit, re-zoning, design review, hillside permit, and preliminary plat, and provide traffic studies, and studies on wildlife, endangered species, and sensitive areas. The Foothills ordinance lists parameters for development and contains tools for neighborhood impacts.

The process for development includes pre-application requirements, application to Planning and Zoning, and approval by the Boise City Council as well as approval by Ada County.

Of the 68,000 acres in the foothills in the Boise area of impact, only a couple of thousand are not currently zoned RP—rural preservation, or one dwelling unit per 40 acres. If the land remains rural, it remains zoned RP. There is an implied commitment that urban zoning and

urban services will be available in the future. The density bonus formula for development takes into account the property's physical characteristics, and includes set-asides for open space, wildlife protection, etc.

More information on the Foothills Policy Plan, development ordinances, etc. can be found on the City of Boise's website at:

<http://www.cityofboise.org/pds/CompPlan/index.aspx?id=foothills&MID=103Y>.

Bruce Eggleston can be reached at: phone: 384-3830, or e-mail at:

beggleston@cityofboise.org.

Paul Werner, President of the Central Foothills Neighborhood Association (CFNA), spoke next. The Central Foothills Neighborhood is located north of Hill Road from Bogus Basin west to 36th Street. With regard to the Kastera property, Mr. Werner said that they had been working with the Foothills Levy committee. Most of the \$4.6 million remaining from the Foothills levy is committed elsewhere. The Kastera people are interested in working out a deal. Mr. Werner said that the CFNA wants to preserve the Kastera property, and oppose development. Their position statement reads as follows:

"In the best interests of protecting a quality of life environment for the City of Boise and the surrounding region, the Central Foothills Neighborhood Association (CFNA) strongly recommends and advocates for today and future generations that the property approximately bounded by 36th St., Hill Road and Bogus Basin Road be preserved as one of the last remaining closely accessible open spaces in the near Boise Foothills. The CFNA will seek any and all alternatives to development to ensure this property remains as natural open space and accessible to the public for recreation, its aesthetic value, and other multiple uses for which it is valued."

CFNA invites the community to take a survey about use and development of the central foothills. The survey is on-line at: <http://www.boisecentralfoothills.org/foothills-survey1.html> .

Motion: Jim Smith made a motion that the Collister Neighborhood Association support the position statement of the CFNA as stated above. Ed Keener seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

Ed Keener also made the comment that the Foothills Policy Plan and the Foothills Transportation Plan were adopted without adequate public input from the impacted neighborhoods, and should be re-evaluated.

Joanne Pence, from the Dry Creek Rural Neighborhood Association (DCRNA), spoke about the need for preservation of the Dry Creek Valley. Currently, most of the foothills are zoned RP, Rural Preservation, 1 dwelling unit per 40 acres. However, if a developer acquires 640 acres, different rules apply for planned communities (not 1 per 40 acres). Examples: Kastera has purchased the Shadow Valley golf course, and has bought additional properties that add up to 640 acres, and has plans to develop a planned community there. Between Hwy 16 and Hwy 55 North of Eagle there is a planned community that is estimated at 20,000 homes. From Hwy 55 east to Bogus Basin, planned developments include Avimor, Dry Creek, Hidden Springs, Cartwright Ranch, and possibly Kastera. The Cliffs development is proposed for the Eastern foothills. More information on the potential impact from foothills development, including a white paper by Leslie Nona, DCRNA President, can be found at the DCRNA website at: <http://www.savedrycreek.com/55%20white%20paper%20v4.pdf> .

Ms. Pence also advised members to check out the website for the Idaho Coalition for Sustainable Communities at: www.IDCSC.org .

Sarah Wiltz, President of the Sunset Neighborhood Association, added that Ada County is still allowing developers to change the topography in the foothills, including shaving tops of hills. She reminded members that a hearing on the Ada County Comprehensive Plan will be held on Thursday, December 7, 2006 at 6 p.m., first floor of the Ada County Courthouse. Ms. Wiltz can be contacted at: phone: 344-1468, e-mail at: www.sunset_boise@yahoo.com.

2007 Election of Officers

Election of 2007 officers for the Collister Neighborhood Association will be held at the January 31, 2007 meeting.

Next CNA meeting is scheduled for January 31st, 2007 at 7:00pm.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.