
COLLISTER NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Meeting Minutes

February 28, 2008

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

Present: See sign-in sheet.

Welcome and Announcements

Proposed Facility near Pole Cat Reserve: Gerrie Karpavich spoke against a proposed rehab facility near Cartright and Pierce Park — adjacent to Pole Cat Reserve. An out of state property owner wants to build a rehab center in the middle of the reserve. This is the same person who opened the Oxbow Creek Facility in Middleton. Concern over the location of the facility. There will be a hearing on the proposal on March 27th at which point individuals can express concerns. Proposed project would be on the southside of Cartright. It's a high-end drug facility to house fifteen patients. Ada County changed their ordinances to allow rehab centers in the county. Ms. Karpavich handed out petitions against the proposal.

Plano Development: Erin Brennan spoke about proposed Plano Development. The proposed development is on Plano Lane halfway between Pierce Park and Collister. The proposal is to put in 155 homes at the top of the hills. This development could very well be the test case for the foothills Ordinance. This development is 18 homes per 40 acres. They are proposing this as an environmentally friendly development. They have received a bonus density. The development is called Aase's Canyon Pointe Development, suppose to protect the plant, Aase's onion, in the area. They are donating certain amounts of land, which is undeveloped. They are saying they are donating a wetlands area. Same developer as Quail Ridge.

Boise City Foothills Policy Plan can be found on the city website. The foothills policy plan "development should be located in least intrusive sites...." We want the already established policy to apply to our neighborhood. The city has adopted the Collister Neighborhood Plan. It's up to the neighborhood to decide what action we will take. The ACHD traffic meeting will be first and the planning and zoning meeting will be held later.

The Collister Neighborhood come up with a position statement, these are the reasons why we are opposing.

Michael Jones made the motion - The Collister Neighborhood Association opposes the proposed Plano Development because of concerns it violates the foothills policy plan (foothill ridgetops), concerns about traffic, wildlife, drainage and air quality. We oppose the development. An amendment was made to add "oppose the bonus density."

Hillside to the Hollow: Karen Knudsen gave a brief report on the Hillside to the Hollow group, which is interested in preserving the open space lands from Hillside Junior High to Bogus Basin Road.

Neighborhood Officers: Still looking for additional officers for the neighborhood association.

- Julie will stay on as President
- Barry Skogerson agreed to be Treasurer
- Need a Vice President and Secretary

New Collister Library Branch: They have been busy. It's great. Meeting rooms are available for anyone (not for profit).

ACHD: A meeting tonight is looking at adopting their 5 year plan. They are looking at Wylie bridge 2010, Catalpa, Collister (2012), Hill road bike lane east of Pierce Park 2011, 36th Street roundabout. A need to set aside funds to build the sidewalks in older neighborhoods. John Franden is no longer chairman, Carol McGhee now chairman. Justin Bledsoe has taken a different job and it's not clear if he will be the project manager for our neighborhood projects.

Castle Hills Park-- the piece near the LDS church will get sidewalks soon. Working with ACHD.

Hopefully we will see a new bus shelter in front of the AutoZone.

Blueprint Boise: Blueprint Boise – Changing the City Comprehensive Plan, public hearing tonight in west Boise and another hearing 2/28/08 at the Holiday Inn on Vista Avenue from 7-9pm. Positive items – diverse housing, detached sidewalks, mix of new and old, Didn't like – skinny houses, cookie-cutter homes, where the garage dominated or bigger than the house. Within a week or two they will have a survey on the internet. If you can't make meeting you can log on to blueprintboise.org

Meeting Adjourned at 8:54pm next meeting Wednesday, March 26, 2008.

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River Park Open House next Wednesday at 6:30pm seeking opinions on the river recreation park.

Play Center: We have an indoor family play center coming next to the Zamzow's on State Street.

Collister Bus Shelter on State Street. Hopefully sometime this summer we will have something in place.

Valleyride: Leslie and Julie are working on finding better locations for official bus stops in the neighborhood. Ed mentioned that Valleyride doesn't like to pull the buses off the street.

Castle Hills Park: The sidewalk piece will be completed sometime soon.

Garden Center at 36th and Hill Rd.: The coffee shop equipment is in and they expect to open coffee shop in May. Planning a Grand Opening of the Garden Center when they open coffee shop. Artist renderings of the development are available in the Garden Center.

Blueprint Boise: The city is in the process of rewriting the comprehensive plan. Development, infill, transit corridor. The map that the City of Boise has created identifies areas of change and/or stability. The Collister Neighborhood Area has been identified as area of change for infill and redevelopment. If you are interested please go on to the cityofboise.org website and participate in the survey they will have on this. Ed would like the Neighborhood long-range plans to be used in a letter. Elizabeth Wasson suggested that we have a phone tree and have at least two people who say they will go.

State Street Transit Corridor: This is coming up before the City Council on April 8th. This document can be found on the cityofboise.org website. If you have concerns email and let the City know.

ACHD Update: Doing right of way for 36th/Catalpa delayed to 2011. The roundabout has been delayed for the near future. The decision still has been made on whether to do a one or two land roundabout. 36th Street extension is on hold until developers bring money to the table. State Street and Collister is unfunded. The Wylie lane bridge is still scheduled. Taft Street sidewalk and gutter 2011, Collister sidewalk building in 2012. Planning on putting a bike lane on Hill road near Pierce Park in 2011.

Plano Development: Anyone interested in working on the planned development west of N. Collister/ west of Quail Ridge please contact Julie Klocke, president or check out the website at www.preserveplano.org.

Hillside to the Hollow: Matt Cirini and Paul Werner part of the Coalition. There are six landowners that own the land between 36th Street and Hill rd/Cartright east to Bogus Basin Road. This is a public awareness campaign. Would like the city and foothills levy committee to buy into the preservation of the area. They would like Collister to endorse this campaign. There are no easements or official trail set aside and no access agreements within this area. Eryie Canyon development located near Quail Hollow will have impact on 36th street traffic. Eryie Canyon development is 106 homes. The coalition has asked Collister if they can endorse this campaign. Paul will send Julie information that we can distribute to the neighborhood.

Sunset Community Garden: The Christian retirement facility that borders 36th Street. They are starting the 2008 season and would like to know if anyone in the neighborhood is interested. Jennifer Harrington is the contact (484-3676), www.sunsetgarden.org.

Collister Summer Picnic: Need volunteers-- please let Julie know.

ACHD: Collister Sidewalks. Adam with ACHD presenting to neighborhood association. The discuss is Collister (not including State Street/Collister Corridor) north to Hill road. Included sidewalks and bike lanes and traffic calming items. Other items that are no addressed include no parking. There will be no parking on the street. The approached taken in this case was to have minimal impact to the area meaning no right of way easements. The sidewalk project did get approved by the ACHD Commission and should be done by 2012.

Option 1 = 2 (11 ft) travel lanes, 2 (5ft) bike lanes and 2 (5ft) sidewalks. Need count how many trees will be cut down. Trying to minimize impact to property owners. Cross walk at the four way stop on Catalpa. Preliminary cost is \$890,000 and doesn't include drainage costs.

Option 2 = 2 (11ft) travel lanes, 2 (4ft) bike lanes and 1 (5ft) sidewalk on the east (includes curb and gutter). The cost is \$494,000 not including drainage costs. Neighborhood resident suggested that ACHD add additional crosswalks from the east to west side if we only have one sidewalk.

Option 3 = 2 (10ft) travel lanes, 2 (5ft) bikes lanes, and 2 (5ft) sidewalks include curb and gutter. The cost is \$886,000 and does not include drainage costs.

They are trying to keep the project within the right of way.

Preferred options are Option 1 or Option 3.

Neighbors that live on Collister need to participate in this discussion.

Les Bock – Legislative Update: Grant Burgoin is running to replace Les as he runs for Idaho State Senate. Issues at the State legislature this year is transportation i.e. roads. The local option tax issue is going to be in the forefront. Possible that there will be a stand-still on this issue. The other major bill that did pass both the senate and house was the bill that gave authority to the state of Idaho to impose some standards. Senate Bill 1447 – a bill that would begin to take away health insurance benefits from state employees. What they really want to force state employees to get medicad. It passed the in the Senate.

Grant Burgoin: Running to replace Margaret Henbest. Involved in the Democratic party. Two issues – On a local level ... Growth. On a state level ... state employment. For the last ten years we have seen an attack on the merit of state employees. Need to restore proper management. He wants to focus on fixing the problems.

Elizabeth Wasson: She is running for the Democrat Precinct Committee man during the primary. Precinct bound by Taft to Hill road and 36th Street to Collister. Important that we get

more people involved on the precinct level. If anyone has questions about what a precinct person does let her know. Primary elections on Tuesday, May 27th, 2008.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:52pm Next meeting: Wednesday, April 30, 2008.

Collister Neighborhood Association Meeting April 30, 2008 at the United Methodist Church

Announcements and Updates:

Arbor Day-the mayor came out and helped plant a tree at Catalpa Park with the students from Collister Elementary School

Collister United Methodist Church –Spring Fling will be Saturday, May 17th. Part yard sale, part bake sale, and activities for the family. To donate or sell items or for more information, Contact Claire Mendonca at this link: cmendonca@OfficialPayments.com.

The pedestrian bridge connecting Holly Hill and Elmer across the Farmers Union Canal has been completed. The project was partially funded by a City Neighborhood Reinvestment grant.

The bus shelter at Collister Center, another grant project, will be ordered soon.

The sidewalk on Catalpa has been delayed a year, but is still on the ACHD project list.

Sycamore Stroll will be held Saturday, June 14th. The date will always be the Saturday before Father's Day. For more information, contact Linda Garner at telephone: 343-533

Information was passed out about safe bicycling in Treasure Valley. More information is available at the ITD website: http://itd.idaho.gov/bike_ped/

We have been asked by several nonprofits, Salvation Army, ARC, St.Vincent de Paul, etc. to remember them for donations when cleaning out our homes.

City of Boise Homeowners' Permit Night, May 6, City Hall 2nd floor, until 8 pm. City staff will be on hand to answer home improvement projects and issue trade permits.

Vista and Depot Bench Neighborhood Associations sponsored a meeting regarding transition homes that provided valuable information. Those present were not interested in having a similar meeting.

The City of Boise has received a Preserve America Grant to identify historic buildings and landmarks within city limits. If you have a suggestion, contact Sarah Schafer at the city Historical Department, sschafer@cityofboise.org.

COMPASS: May 7th-presentation and workshop on improving mobility and design in Boise. Also, public participation committee, looking for 6 people apply to be involved in public participation committee. For more information, check COMPASS website: www.compassidaho.org.

36th Street Garden Center-the house torn down on Woody/Shasta is where the Tertelings' will build their personal residence. It is not a driveway or parking for the Garden Center. They hope to open the coffee shop soon.

Collister/State St. intersection: Some discussion with ACHD regarding changing the turn signal to allowing a turn only on a green arrow instead of green ball. The intersection may still dangerous, but might provide a small improvement.

Hillside to Hollow-320 acres, 12 miles of trails to save, 4.2 million dollars available from Foothills Levy to preserve with close proximity to Hill Rd., Milt Coffman makes motion and it was seconded by Brenda Fralish:

" Let it be known that the Collister Neighborhood Association supports the efforts of the 'Hillside to the Hollow' Coalition to preserve the undeveloped lands bordered approximately by Harrison Hollow Lane, Hill Road, North 36th Street and Cartwright Road as public open space.

The goal of preserving this area as public open space, natural landscape for citizen recreation, aesthetics, and quality-of-life value has the endorsement of our organization."

Motion passed.

Primary

Mr. Ralph Perez-grew up on 31st and Dewey, recommended purchasing, from the area, 92-94 Garden City planning and zoning-re-organized police dept., garden city boys and girls club, garden city greenbelt master plan, Garden City Urban Renewal District-for parks & rec and built 1.3 miles of greenbelt in old garden city. Platform-roads, future planning, tech infrastructure, fiber to every home-access to healthcare, education at home, work at home-impact transportation & air quality, Go Green-energy reduction and efficiency programs, State wide initiative for Green Business to be here. Website: www.ralphperez.com.

Ormond Howell-Retired educator, principal, superintendent, pre-release director in prison system, low income planning for Walla Walla College, MA plus 2/3 the way to PhD, Merit pay plan, Forward thinking for energy resources-nuclear power-ie. France 80% of power, lives in Collister Neighborhood, expressed respect for opponents, concerned about the roads.

Mrs. Hodges: unable to attend

Update on the Plano Ln-ACHD staff report would require the proposed fire lane become a through street connecting Plano and Collister and would require a signal at Collister and Hill Rd. if more that 80 homes are built. Traffic impacts on Plano Ln and North Collister were discussed.

ACHD also laid out requirements of Polecat Trailhead as part of development. Wait until planning and zoning weighs in; planning and zoning needs ACHD input. ACHD hearing has been tentatively set for Wed., May 28th. Please let Julie know if you want to be more involved. Current zoning does not allow for these developments without re-zoning.
www.preserveplano.org.

Blueprint for Boise-survey on city website, blueprintboise.org, link from city website. Out of 50-60 pictures, two are of single family homes, voice desire for parks, open space. Northwest planning areas showing development, re-investment, areas of stability. Map laid out for comment. Follow up with comments on these posters with an additional meeting.

Collister Neighborhood Association Meeting June 25, 2008 at the United Methodist Church

Next Wednesday July 1st at 2pm dedication for picnic shelter at Veterans Memorial Park,

Bus Shelter at Collister Shopping Center-about to purchase.

Sidewalk to Castle Hills Park on Eugene getting bids

Liisa Itkonen from COMPASS

- Implementation guidebook for the Communities in Motion transit guide-draft. Looking for neighborhood comments on guide. COMPASS and Valley Ride are interested in creating a transit footprint through a collaborative process. The goal of the discussion is respecting all the decision-making stakeholders.
- Concerns about traffic-safety and accessibility for hill rd & state street for people with disabilities pedestrians and bicycles. Bus pullouts so that buses aren't stopping in the middle of the road. High density housing fitting into neighborhood. Lose walkable neighborhood schools, b/c high density infil leaves no room to develop middle class. Irrigation canals are structuring the collister neighborhood. Universal design principles at a minimum for people who have to rely on public transportation. Employment and service infiltration. Clear designation of transit: at bus stop, in businesses, stores
- Property values
- Fiscal burden
- Community character-disconnectivity of neighborhoods, affordable housing-being careful not to tear down affordable housing and infill, transition/evolution of family. Investment in transit. Safe, accessible, usable common area (for kids to play). Opportunity to be social. Infrastructure update. Adequate public facilities ordinance from blueprint for good growth. Make process more neighborhood friendly

Federal dollars available for mobility management strategies- ? creation of cross-jurisdictional (ACHD, VTR, etc.) work-groups

Kelli Fairless & Mark Carnopis from Valley Ride

Fire dept is not going to build a fire station in the Collister neighborhood

The Bistro is open at the garden center

Collister Neighborhood Association Meeting September 24, 2008 at the United Methodist Church

Reminders: Convention on how to create a better neighborhood.

36th street garden center & bistro: extending patio pavers and putting up a shade structure

Edwards: fall event Saturday October 6th

6 lots adjacent to Eyrie Canyon Villa Ridge Way October 16th Plano Rd development- went before p&z and were turned down for development.

Neighborhood Reinvestment for sidewalks on Eugene-construction started on Monday September 21

ACHD budget-building on catalpa 2010, community ramp 2011, roundabout-on hold.

36th street extension-on hold

November 13th-funding land use and politics at BSU

Draft of building good roads-responses by October 9th

November 1st-letter of intent by October 1st for neighborhood grant.

Senator Hal Bunderson & Jon Franden from ACHD-fuel taxes pay for highway jurisdictions, parks and rec, police dept get a share.

1990-registration fee was voted, initiative up this year to 1. reauthorize what is already happening this year and increases fees for registration to pay for current projects. Amount will raise from \$24 to \$40 for new car registration. The governor is sponsoring a \$600,000 study for solving the transportation problem. Funds from this may be used for system & capacity impact (for example 36th & hill roundabout)

Candidates Forum:

Les Bock (Dem) district 16 – road improvement, sound educational system & “government has a purpose”

Chris Troupis (Rep) district 16 -responsible government, incentives for business (build wealth for private business), diversify for more jobs by creating a good business climate. Improve education & transportation without spending a lot of money with responsive state government
Grant Burgoyne-Motto: “smart tough & innovative” to take care of ourselves in these difficult times.

In favor for giving tax breaks to medium and small business owners.