

## Meeting Minutes Available, CNA, 2002

### Meeting - September 25, 2002

#### I. Catalpa Park Picnic:

Ed Keener reported that the picnic was a success. He estimated that 250-300 people attended, with approximately one hundred of them children. Santa Maria Barbecue Company had a cart there and completely sold out. There were about 2 dozen cakes brought for the cake walk. Thanks to Collister Elementary School for the use of their electrical outlet for the loudspeaker. Dennis Cooper, the professional harmonica player, was a hit, and donated his services. Thanks to Ernie Puopulo at ESP Printing for donating the printing of the flyers. Also thanks to the National Art Education Association for donation of the services of a face painter, who was very popular with the children. The following also donated to the picnic for the raffle drawings: Baskin Robbins, Black Wolf Blades, Collister Merchants Association, Four Star Restaurant Supply, Gem State Gymnastics, Idaho Athletic, Karate for Kids, Kings, Koppel's Browseville, Nam King Restaurant, Smoky Davis Meats, Twentieth Century Bowling, Vista Book Gallery, Wells Fargo Bank, and Zamzow's.

Janet French is currently sending thank you letters to these volunteers and merchants, as well as to Boise Park and Rec. A thank you also to all those who helped plan the picnic: Ed Keener, Kathe Alters, Joan Wallace, Julie Klocke, Elaine Durbin, and Bruce Vanderhof, who made the sign listing the donors.

Recommendation that future picnics should be planned, perhaps on an annual basis. Goal is to have frequent events in the park. Many commented that the park is being well used, seems always busy.

There was some discussion about the distribution of flyers to the schools. Apparently not all were distributed to students, and there were not enough to distribute to all the schools. In the future, we will attempt to get flyers distributed earlier, and make direct contact with the school principals.

#### II. Treasurer's Report:

Since the association has not had any money before, Janet French gave the very first treasurer's report.

The raffle and cake walk brought in \$290.65 to the association. This is in addition to \$40 some dollars that was donated by the Sycamore neighborhood watch from their Sycamore Stroll yard sales. Janet French opened a bank account at Wells Fargo Bank at the Collister Shopping Center. The Bank gave the association a \$50.00 savings bond for opening the account, and one of its employees donated the cost of the checks. Another big thank you.

Helen Myrick will keep the checkbook and make out the checks, Janet will sign the checks, and Barney Skogerson will review the monthly statements. Copies of all receipts and other expenditures will be kept.

Current expenses: The Association will be reimbursed by the Collister Merchants' Association for \$35 for the cost of face painting supplies. Also, there is the matter of reimbursing BSU professor Ted McDonald for costs incurred for the neighborhood survey.

#### III. Neighborhood Plan Committee:

Ed Keener reported that the committee took a hiatus the last couple of months to plan the Catalpa Park picnic. A summary list of Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats (SWOT) was passed out, and further feedback was requested. Ed stated that it appears that Boise City has targeted the western part of the Collister neighborhood for high-density development; we want to be the ones to plan our future.

Beth Skillings, from the Elmer Street area, said that there have been some of her neighbors with acreage who have sold their properties now to get out before further development occurs.

Karen Moyer stated that the Nazarene Church owns the baseball field that backs onto the north side of Elmer, but the church leases it to the city, and there is only one year left on the lease. She has recently seen people surveying the property.

There was discussion about possible in-fill development and maintaining the character of the Elmer Street area. These issues should be addressed in the over-all Collister neighborhood plan, whether or not the Elmer Street neighbors do their own overlay or plan like Sycamore did.

#### IV. 36th/Hill/Catalpa Re-alignment Proposal:

\* A. Fony Davidson reported that his committee had sent a letter to the mayor and the city council requesting an 8 month hold on any further plan, design and implementation of the proposed 36th/Hill re-alignment, with the intent to give the neighborhood time to organize, get feed back and do research.

\* B. Fony reported that Mayor Coles has sent a letter to ACHD supporting the 8-month hold.

\* C. There will be an informational meeting for the public with ACHD on Wednesday, October 2, 2002 at 7:30 pm at the ACHD auditorium, 318 E. 37th St., Garden City (off Chinden Blvd). Terry Little, Kent Brown and a representative from COMPASS will be there to discuss the proposal. All are encouraged to attend.

- \* D. After much research, the committee has determined that the decision-making process for the proposal is determined by the city and ACHD. Fonny was surprised to learn that the fire department did not have any information about the proposal.
- \* E. The committee plans on holding informational meetings on November 13th and 14th, 2002, to discuss alternatives, review the decision-making process, and get feedback from neighbors. Two meetings are being planned, one each for the east and west side of Collister. Fonny asked for further volunteers to distribute flyers, posters, and perhaps conduct a phone tree.
- \* F. VOTE: A motion was made, and seconded, that the entire Collister Association support an 8 month hold on any further plan, design, or implementation of the proposed 36th/Hill/Catalpa re-alignment. The motion carried.

#### **V. Neighborhood Signs Committee:**

Joan Wallace reported that the neighborhood had received a neighborhood reinvestment grant for the construction and placement of signs identifying the Collister neighborhood. They have identified 5 potential locations for the placement of the signs. Preliminary research has shown that the signs will be expensive. Joan requested further help distributing flyers to schools, businesses, etc. for their input.

#### **VI. Collister Post Office:**

Questions were raised about rumors that the Collister Post Office would be closing at the end of 2002. Julie Klocke volunteered to call the postal service again to find out any details.

#### **VII. Rake Up Boise:**

Boise Parks and Recreation sent a notice that Rake Up Boise will be in the near future. If anyone wants to volunteer, or knows of a neighbor that needs help raking, please contact Park and Rec.

#### **VIII. Collister United Methodist:**

Ed Keener announced, on behalf of Rev. Deanna Self-Price, pastor of the Collister United Methodist Church, that the church was currently working on transforming the parsonage next door into a temporary housing facility for cancer patients and their families. The parish is working with St. AIOs on this project. The church is in need of donated labor and household goods and furniture. Please contact John Brown at 343-9059 if interested.

Also, the church building will now be the polling place, instead of the fire station across the street.

#### **IX. Permits/Construction:**

Janet French informed the meeting that she had received copies of proposed construction and building permits, none of which were for properties within the neighborhood boundaries. The closest seemed to be a construction project in the west valley.

#### **X. Political Candidates:**

Two candidates made presentations at the meeting: John Franden, who is running for ACHD commissioner, and David Langhorst, candidate for state representative, district 16 B. Questions were taken by the candidates after the meeting.

### **Meeting - August 28, 2002**

#### **I. Ellie's Path Subdivision Proposal:**

Craig VanEngelen of Compass Realty gave a presentation on his company's development proposal for Ellie's Path Subdivision. VanEngelen has previously developed Hillsborough at the northeast corner of Pierce Park and Hill Road, and Colony and River Ridge in Eagle, and other subdivisions.

- \* The 5-acre subdivision would have 29 lots, all non-attached patio homes
  - \* The parcel is currently zoned for 117-unit apartment complex
  - \* Selling price of the homes would be \$160,000 to \$220,000, and would be marketed to the over 55 buyer
  - \* Size of the lots is approximately 42 ft X 95 ft
  - \* Developer wants private streets, narrower than public streets, with no stub north towards Eugene (this would eliminate 6 lots according to the developer)
  - \* There will be no streetlight at the State Street access
  - \* Emergency vehicles would have to back in
  - \* Design is "like a gated community without a gate"
  - \* Boise Valley Canal borders the property, has a 50 ft easement along the canal. Developer would use water rights for irrigation
  - \* Developer has cross access agreement with Zamzow's residents would be able to drive across Zamzow's parking lot to access their homes
  - \* There will be sidewalks, landscaping from the development to State Street
- Plan has been submitted to the City, drawings are being done for a second building next to Zamzow's. Developer would like to start building in the spring of 2003, and complete the project within 12 months.

#### **II. 36th/Hill Re-alignment Proposal:**

Report from Committee: Barney Skogerson, Fonny Davidson, Chuck Smith, Dan McComb and John Rollins.

The committee first tried to determine who is responsible for making the final decision on 36th/Hill project, ACHD or the City. They hope to find out next month.

A meeting is scheduled with Kathleen Lacey, City traffic planner, Lance Evans, city neighborhood planner, and Mike Villaneuve, ACHD.

The committee has a copy of a memo from Kathleen Lacey, which states that the city will do more current traffic studies, and will then take another look at the traffic studies from the 90's

The committee has made 6 phone calls to the Mayor's office, and has had no response.

In telephone conversations, Lance Evans said it would be up to the City Council to approve, or not up to the council.

A review of the numbers from the ACHD informational meeting of June 13, 2002:

\* 244 attended

\* 115 written responses received by ACHD: 85 against, 22 in favor of the proposal (74% against)

### **III. Neighborhood Reinvestment Grant:**

Joan Wallace reported that the Collister Neighborhood Association had received a Neighborhood Reinvestment grant of \$4500, of which \$4000 was for neighborhood signs to establish more of a neighborhood identity, and \$500 for communication and flyers.

### **IV. Catalpa Park Art Installation:**

Kathe Alters reported that it appears that the art installation will be done sometime in the spring of 2003. The plan is for the artist to go to the schools. There may be some discussion with Park and Rec regarding the need to make changes to the design. Fonny Davidson had not heard anything further about the art project.

### **V. Park Picnic:**

Picnic is scheduled for Saturday, September 14 from 5-7 pm. It will be a bring-your-own picnic and chair. Discussion about getting flyers to the school. Julie Klocke will distribute to Hillside, Collister and Cynthia Mann.

## **Meeting - 26 June 2002**

The grand opening of the Catalpa Neighborhood Park is currently scheduled for 2 August 2002. Delays in the park's completion could delay the grand opening.

The Collister Neighborhood Association received \$80.00 in donations. Forty dollars was raised by the Sycamore Neighborhood through the Sycamore Stroll. The Sycamore Neighborhood Watch presented another forty dollars. The current fund raising is needed to pay BSU for the copying costs incurred during our neighborhood survey. Thanks to all who have generously given of their time and money to assist us in this endeavor.

This year's Neighborhood Reinvestment Program submission was accepted unanimously at the meeting. Joan Wallace presented her plan for signs at major entry points to the neighborhood. We should hear in July whether our funding was approved.

The major topic of discussion was the Hill Road/36th Street/Catalpa Drive Intersection Project. The general consensus was that while the intersection needs improvement, the current plan merely worsened the intersection. Janet French was designated to write a letter to the ACHD Commissioners outlining some of our many concerns and requesting a re-examination of the issue.

Issues raised included the (lack of) justification for realigning Hill Road, the loss of land and buildings, Catalpa Drive traffic increases, redirected traffic off of Catalpa Drive, emergency vehicle access, Collister Elementary and Hillside Junior High student and pedestrian safety, the traffic impact of Foothills development, traffic volume east of 36th Street and west of Pierce Park Lane, quality of life, and concern for the integrity of our neighborhood.

Speakers indicated that the Boise City Council would be unable to assist us in this matter as it comes under the purview of ACHD. Cooperation from ACHD was desired but not generally anticipated. The need for a new study was mentioned as the current study was completed in 1990, prior to many of the changes our neighborhood has undergone in recent years.

A Hill Road Action Committee was formed to examine the issue in closer detail.

The next Collister Neighborhood Association meeting will be on 31 July 2002 at 7:00 p.m. at the United Methodist Church at 4444 Taft.