

Meeting Minutes

General Meeting – Healthwise, Bogus Basin Road – Sept. 18, 2008 - 7:00 p.m.

18 CFNA members (Total includes 6 board members)

1 Guest (ACHD)

1. Welcome & Introduction
 - Paul Werner welcomed the membership and guests
 - Paul Werner introduced guest from Ada County Highway Department—Sabrina Bowman
2. Purpose of meeting
 - Paul Werner reviewed the purpose of the meeting as presented on the distributed agenda
3. Approval of minutes/treasurer's report
 - The May meeting minutes were motioned, seconded and unanimously approved by the 5 board members present at the time
4. Updates

Neighborhood Night Out

- Michael McCarthy, who hosted this year events reported that it was a nice turnout (40-50 attendants). Has some thoughts for next year's host on how to attract more people. Fire Dept., BLM and Boise P.D brought trucks for the kids and handed out Frisbees, etc.

Hillside to the Hollow

- Michelle Cooper talked about recent events that the group was involved in. As a result of the last few months' activities, (Spring Hike, Green Expo and Tour de Fat) we now have more than 2,500 signatures supporting preservation of the area.
- Plans to try and help reseed the hillside burned in this summer's fire behind Hillside Jr. High School
- Raise money, provide stewardship of the hills.

Plano Lane Foothills Subdivision

- Planned subdivision on Plano Road near Hill Road and Collister is still in the works.
- This is an excellent Foothills Policy Plan test-case for CFNA since it so closely resembles the land we want to preserve that is owned by Kastera Homes (DBSI).
- Development as proposed by the builders has been denied by P&Z. Some reasons included too many houses on prominent ridges, excessive cut and fill, too linear and not enough clustering of homes. Basically a ridgeline development.
- It has however, been approved by ACHD.
- It has been annexed into the city and will be rezoned as a result.
- It is likely that P&Z's decision will be appealed to the City Council.

Eyrie Canyon #4 Subdivision

- 106 home sites planned near the Quail Hollow Golf Course. This development will ostensibly block trail access
- Went before ACHD on 8-27-08 and was put on hold.
- Main criterion for stalling was the increased traffic burden that will be put upon upper N. 36th Street
- Other issues also factored in; developer very irate about the delay.

Dry Creek Subdivision

- This is a huge and looming project. Approximately 4,300 homes are planned for this area off of Highway 55 southeast of the Shadow Valley Golf Course when heading north toward McCall.
- Some of the traffic from this development will feed into Hill Road. Approximately 10,000 residents will occupy these homes. Bigger than Hidden Springs. Huge potential impact on Hill Road.
- Phase I was approved by ACHD (300 homes). There are many hoops they'll have to jump through to get all homes in the development approved. Ada County hearing scheduled for Oct. 8th.

5. Guest Speaker from ACHD

- Sabrina Bowman, Planning & Projects Manager
- Encouraged us to attend the "How to Create a Great Neighborhood" citywide Neighborhood Conference scheduled for Saturday, October 25, 2008 from 8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. at Borah High School. Great opportunity to become more involved as an NA with city government, ACHD, etc. to affect change.
- Discussed ACHD's role in decision-making when it comes to development. Ultimately they don't have much jurisdiction over development projects. They just make suggestions.
- Cartwright Road extension with N. 36th Street will take longer than 5 years
- Bike Master Plan Study is currently in working draft form and is scheduled to be completed by spring of 2009. Will be posted on ACHD's website once approved. Plan looks at ways to make roads safer for bicyclists (i.e. additional striping, different colored bike lanes, etc).
- Paul Werner suggested we partner with ACHD to remove tree branches that impair vision on Hill Road. Sabrina suggested we email Bryan Huey at ACHD to learn if that's a possibility. We need to carbon copy the City of Boise to make sure they know this is a concern and we want to address it and fix it ourselves if need be.
- Perhaps signage could help i.e. Hidden Driveways, etc. ACHD has its own signage dept that might be willing to work with us.
- ACHD has mitigated some of the problems with "Traffic Calming" on 15th street in the past and is attempting to do the same thing on 28th street. (I.e. narrow the street to try and get people to slow down).
- ACHD is looking to redesign a "solution" to the Hill Road and 36th Street intersection. (A roundabout would have cost \$10 million). They have asked for permission to put the issue before the public for thoughts and suggestions.
- Questions raised about getting a stoplight put in at Hill Road and Lancaster. Sabrina will check on the possibilities of something happening toward that end in the future.
- She reported that there are four "pedestrian projects" of which ACHD is waiting for the City to prioritize. (This includes sidewalks, gutters, curbs, etc.) All four are near our NA.

6. Neighborhood Reinvestment Program

- Agreed to look into applying for funds a year from now. Too competitive, too time-consuming for us at this juncture.

7. The Unforeseen

- Paul urged everyone to try and attend a screening of "The Unforeseen" on October 16 at the Flicks. It's a film and panel discussion about a development in Austin, Texas that threatened a limestone aquifer and spring-fed swimming hole. Community around the property "fought back." Interviews with Robert Redford, Willie Nelson, Ann Richards.

8. High Fire Risk Area

- In light of this summer's foothills fires, Paul suggested we all be vigilant with neighbors about maintaining a firebreak around our homes. Find out if there is a city code that will force people to

adhere to fire codes (i.e. fines enforced, etc) to try and prevent potential brush fires further destroying homes.

9. CFNA Meeting Dates

Thursday November 20, 2008

Thursday, January 22, 2009

Thursday, March 19, 2009 (annual meeting)

*Additional meetings schedule if needed; locations TBD

10. Motion for adjournment, seconded, approved

Date Approved _____

Number of Board Members Present _____

Number of Board Members Who Approved _____

Number of Members Present _____

Signature of Secretary _____

Signature of President or Designee _____

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*CFNA is a Neighborhood Association not a Homeowner's Association. CFNA was created to build a sense of community; provide a greater voice and open process on issues that concern the neighborhood; identify and maintain the values of our unique foothills neighborhood environment and seek funding sources and programs to improve it for the greater good of the community; and to engage in other neighborhood activities such as planning and development, charitable purposes, and education on pertinent issues that impact the neighborhood. The CFNA website is: www.centralfoothills.org t the neighborhood. The CFNA website is: www.boisecentralfoothills.org