

Highlands Neighborhood Association

2018 Annual Meeting

April 17, 2018

Overall Agenda

- State of the Neighborhood
- Treasurer's Report
- Bylaws Change Vote
- Officer Elections

State of the Neighborhood and the Highlands Neighborhood Association

Jeff Bradley, President

April 17, 2018

Agenda

- Thank Molly Mouser
- What is a “neighborhood association”?
- Accomplishments during last year
- Highlands Cove update
- Traffic/Safety committee update
- Trailhead project update

What is a “neighborhood association”?

- Neighborhood Associations are affiliated with the City of Boise through its planning process
- Neighborhood Associations interface with the City on issues pertaining to neighborhood planning and development
- NAs also provide a vehicle to voice concerns to the City as a consolidated voice, with the goal of making/planning a better neighborhood
- NAs prepare Neighborhood Reinvestment Grants and other applications (mini grants, chipper trucks, etc.)
- Planning and development frequently contacts NAs with regard to development applications in the neighborhood
- Example – proposed new subdivision at 123 W HVD. Planning session to be held April 30

What is a “neighborhood association”?

- We live in the Highlands Neighborhood association, which is essentially the traditional “Highlands”, Hackberry, Hackberry North, El Pelar, Highlands Cove and multi-family housing units on Bogus Basin Road and HVD.
- For more information, please refer to the Highlands Neighborhood Plan posted on our website.

<https://highlandsneighborhood.weebly.com/>

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Welcome to the Highlands Neighborhood Website

This is the official website of the Highlands Neighborhood Association.

Please go to the announcements tab for the latest news!

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HNA website

- Implemented an automated email blast that goes out whenever a new post is added to the site (people have to sign up for this feature).
- Meeting minutes now updated on a consistent basis (mostly for the traffic committee, which is meeting on a monthly basis).
- Nearly two dozen files have been added to the Resources and Information page, including various studies, memos and emails.



City of Boise Registered Neighborhood Associations Highlands

Legend

-  Schools
-  Parks
-  Highlands Neighborhood Association
-  Boise Area of Impact Outline

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Accomplishments during last year

- Annual picnic held in June – June 14th this year!
- Neighborhood survey
- Website update
 - <https://highlandsneighborhood.weebly.com/>
- Chipper trucks
 - During our two weeks this year a total of 666 homes were visited and 440 cubic yards of material were picked up weighing approximately 220,000 pounds.
 - A total of 220 man hours were spent doing the chipping and cleanup.
 - Over the three years it has run, we have made substantial reductions in our fire load, which is what this program is all about.
- Trailhead grant application
- Traffic/Safety Committee

Accomplishments during last year

- Traffic/Safety committee formed - Tom Seacord named chairperson and will continue in that role until at least the 2019 Annual Meeting.
- Highlands school construction committee being formed - Jennifer Johnson will be chairperson until at least the 2019 Annual Meeting.

Highlands Cove update

Traffic/Safety committee update

Highlands Neighborhood Association (HNA)

Traffic Safety Committee

November 14, 2017

Background and Charter

The HNA Traffic Safety Committee is a standing committee established by the HNA Executive Committee in 2017 to look out for the safety of all residents related to traffic issues: motor vehicles, pedestrians, bikers, etc. The geographic scope of this committee is the City of Boise's definition of the Highlands which encompasses the Nextdoor neighborhoods of: Highlands, El Pelar, and Highlands Hackberry on Torrison.

This committee will act as a clearing house for all resident traffic concerns. Collecting inputs and comments, identifying and prioritizing issues to work on, gathering comments and data, and establishing workplans to address issues as needed. They are chartered with preparing, for review by the Executive Team, any Highlands wide input and comments to area traffic plans – such as with ACID and the City of Boise. They should also be continually aware of Highlands-centric traffic topics in these organizations, establish linkages with them, understand and link to their planning calendars, etc. This committee should prepare regular communications to Highlands residents on Traffic Safety related topics, including but not limited to, a presentation at the HNA Annual Meeting. This committee will exist until a future Executive Committee disbands it.

This committee is expected to hold regular meetings sufficient to deliver upon their charter, though no less than twice per year. All meetings will be open to all Highlands residents per our neighborhood Bylaws. However, participation at the meetings and any votes will be limited to committee members. Meeting dates, times, and locations will be published beforehand by the Chairperson or other identified committee member.

Membership

The committee is open to any Highlands Resident. The Committee Chairperson is responsible for selecting committee members. The committee should have at least 5 members and ideally from geographically diverse parts of the neighborhood. The Committee Chair and the Executive Team will work to recruit committee members as needed and communicate to all residents the opportunity to sit on the committee. Executive Team members may sit on the Committee though they may not be Chairperson. Members are expected to attend at least half of all committee meetings annually, in person or virtually. Members may sit on the committee for a maximum of three years. They may resign their seat at any time by informing the committee chair of their decision. The chairperson may also remove someone from the committee though this should only be used in exceptional circumstances and typically related to a lack of attendance or participation. In such situations the

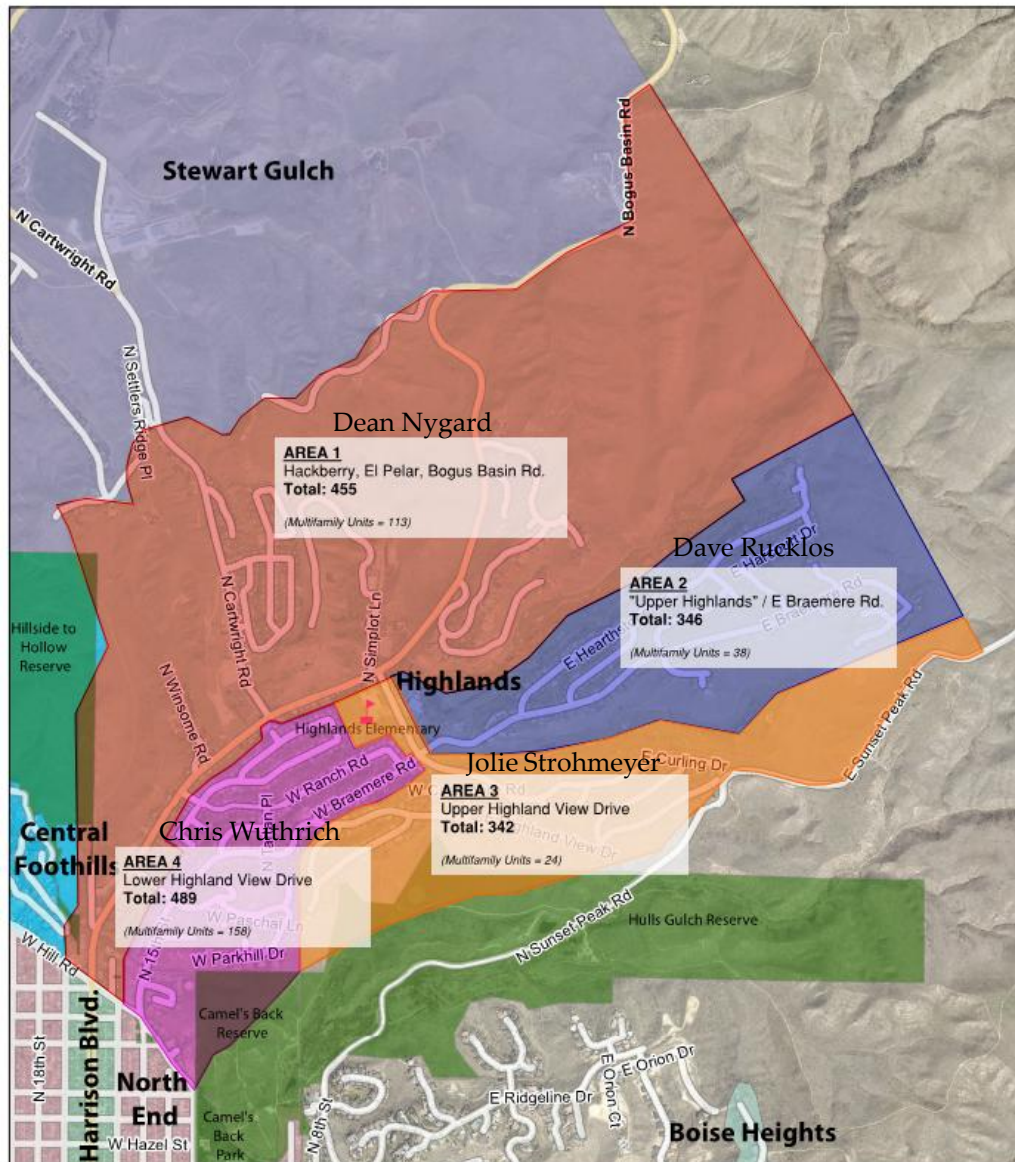
- Clearinghouse for all resident traffic concerns
- Reports to the Executive Committee
- Committee Chairman selects at least 5 members
- Meetings are open to any HNA resident (Bylaws Article 5C)



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Committee rules of order

- Guiding Principles
 - We operate the committee in accordance with the HNA Bylaws
 - We follow adopted policy *or* seek to appropriately amend adopted policy before acting upon it
 - Refer to Neighborhood Plan Articles 1.6 and 1.7
 - Public health and safety is our #1 priority
 - Dissent is respectfully delivered and respectfully heard

There are often multiple ways to protect public health and safety...consider also HNA Plan (2005) goals:

GOAL 2	OBJECTIVE	POLICIES
<p>Keep traffic volumes as low as possible during neighborhood growth to ensure pedestrian safety and to discourage traffic congestion and speeding.</p>	<p>Objective 1 Maintain, enhance and encourage traffic calming in a way that minimizes adverse effects on the Highlands Neighborhood streets.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Existing residential areas should be protected from through-traffic. 2) Residential streets in the Highlands should not be upgraded to collector or arterial status. 3) Emergency access should be provided for all new and existing development and should meet access requirements of the local fire district. 4) Secondary access must be provided for all new development. 5) Encourage Bogus Basin Mountain Resort recreation area to maintain their commitment to reduce skier traffic effects on the Highlands Neighborhood.
	<p>Objective 2 Increase pedestrian safety in the Highlands Neighborhood.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Seek opportunities to improve pedestrian crossings on Bogus Basin Road, Curling Drive, 15th Street, Highland View, and at other locations as needed. 2) Encourage increased safety for pedestrian traffic with the installation of pedestrian crosswalks and traffic lights. 3) Seek opportunities to widen sidewalks at the Bogus Basin commercial core to allow more area for pedestrians, and landscaping improvements. 4) New developments should provide connectivity to streets, sidewalks, bicycle paths, and bus stops.

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Transportation goals, objectives and policies (continued)		
GOAL	OBJECTIVE	POLICIES
(continued)	Objective 3 Make the Highlands a more dynamic place by improving access for all modes of travel.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Support improvements to the Boise City transit system (Valley Ride) that will allow safe and convenient bus stops in the Highlands. 2) Encourage Bogus Basin Road businesses and other property owners in the commercial core to share off-street parking 3) Maintain and encourage the enhancement of bike paths connecting the Highlands to adjacent neighborhoods. 4) Reduce reliance on single-occupant cars by encouraging ridesharing, transit use, walking, and bicycling. 5) Encourage a park-n-ride station to be located near the Bogus Basin Road and Hill Road intersection. 6) Encourage a shuttle for Bogus Basin Mountain Resort area from the Highlands commercial district.

Current activities

- Met with ACHD on 4/6/18
 - Seek City of Boise support for Highlands traffic priorities
 - Conduct a survey related to Highland View Drive mitigation
- Meeting with City (TBD)
 - Status of mitigation plan projects/priorities
 - Overlay agreement
 - Seek City support for Highlands traffic priorities
 - Highland View Drive mitigation
 - School remodel construction impacts
- Conduct Survey for Highland View Drive

Trailhead project update

- The support for a restroom at Harrison Hollow/Hillside to the Hollow Reserve trailhead is strong in the community, with the Land Trust of the Treasure Valley, the two Neighborhood Associations that surround Harrison Hollow/Hillside to the Hollow and with Boise Parks and Recreation.
- Highlands Neighborhood Association worked closely with the City of Boise and the Land Trust of the Treasure Valley on a Capital Project Grant Application to install a restroom at. The City had communicated to HNA that this type of grant is exactly the type of project they look favorably upon. After HNA submitted the application, Healthwise indicated it was not in support of the project. Parks & Rec recommended pulling the grant from consideration while they analyzed Healthwise's concern with the project.
- The Parks & Recreation Department is highly supportive of this project. As a result, the department has re-structured some projects to create funding for the restroom in Hillside to Reserve, with construction commencing in the Fall of 2018.
- Sam Sandmire would like the OK from HNA board to continue to track this project to see that it does, in fact, move forward this fall.

Trailhead project rationale

- Need for a restroom - some visitors have used the restroom at Healthwise, Highlands Brew Pub or found a shrub. Restroom has been requested often by visitors.
- Evidence of human waste on site has increased and is a health hazard.
- The Land Trust of the Treasure Valley will provide the land
- City of Boise Parks and Recreation Department will fund, service and maintain the restroom.
- 4-season, two-place restroom & dog watering station
- Tie into sewer and water - both nearby.
- The Land Trust of the Treasure Valley acquired Harrison Hollow in 2011. The City of Boise acquired the adjoining land in 2013 which collectively has become known as the Hillside to Hollow Reserve.
- Harrison Hollow trailhead - popular destination with significant visitation
- Popular all weather gravel path - Highlands Neighborhood Reinvestment Grant
- Dog watering station - popular. HH is one of the most popular locations for hikers with a dog. Some citizens have opted to place water bowls or barrels on site, sometimes on adjoining private property.
- Highlands Neighborhood does not have a neighborhood park. Rather Hillside to the Hollow is one of the few public open space areas within the neighborhood.

Trailhead project update



Bylaw change proposal # 1

Article 3 - Membership

Current Wording

- *"Each member shall be entitled to one vote regarding the affairs of the Association".*

Proposed Wording

- *"Each member 18 years old and older shall be entitled to one vote regarding the affairs of the Association".*

This does not change who is considered a member of the Association and who is allowed to participate in Association activities – which remains anyone living within the Highlands Neighborhood.

Bylaw change proposal #2

Article 5 - Meetings

Current Wording

- *"Ten members of the Association, when present at any meeting of the entire membership shall constitute a quorum".*

Proposed Wording

- *"Ten voting members of the Association, when present at any meeting of the entire membership shall constitute a quorum".*

The change being that a quorum is counted only from voting age members.