



BOISE NEIGHBORHOOD INTERACTIVE

“Reimagine Housing & Neighborhoods”

2020 Call for Workshop Proposals

Energize Our Neighborhoods is proud to host the 3rd Boise Neighborhood Interactive community conference, highlighting the event's theme: “Reimagine Housing & Neighborhoods.”

Attainable housing is incredibly important for individual and community health and well-being. But this vital resource continues to become more expensive and less accessible in many places, Boise included. While we face many structural barriers to improving the affordability, availability, and accessibility of homes, we have the opportunity to reimagine how neighborhoods can be part of meaningfully addressing our housing needs.

The mission of the Boise Neighborhood Interactive is to empower and engage residents to take responsibility for creating and sustaining welcoming and livable neighborhoods through information, shared resources, collaboration, and training.

This year's conference will gather citizens virtually to share information, inspiration, and the power of community to provide housing solutions to and from our neighborhoods. Attendees will leave with tools and information to become active and well-informed participants in on-going dialogues around housing and growth, understand public and private practices for creating livable homes and neighborhoods, and imagine and advance creative and inspiring solutions to the challenges we face.

The Boise Neighborhood Interactive Citizen Steering Committee is currently seeking workshop proposals for the 2020 conference, which is planned for October. In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, the conference will be held virtually. Proposals should speak to the conference's theme: “Reimagine Housing & Neighborhoods”. Proposals should align with one or more of the six workshop tracks described below.

WORKSHOP TRACKS

1. **Budget:** These sessions provide clarity and transparency on city and county budgets and funding allocations, including how property and sales tax revenues are distributed and information regarding the processes for public decision-making.
2. **Policy:** Our built environment is shaped by city, county, state, and national code and policy. These sessions explore this hidden force that becomes visible through development, including opportunities for public involvement in the review process, plans for future change, and opportunities to improve or adjust policy to increase housing affordability.



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3. **Accessory Dwelling Units:** Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs), aka mother-in-law apartments or granny flats, can gently increase the availability of housing units in existing neighborhoods. These sessions dive into all the why's and how-to's for creating and managing your own ADU, including: design and governing regulations/policies (e.g. codes, accessibility, cost, financing, valuation, taxes, tenant law, resale, etc.)
4. **Housing Affordability:** Affordable housing policy, creation, design, and implementation has evolved significantly in the last 50 years. These sessions address definitions of Affordable Housing, how communities provide it, and how neighbors can be active participants in making and keeping housing available for our most vulnerable neighbors.
5. **Creative Solutions:** In the midst of significant growth and a housing crisis, communities have found innovative ways to meet the need for housing while improving the social, economic, environmental, mental and physical health of neighborhoods. In this track, we'll explore these creative models and tools from communities both within and outside of Idaho.
6. **Leadership Development:** Strong communities have skilled leaders who know how to communicate, organize, and inspire. This track is designed to share tools and expertise for developing these skills for current and aspiring neighborhood leaders.

SUBMITTAL PROCESS

Applicants should complete all requested information on pages 3- 5 of this packet and send it via email to Energize@cityofboise.org. Proposals should be submitted by June 30, 2020. All proposals will be reviewed by the Steering Committee; notification of selected proposals will be made by Sept. 1, 2020.

Workshops will be held virtually. Depending on presenter availability, they may be pre-recorded or hosted live. Specific time slots will be determined in September.



2020 BOISE NEIGHBORHOOD INTERACTIVE “Reimagine Housing & Neighborhoods” Workshop Proposal

Workshop Title

Brief Description

This will be published in the conference program – 75-word maximum

Workshop Track

Mark all that apply – see descriptions on pgs. 1-2

- Budget
- Policy
- Accessory Dwelling Units
- Housing Affordability
- Creative Solutions
- Leadership Development

Format

- Panel discussion
- Presentation
- Interactive workshop
- Round-table discussion
- Other *(please explain)*

Target Audience

Mark all that apply

- All/General
- New Neighborhood Association members
- Veteran Neighborhood Association members
- New residents

Preferred Time Length

- 45 minutes
- 90 minutes

Availability

Are you willing to present this workshop as a live webinar?

- Yes
- No



Extended Workshop Description

Please provide an overview of content and learning objectives – 1,000-word maximum



Presenter Information

Name

Organization & Title

Email

Phone

Biography

This will be published in the conference program – 50-word maximum

Experience

Has this workshop been presented before, and if so, when, where, and to whom?

Co-Presenter(s) Information

Please provide the information below for all presenters

Name

Organization & Title

Email

Phone

Biography

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