

CITY of BOISE

ENERGIZE OUR NEIGHBORHOODS

2020 ANNUAL REPORT

2020 introduced many challenges for engagement in our community, and across the world. Our team worked to adapt to pandemic life, while still offering access to resources and shifting to a world of digital engagement - we are so thankful for the community's patience through this process! This year proved that our community is resilient and innovative; we were inspired by the many ways so many people continued to work in their neighborhoods: supporting neighbors in need, embracing virtual meetings, following guidelines to host safe in-person opportunities to connect, and continuing to engage in civic processes. Thank you, Boise – and we can't wait to see you in 2021!



ENERGIZE OUR NEIGHBORHOODS TEAM



MELINDA MCGOLDRICK | *Energize Our Neighborhoods Program Manager*

Melinda manages the Energize Our Neighborhoods program and works to bring stakeholders together to support engagement, capacity building, connections, and community initiatives throughout the city.



LEON LETSON | *Grow Our Housing Program Manager*

Leon Letson is the recently-hired manager for the Grow Our Housing program, which seeks to improve both housing affordability and choice for Boise residents. His work on the Energize team ensures that residents are engaged throughout the development process as new locations are added to the city's land trust.



NIKKI DRAKE | *Energize Our Neighborhoods Coordinator*

Nikki works with residents to identify and implement priorities and improvements for their neighborhoods, and ways to strengthen their sense of community.



DEANNA DUPUY | *Associate Comprehensive Planner*

Deanna Dupuy is a Comprehensive Planner that helps neighbors develop their vision for the future through neighborhood plans.



ETHAN MANSFIELD | *Associate Planner*

Ethan Mansfield works as an Associate Planner, where he reviews land use and development proposals. He serves as the technical-expert for planning-related issues concerning neighborhoods on the Energize Team.

ENERGIZE OUR NEIGHBORHOODS' PILLARS:

■ PLANNING

A collaboration between the city and neighborhood associations to guide the future of Boise's neighborhoods.

■ IMPLEMENTATION

Working with communities to identify opportunities to make neighborhood-level change.

■ CAPACITY BUILDING

Providing resources to support neighborhood engagement, connections to services, and community education opportunities.

■ CELEBRATION

Supporting the development of connections within the community and engaging residents in their neighborhoods.

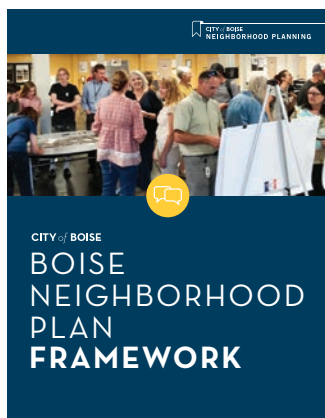
■ ADMINISTRATION + SUPPORT

Working with neighborhood associations to create vibrant and thriving neighborhoods that increase livability for their residents.

PLANNING



Participants share feedback at the North End Neighborhood Plan Open House



NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING

A Neighborhood Plan is a long-term vision document that is reviewed and adopted by City Council to supplement Blueprint Boise, the city's comprehensive plan. The neighborhood planning process engages the entire community, including residents, neighborhood association members, businesses, schools, nonprofits and many others to develop a shared plan for the future of the neighborhood.

In 2020 the city developed the Neighborhood Plan Framework. In this document residents can learn about the Neighborhood Plan Process, what to expect, and how to get involved.

NORTH END NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN

The city and the North End Neighborhood made significant progress throughout 2020 to finalize its neighborhood plan. We heard from 1,000+ North Enders about what they love about the neighborhood today and what they hope for the future. The **NORTH END NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN** is expected to begin the adoption process in the Spring of 2021.



SUNSET NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN

Despite the COVID-19 Pandemic, the city and the Sunset Neighborhood kicked off the neighborhood planning process in the fall of 2020, which will continue through 2021. In the first outreach, we heard from over 150 residents about what keeps them in the **SUNSET NEIGHBORHOOD** and what improvements the neighborhood needs.



Stakeholders in the Central Bench area provided feedback regarding the future site design

GROW OUR HOUSING

FRANKLIN & ORCHARD COMMUNITY ACTIVITY CENTER

Franklin & Orchard, located adjacent to Franklin Park in the Central Bench Neighborhood, is the first project in the city's recently established Housing Land Trust, which seeks to provide and preserve much-needed affordable housing in our community. Franklin & Orchard features 205 housing units, ranging from one-bedroom to three-bedroom multi-family units and townhomes, serves a mix of incomes, and includes 6,000 square feet of commercial space. Designed to integrate into Franklin Park, unique community gathering spaces are woven throughout the development to bring the Central Bench residents together. Franklin & Orchard supports the City's vision of seeing a Community Activity Center develop at this location. The Energize Our Neighborhoods program was instrumental in engaging the Central Bench neighbors, who were invited to share feedback from December 10, 2019 to January 5, 2020 about the future of the city-owned property. Construction is anticipated to begin by fall of 2021.

IMPLEMENTATION



Water feature in the West End's Fairview Park

ENERGIZE NEIGHBORHOOD PROJECTS

2020 has been a challenging year, but we have continued to move forward with projects in our three Energize neighborhoods: **SOUTH BOISE VILLAGE**, **WEST BENCH** and **WEST END**. The Community-Building Committees continue to welcome new members in their efforts to strengthen neighborhoods and engage residents.

SOUTH BOISE VILLAGE



WALKING PATH AT GARFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

This project was completed in August 2020. It will be an important asset for the school's walking clubs and for the community. The path is open to the public outside of school hours.

ENHANCED CROSSING ON BOISE AVE AT MANITOU AVE

The design has been completed and approved by ACHD. The city and ACHD are working to secure the necessary funding.

BROADWAY/FEDERAL WAY CONNECTION

A feasibility study was completed for a pedestrian/bicycle connection between Broadway and Federal Way. The city submitted an additional funding application to the Community Planning Association of Southwest

Idaho (COMPASS) to continue developing this project.

WEST BENCH SETTLERS CANAL PROJECT

The linear park will be completed in phases, including a pathway, landscaping, bus stop improvements, and other amenities. Construction is planned to begin in 2021.

SPAULDING RANCH ORCHARD

Preparations were completed throughout 2020, including irrigation system and cover crops

to help rejuvenate the soil. Planting is planned for 2021.

WEST END ENHANCED CROSSING ON 23RD ST AT BANNOCK ST

The design has been completed and approved by ACHD. The city and ACHD are working to secure the necessary funding.

WATER FEATURE IN FAIRVIEW PARK

Water misters were installed in October 2019.

IMPLEMENTATION

IN FISCAL YEAR 2021

20 PROJECTS WERE
AWARDED, WORTH

\$548,000

INVESTED IN

17 UNIQUE
NEIGHBORHOODS

NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTMENT PROGRAM

In the FY21 application cycle, 20 projects in 17 neighborhood associations were awarded funding (out of 24 total project applications). These awards represent a \$548,000 investment in neighborhoods throughout Boise. Over the past three years, the Energize team has worked across city departments to strategically align resources to support the projects identified by neighborhood associations and through neighborhood Visioning events hosted by Energize Our Neighborhoods. In this time, impact fees, Community Development Block Grant funds, and general funds have all been aligned to bring these neighborhood-initiated projects to fruition.

FY21 NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTMENT PROGRAM PROJECT AWARDS

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION	PROJECT TITLE	FUNDING
Barber Valley	Greenbelt Wayfinding Signage	\$2,100
Borah/Liberty Park	Neighborhood Plan	\$80,000
Central Rim	Harding St. Improvements	\$40,740
Collister	Bus Benches on VRT Routes in Collister	\$4,500
	Sign Toppers	\$2,700
Energize	Depot Bench Public Art	\$50,000
	Crosswalk at 23rd St./Bannock	\$40,000
	Crosswalk at Boise Ave/Manitou	\$37,000
Liberty Park	Bike Repair Station & Drinking Fountain	\$10,560
North End	Gateway Enhancement (phase 1)	\$25,000
Southeast	Amity Rd. Pathway (phase 1)	\$57,000
	Big Fun Art Repair	\$10,000
	Sign Topper Replacement	\$1,000
Southwest ACA	Molenaar Park Shelter & Path	\$78,320
Sunset	Lowell Elementary Pavilion	\$41,000
Veterans Park	Identity Kit (logo only)	\$5,000
Vista	Bike Repair Stations (2)	\$3,640
West End	Identity Kit (logo only)	\$5,000
Winstead Park	Identity Kit (logo only)	\$5,000
	Koelsch Elementary Walking Path	\$44,500
NIP	Contingency Replenishment	\$4,940
TOTAL		\$548,000

RECENTLY COMPLETED PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS



New picnic shelter in Magnolia Park



Trabajadoras Migrantes by Miguel A. Almeida in the West Bench Neighborhood



The Sentinel by Ben Konkol in the South Boise Village Neighborhood



Ancestral Steering by Marianna Jimenez Edwards in the Winstead Park Neighborhood

CAPACITY BUILDING



BNI attendees shared pet photos as part of a virtual conference and the Energize team kept things running behind the scenes.

BOISE NEIGHBORHOOD INTERACTIVE

The third Boise Neighborhood Interactive community conference was held virtually Oct. 19-21, 2020. The theme “Reimagine Housing & Neighborhoods” paid tribute to the city’s A Home for Everyone Strategic Initiative and the work that leaders throughout our community do daily to remove barriers to housing for our residents. The resident-led steering committee, responsible for developing the theme and workshop tracks, hoped to empower and engage residents, allowing them to take responsibility for creating and sustaining welcoming and livable neighborhoods.

The conference kicked off with a keynote panel discussion featuring Mayor Lauren McLean, Ada County Commissioner Diana Lachiondo and Boise State University President Dr. Marlene Tromp. Moderated by Boise State Public Radio’s Gemma

Gaudette, the three panelists discussed housing and growth in the Treasure Valley.

Over the course of three days, attendees had the opportunity to attend 31 unique workshops led by 58 subject-matter experts, visit virtual booths hosted by 32 community organizations, participate in roundtable discussions and connect with other attendees through the virtual platform.

With over 300 attendees, the 2020 conference boasted the highest attendance to date for the Boise Neighborhood Interactive. As planning for the next conference begins, the team will seek to offer a hybrid option for attendees, with both in-person and online attendance options. We hope to have you join us at that event in Spring 2022!

ENERGIZED

EnergizED is a workshop series that focuses on motivating, engaging and connecting Boise’s residents by giving them the information they need to become champions for change on a neighborhood level. In June and July, the series on Planning and Zoning went virtual, offering opportunities to learn about Planning and Development Review, Design Review, Blueprint Boise and Neighborhood Planning, and Zoning 101. Recordings of all these workshops are available on the city’s YouTube channel.

ADMINISTRATION AND SUPPORT



West End Halloween Walkabout



34

Active Registered
Neighborhood
Associations

190+

Yearly Neighborhood
Association Meetings



250+

Volunteer
Neighborhood
Association Board
Members

NEIGHBORHOOD UPDATES

Registered neighborhood associations in Boise play a vital role in nurturing stable and vibrant neighborhoods. Neighborhood associations solve problems and serve their neighborhoods as partners with the city.

Neighborhood associations learned to connect in new ways during 2020. From the Southeast to the Northwest, associations transitioned to virtual meetings and physically distant meetups. Below are examples of some of the community and capacity building accomplishments by neighborhood associations in an especially difficult year.

COLLISTER NA hosted virtual bread baking classes!

CENTRAL RIM NA took advantage of neighbors walking more in their neighborhood and created physically distant collages of waving neighbors!

NORTH END NA offered a neighborhood-wide scavenger hunt in lieu of usual trick-or-treating.

WEST END NA rethought trick-or-treating and hosted a Halloween Walkabout.

WINSTEAD PARK NA hosted a socially-distant Halloween celebration in the park.

Neighbors joined from over 12 neighborhood associations to host an Ada County Highway District Candidate Forum including the NORTH WEST, EAST END, CENTRAL RIM, SOUTH BOISE VILLAGE, and VETERANS PARK.

Thank You to everyone who made the 2020 Boise Neighborhood Interactive a success!

PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Alexandra Monjar	Deborah Lombard-Bloom	Gary Hanes	Ken Miller
Chris Cockrell	Ellen Burry	Georgia Meacham	Tiffany Robb

WORKSHOP SPEAKERS

Ali Rabe	Elizabeth Barnes	Lance Davisson	Scott Hopkins
Bessie Katsilometes	Ellen Campfield-Nelson	Leon Letson	Shellan Rodriguez
Byron Folwell	Eric Bilimoria	Linda Paul	Skip Schenker
Caile Spear	Eric Willadsen	Mark Baltes	Steve Benner
Chelsea Smith	Erik Kingston	Martha Brabec	Steve Hubble
Chris Danley	Hal Simmons	Maureen Brewer	Steve Taylor
Cody Riddle	Jack Hawkins	Mel Leviton	Susan Brown
Colin Koach	Jamie Lundergreen	Melinda McGoldrick	Susan Eastlake
Cory Phelps	Jerry Brady	Michael Garner	Tiffany Robb
Cynthia Gibson	Jerry McAdams	Nikki Drake	Vanessa Fry
Daniel Roop	Jessica Durham	Nina Schaeffer	Wyatt Schroeder
Deanna Dupuy	John Vance	Patricia Nilsson	Zoe Ann Olson
Deanna Smith	Kathy Griesmyer	Phyllis Barker	
Deanna Watson	Kevin Spencer	Rhiannon Avery	
Diane Ronayne	Krista Paulsen	Ryan Armbruster	

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION LEADERS

Austin Walkins	City Councilmember	Lana Graybeal	Terri Muse
Deanna Dupuy	Holli Woodings	Leon Letson	Tiffany Robb
Eric Willadsen	Hollie Conde	Ryan McGoldrick	
Ethan Mansfield	City Councilmember	Sean Keithly	
	Jimmy Hallyburton		

COMMUNITY RESOURCE FAIR ORGANIZATIONS

211/Navigation Program, Idaho Dept. of Health and Welfare	Byron W. Folwell, Architect	Idaho Power	Preservation Idaho
Ada County Highway District	Catch	Idaho Smart Growth	Ridge to Rivers
Agency for New Americans	City of Trees Challenge	Idaho State Historical Society	Terry Reilly Health Services
Boise Bicycle Project	Community Planning	Idaho Youth Ranch	Treasure Valley Canopy Network
Boise City/Ada County Housing Authorities	Association of Southwest Idaho	JANNUS – Economic Opportunity	Treasure Valley Cycling Alliance
Boise Community Schools	Dick Eardley Senior Center, City of Boise	Jesse Tree	Valley Regional Transit
Boys & Girls Clubs of Ada County	Housing Loan Programs, City of Boise	League of Women Voters	Wells Fargo
	Idaho Housing and Finance Association	Love, INC Boise	Women's and Children's Alliance
		NeighborWorks Boise	



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