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.
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.
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.
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.

**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.

- **OUTDOOR PLAYGROUND AT FAIRVIEW PARK**
  
  A new playground was installed in the West End’s Fairview Park.
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

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IMPLEMENTATION

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
ENERGIZE OUR NEIGHBORHOODS ANNUAL REPORT

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.

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!
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!

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Ada County Highway District
Agency for New Americans
Boise Bicycle Project
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Boise Community Schools
Boys & Girls Clubs of Ada County
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Idaho Smart Growth
Idaho State Historical Society
Idaho Youth Ranch
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