What’s been done in the Vista Neighborhood so far? (2014-2017)

➢ Children & Youth Focus Area
- Boise Pre-K Project (expanded in 2016), provides early childhood education for 80 students at the two elementary schools in the neighborhood, Whitney and Hawthorne (program launched in Nov. 2015).
- Energizing Out of School Project: provides Hawthorne students with before & after school programs, in addition to summer-time programming at little-to-no cost through partnership between Parks & Recreation, YMCA, and Boys & Girls Club (launched in 2016).
- Van-Go Program at South Junior High – offers ~40 students/week an opportunity to engage in after school activities offered by the Sierra Club, local businesses, and other community partners at little-to-no cost (launched Jan. 2017).
- Native Plant Learning Center at Hawthorne Elementary, funded through NRG (Spring 2017).
- Expansion of the community garden at Whitney Elementary, funded through the Plan4Health Grant (summer 2016).

➢ Economic Development Focus Area: Vista Bench Business Association
- Formation of the Vista Bench Business Association, whose vision is to “protect the interests of its members, provide a larger regional voice in Boise City matters pertaining to the Vista Bench, and to support economic development on the Vista Bench.” (Summer 2016)
- Monthly First Friday Events sponsored by the VBBA (launched in Spring 2016), and bi-annual community events (Vista Neighborhood Scavenger Hunt held October 2016 and Vista Bench Summer Bash & Car Show held June 2017).
- Grant awarded to ULI for implementation of Healthy Corridors study recommendations (Spring 2017).

➢ Environment Focus Area
- NeighborWoods provided 118+ trees to Vista Neighborhood residents at no cost (2015).
- Grand Opening of the Atlantic Idea House, showcasing energy efficient and sustainable improvements that can be incorporated into any home (April 1, 2017).
- Atlantic Idea House tours will be available to the community (Spring 2017 – Fall 2017).

➢ Healthy Communities Focus Area
- The Healthy Communities Committee supported the VNA and local churches at the Whitney Block Party, 4th of July Celebrations, South Junior High Spring Fling, and other community events (2015, 2016, & 2017).
- Neighborhood Clean Up Day removed over 60 tons of debris from the Vista Neighborhood (May 2015).
- Walking path added at Hawthorne Elementary through NRG funding (2015).
- Mobile Farmers Market offered SNAP match & Mobile Rec programming at Vista apartments (2016).
- Plan4Health awarded $125,000 in grant funds to develop a tool kit and set of recommendations for improving the health of Vista Neighborhood residents (2015-Fall 2016). The grant funding was also used to expand the community garden at Whitney Elementary.
• A shelter was installed at Shoshone Park, funded through a Neighborhood Reinvestment Grant awarded to the Vista Neighborhood Association in 2015 (Summer 2017).

➢ **Housing Focus Area**
  • Housing Education Workshops offered hands-on opportunities to learn about care and maintenance of homes (Spring/Summer 2016).
  • $8,000 in grant funds were awarded to Vista Neighborhood residents to make health, safety, accessibility, and energy efficiency improvements to their homes (2015).

➢ **Placemaking Arts & History Focus Area**
  • The history of the Vista Neighborhood was compiled in a report available to the neighborhood (2015).
  • A series of walking tours highlighted unique and historic aspects of the neighborhood (Spring/Summer 2016).
  • A pop-up art gallery was showcased in the Vista Neighborhood, featuring art from BSU students (Fall 2016).
  • Three traffic boxes in the Vista Neighborhood had public art (wraps) added (Summer 2017).
  • Art wraps were included on new transit shelters installed at multiple locations along key bus routes throughout the Vista Neighborhood (Summer/Fall 2017).
  • Together Treasure Valley awarded a $50,000 grant, matched by $50,000 from City funding to bring a significant piece of gateway art to the median on Vista Ave. (funding awarded Spring 2017, art installation expected 2018).
  • A Creative Placemaking grant was awarded to ULI for a sidewalk activation project linking Hawthorne Elementary to Shoshone Park (Spring 2017).

➢ **Public Safety Focus Area**
  • A Boise Police Sub-Station and Neighborhood Contact Officer were located in the Vista Neighborhood (2015).
  • Stop signs were installed at 17 uncontrolled intersections in the neighborhood (2015).
  • Public Safety workshops were offered on numerous topics, including self-defense, home security, code enforcement, and emergency preparedness (Spring/Summer 2016).
  • 260+ smoke alarms installed in Vista Neighborhood homes through a partnership with the American Red Cross, Air National Guard, United Way and community volunteers (March 2016).
  • Fire Station #8 opened in its new location (May 2017).

➢ **Transportation Focus Area**
  • Pedestrian improvements (sidewalks, curb, & gutter) were installed near Hawthorne Elementary (on Targee) and Whitney Elementary (on Owyhee) (2015-2016).
  • Signage to Shoshone Park installed (2016).
  • ULI awarded a $25,000 grant to study Vista Avenue and provided a set of recommendations for improving the health & economic vitality of the corridor (2015-Spring 2016).
  • Transit improvements (bike racks & new bus shelters featuring public art) were installed along Vista Avenue (Spring/Summer 2017).

What’s coming in 2017/18?

➢ **Children & Youth Focus Area**
  • Students at Whitney, Hawthorne, and South will have the opportunity to create signage/art pieces to be placed around school zones reminding drivers to slow down (Fall 2017).

➢ **Economic Development Focus Area: Vista Bench Business Association**
  • Continuation of First Fridays on the Bench (monthly).
Healthy Communities Focus Area
• The Healthy Communities Committee will continue to partner with community organizations to support events, festivals, and resource dissemination in the area.

Housing Focus Area
• The Ormond Street development will provide home ownership opportunities to income-qualified families (Fall/Winter 2017/18).
• Grants for safety, accessibility, and energy efficiency improvements continue to be available to Vista Neighborhood residents (ongoing).
• Home Ownership programs continue to be available to assist potential buyers in purchasing a home (ongoing).

Placemaking Arts & History Focus Area
• The Pop-Up Art Gallery will return to Vista.
• Gateway art will be installed in the median on Vista Avenue, funded by Together Treasure Valley and the City of Boise.

Public Safety Focus Area
• Mobile radar units will be used to slow traffic throughout the neighborhood (ongoing).
• Public safety information will be provided to the neighborhood through the Vista Neighborhood Association newsletter (Fall 2017).

Transportation Focus Area
• Additional transit improvement (bus shelters featuring public art and bike racks) will be installed along key bus routes in the Vista Neighborhood.
• A sidewalk will be added on Canal Street, connecting Vista Avenue to Shoshone Park, funded by the City of Boise (Fall/Winter 2017).
• ACHD will install street lighting at Vista & Overland to improve safety (construction planned for 2017 – ACHD 2017-2021 Five Year Plan pg. 77).
• ACHD will install sidewalks & bike lanes on Kootenai, Vista to Federal Way (construction planned 2017 – ACHD 2017-2021 Five Year Plan pg. 122).
• ACHD will install sidewalks on Overland, Columbus to Federal Way (construction planned for 2018 – ACHD 2017-2021 Five Year Plan pg. 125).
• ACHD will install sidewalks on Targee, Owyhee to Shoshone (construction planned for 2018 – ACHD 2017-2021 Five Year Plan pg. 128).

Energize Program
• Continuation of Energize Hour Workshops, featuring new topics each month.
• Case study on Energize presented at 4 conferences- 3 national, 1 international (Spring 2017).
• Energize Boise Celebration and Good Neighbor Awards Ceremony (September 28, 2017).
• Boise Neighborhood Interactive community conference (October 14, 2017).
• Awarding of capital investments through Neighborhood Investment Program annually.
• Expansion of the Energize program to multiple new neighborhoods.

What long-term projects are planned? (2019-2021)

2019
• Completion of the Ormond Street Development (est. 2019).
• Sidewalks on Columbus, Overland to Kootenai (construction planned for 2019 - ACHD 2017-2021 Five Year Plan pg. 116).
• Pavement rehabilitation & upgrade of pedestrian ramps on multiple arterials and collector streets (construction planned for 2019 – ACHD 2017-2021 Five Year Plan pg. 87).
➢ 2020
• Pedestrian crossing beacon w/ bike push buttons on Vista at Spaulding (construction planned for 2020 – ACHD 2017-2021 Five Year Plan pg. 129).
• Owyhee St. improved as a bike way, Elder St. to Alpine St. (construction planned for 2020 – ACHD 2017-2021 Five Year Plan pg. 133).
• Shoshone St. improved as bike way, Canal St. to Greenbelt (construction planned for 2020 – ACHD 2017-2021 Five Year Plan pg. 133).
• Sidewalks on Cherry Lane, Owyhee to Vista (RW acquisition planned for 2021 - ACHD 2017-2021 Five Year Plan pg. 114).

What’s Been Happening in the Depot Bench Neighborhood?

➢ New Committees Formed
• Park Rangers
• Clean Up
• Historian
• Terry Day House
• Community Garden
• School Liaisons
• Community Arts and Shared Spaces
• Vista Bench Business Association Liaison

➢ Projects
• New playground at Jefferson Elementary, funded through a Neighborhood Reinvestment Grant awarded to the Depot Bench Neighborhood Association (Summer 2017)
• New Depot Hill signage installed (2016)
• Ridenbaugh Canal clean up (Fall 2016)
• Developed a ‘Welcome Kit’ for new neighbors (2016)
• Currently collaborating with the City of Boise to cultivate a new community garden space (2017)
• Collaborating with Boise State on two neighborhood art projects (Fall 2017)
• Collaborating with Boise State to develop a historical walking tour of the Depot Bench area (Fall 2017)
• Working with local businesses to install art murals (Fall 2017)
• Neighborhood graffiti and weed clean up event (Summer 2017)
• Continued collaboration with the City and partner organizations to renew the Terry Day House
• Collecting oral history accounts for neighbors
• Raising awareness about Little Free Libraries

➢ Events
• Movie night at South Junior High (Summer 2017)
• Hosted seed sharing event at the DBNA quarterly meeting (2017)