

2019 ANNUAL REPORT

ENERGIZE OUR NEIGHBORHOODS

Energize focuses on five 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.

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.

"I love having the opportunity to meet community members and help them make connections and access the resources needed to bring their ideas and projects to life."



LEON LETSON

Senior Planner

Leon Letson is a Senior Planner with the City of Boise and serves as the technical expert for planning-related issues concerning neighborhoods for the Energize Our Neighborhoods program.

"Neighborhoods are the unique building blocks that make up a vibrant City. Supporting residents and neighborhood leaders to make the places they call home as livable as possible is what I love most about my job."



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.

"What I enjoy most about working with neighborhoods is the inspiration I get from residents who commit their time, energy and ideas to making their community a better place and the meaningful change that can come from that."

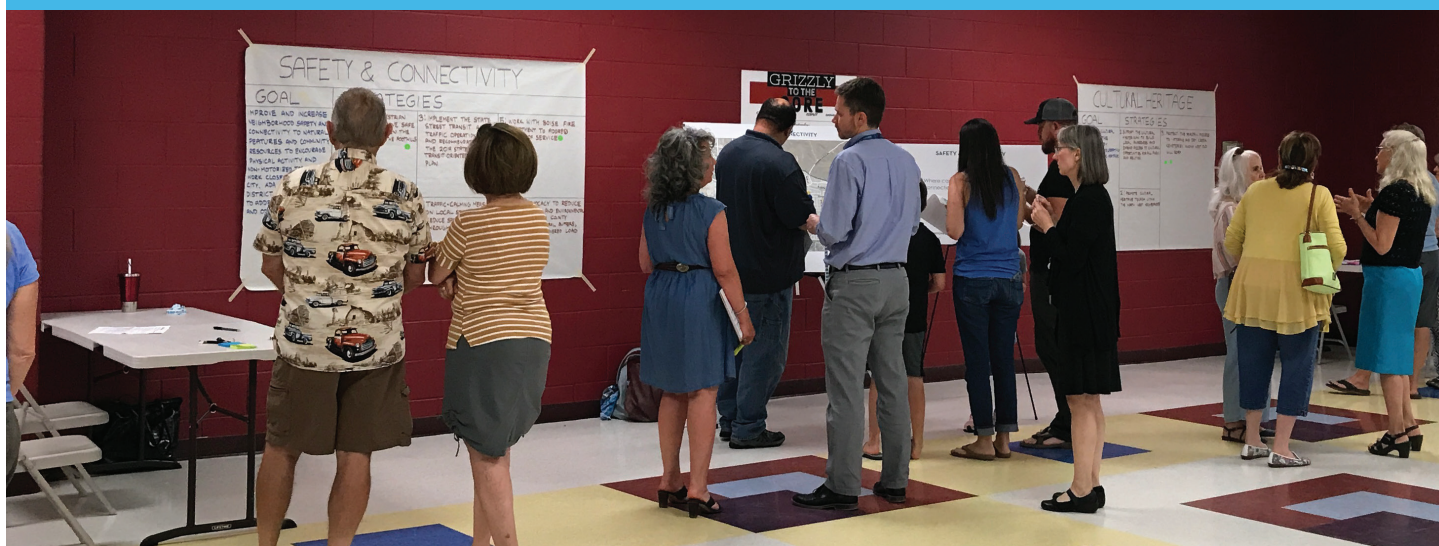


DEANNA DUPUY

Associate Comprehensive Planner

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

"My favorite part of the neighborhood planning process is working with neighbors as they come together to find creative and positive solutions to difficult problems."



Participants share feedback at the North West Neighborhood Plan Open House

NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING

WHAT IS A NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN?

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. Boise's neighborhood planning process engages the entire community, including residents, neighborhood association members, businesses, schools, nonprofits and others to develop a shared plan for the future of the neighborhood.

The WEST DOWNTOWN and NORTH WEST Neighborhood Plans were completed in 2019 and are expected to be adopted by City Council in the Spring of 2020.

The city and the North End Neighborhood Association also kicked off the North End neighborhood planning process in the fall of 2019.

NORTH WEST NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN

The **NORTH WEST NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN** identifies goals and actions within an area where significant growth is occurring. The plan's actions center on maintaining open space, trails and aspects of the neighborhood's agricultural heritage as change and development occurs. The plan supports Transit Oriented Development along the State Street Corridor with design features and connectivity that complement the structure and fabric of adjacent neighborhoods.

WEST DOWNTOWN NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN

The **WEST DOWNTOWN NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN** envisions the West Downtown as an urban mixed-use neighborhood designed for all. The plan includes four goals:

- Maintain and expand the diversity of West Downtown's housing and business options.
- Support infill and redevelopment with building and site characteristics that utilize high-quality design and materials as well as complement the existing neighborhood structure and character.
- Strengthen neighborhood sense of place and community cohesion.
- Connect the community through all modes of transportation.



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

SITE-BASED COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

FRANKLIN & ORCHARD COMMUNITY ACTIVITY CENTER

MAJOR THEMES

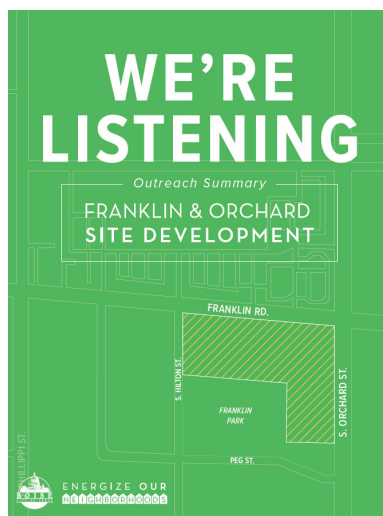
The site is located in the **CENTRAL BENCH NA**, which has a neighborhood plan that highlights five major themes that will serve as guiding principles in this and future developments:

1. Residents love the neighborhood location, friendly neighborhood character and diversity.
2. Improve bicycle and pedestrian facilities.
3. Transform Orchard Street into a walkable corridor with more parks and public spaces.
4. Address safety and overall cleanliness of the neighborhood.
5. Manage growth and ensure new development adds to the neighborhood's existing character.

The City of Boise purchased a 4.7-acre property at Franklin and Orchard. The site, which was formerly the Franklin School, will be developed into a mixed-use housing and commercial activity center.

GATHERING FEEDBACK

The Energize team collaborated with area residents, businesses and stakeholders to gather feedback about the site's development. Nearly 400 individuals provided input on design elements and use for the space at four open houses and in an online survey. Their feedback was analyzed and integrated into a Request for Proposal (RFP) the city released to the development community.



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The input collected is available in the Executive Summary and Energize will provide additional opportunities for the community to identify and prioritize livability projects in the area. The city and community partners will collaborate to implement these strategic priorities as the development at Franklin and Orchard moves forward.

Read the Executive Summary and learn more at CITYOFBOISE.ORG/FRANKLIN-ORCHARD



South Boise Village residents share ideas at a visioning event

NEIGHBORHOOD PROJECT UPDATES

After an extensive Visioning process in the **SOUTH BOISE VILLAGE**, **WEST BENCH** and **WEST END** neighborhoods during 2018, Energize compiled the feedback received from residents, businesses and families, and identified opportunities for projects, partnerships and resource alignment. The process culminated in a list of five potential projects up for vote in each neighborhood.

Energize then held an Open House/Resource Fair in each neighborhood to provide both an in-person and mail-in opportunity for people to vote for their top project. The two projects with the most votes in each neighborhood were prioritized to move forward. Residents will continue to have opportunities to provide input and/or join working groups when possible.

Throughout the Visioning process, residents expressed a desire for more events/activities and opportunities to connect with neighbors, build relationships and strengthen the sense of community. Energize worked with each neighborhood to form a Community-Building Committee of residents to identify barriers, goals and strategies for engaging and connecting residents.

SOUTH BOISE VILLAGE

#1 - PEDESTRIAN/BICYCLE CROSSING ON BOISE AVE. AT MANITOU AVE.

PROJECT: An enhanced crossing on Boise Ave. between Broadway Ave. and Protest Rd/Beacon St.

RESIDENT FEEDBACK: Residents asked for safer access to amenities like parks, more pedestrian and bike-friendly connections and safer crossings on busy streets.

STATUS: Scope of work and design will be underway the beginning of 2020.

#2 - WALKING PATH AT GARFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

PROJECT: A publicly accessible (outside of school hours) path along the perimeter of the school's property.

RESIDENT FEEDBACK: Residents asked for access to pedestrian-friendly walking areas, pathways and trails, more green space and recreation options and more opportunities to engage and connect with neighbors.

STATUS: The goal for construction is 2020.

IMPLEMENTATION



Spaulding Ranch

WEST BENCH NEIGHBORHOOD

#1 - SETTLERS CANAL PROJECT

PROJECT: Cleanup, beautification and enhancement of the area along Settlers Canal on Goddard St. (across from Capital High).

RESIDENT FEEDBACK: Residents asked for safer access to amenities, access to pedestrian-friendly walking areas, pathways and trails, more pedestrian and bike-friendly connections, a better sense of community/neighborhood pride and cleanups/beautifications.

STATUS: Energize partnered with University of Idaho graduate students to create design concepts based on resident input. A second round of public input prioritized elements and features for a linear park. Design will take place in 2020.

#2 - SPAULDING RANCH ORCHARD

PROJECT: First phase of planting for an orchard at Spaulding Ranch.

RESIDENT FEEDBACK: Residents asked for better access to food/produce, a community garden / more green space, more opportunities to engage and connect with neighbors and build/strengthen relationships, sense of community, and neighborhood pride.

STATUS: Volunteers planted 500 sagebrush and bitter brush as an initial Fall 2019 project. Work is underway on the irrigation system, and the goal for planting of the orchard is fall/winter of 2020.

WEST END NEIGHBORHOOD

#1 - PEDESTRIAN/BICYCLE CROSSING ON 23RD STREET & BANNOCK

PROJECT: An enhanced crossing on 23rd St. for safer access to Fairview Park.

RESIDENT FEEDBACK: Residents asked for safer access to amenities like parks, more pedestrian and bike-friendly connections and safer crossings on busy streets.

STATUS: Scope of work and design will be underway the beginning of 2020.

#2 - WATER FEATURE IN FAIRVIEW PARK

PROJECT: Water misters along the walkway in Fairview Park.

RESIDENT FEEDBACK: Residents asked for park improvements and amenities and more park water features.

STATUS: Mister poles were installed in October 2019.

IMPLEMENTATION

BOISE'S NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTMENT PROGRAM funds comprehensive neighborhood plans and capital construction projects to help enhance the quality of life in our neighborhoods and encourage a strong sense of community.

FY20

19 capital projects

worth \$553,000

invested in 14 unique neighborhoods.

BARBER VALLEY – Neighborhood Signage •
CENTRAL BENCH – Bus Shelters • COLLISTER
– Historic Research • COLLISTER – Neighborhood
Identity Kit • COLLISTER – Sidewalk Completion •
DOWNTOWN – Ann Morrison Park Improvements
• HILLCREST – Accessible Playground Surfacing •
LUSK DISTRICT – Neighborhood Sign Toppers •
NORTH WEST – Magnolia Park Shelter • SOUTH
BOISE VILLAGE – Traffic Box Wrap • SOUTH WEST
ADA COUNTY ALLIANCE – Molenaar Dog Park •
SUNSET – Neighborhood Plan • WEST BENCH –
Neighborhood Identity Kit • WEST DOWNTOWN
– Neighborhood Banners • WEST END – Community
Garden at Whittier Elementary • WEST VALLEY –
Comba Park Community Garden Improvements • WEST
VALLEY – Ustick Beautification Project • ENERGIZE
– Traffic Box Wraps • ENERGIZE – Neighborhood
Projects in South Boise Village, West Bench and West End
Neighborhoods



Redwood Park plaza project

WEST VALLEY

REDWOOD PARK PLAZA PROJECT

A new shelter was installed over the historic abutment as part of the Redwood Park Plaza project. A restroom and historic signage will be added in the next phase.

VISTA

PROJECT UPDATE

- Vista Neighborhood's Healthy Communities committee continues to meet regularly in support of community events and needs identified in collaboration with the Community School at Whitney Elementary.
- Ada County Highway District will be installing a crosswalk with bike push buttons on Vista Ave. at Nez Perce. The project is currently in the design phase and will be constructed in 2022.
- In July, NeighborWorks Boise dedicated the Hawthorne Cottages on Ormond Street, which provided opportunities for 12 income-qualified families to purchase homes.
- Local businesses continue to build community through #BoiseFirstFriday events.

CAPACITY BUILDING



Boise Neighborhood Interactive

BOISE NEIGHBORHOOD INTERACTIVE

The Boise Neighborhood Interactive community conference is designed to empower and engage residents and help them create welcoming and livable neighborhoods. Targeting residents at all levels of engagement, the conference provides information, training and resources to help people be involved in their community.

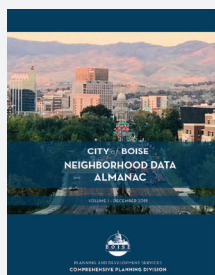
The 2nd Boise Neighborhood Interactive was held at Borah High School in February, with the theme of “Creating Community: Cultivating and Sustaining Neighborhood Identity.” Over 160 residents attended, participating in 22 workshops on placemaking, housing, murals, accessibility, neighborhood history, homelessness, historic districts, public budgets and sustainability.



SAVE THE DATE

The next conference is scheduled for October 10, 2020 at South Junior High. Plan to join us!

NEIGHBORHOOD DATA NEIGHBORHOOD DATA ALMANAC



The city's new Neighborhood Data Almanac provides at-a-glance facts about residents, households and the geographic boundaries of each of Boise's registered neighborhood associations.

This tool will help the city and neighborhood associations identify assets, target activities, understand specific neighborhood needs and collaborate to address items of concern.

LEARN MORE

cityofboise.org/neighborhood-almanac



ENERGIZED

The Energized Workshop series focuses on motivating, engaging and connecting Boise's residents to become champions for change on a neighborhood level. In 2019, two series were held, exploring healthy communities and housing.

Thank you to our partners and presenters for supporting this free community resource!

CELEBRATION



Barber Valley Neighborhood & Harris Ranch Tour

EXPLORING BOISE'S BOUNDARIES

Our popular neighborhood tour series continued to explore neighborhoods by foot, bike and bus. Tour guides included the city's Arts & History and Planning and Development Services departments, business owners and other community stakeholders. Tours included:

- Barber Valley Neighborhood & Harris Ranch Bus Tour
- Borah & Central Bench Neighborhoods Bus Tour
- Depot Bench & Vista Neighborhoods Bike Tour
- Downtown & East End Neighborhoods Bike Tour

ENERGIZE BOISE CELEBRATION

The Energize team held an award ceremony to recognize the neighborhood associations' great work. The event featured food, live music and yard games, and was a fun way to celebrate and connect residents from around the city.

2019 NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION AWARDS

- Bridge-Builder – South Boise Village
- Celebrating the Past – West Valley
- Commitment to Collaboration – West Downtown
- Egg-cellent Egg Hunt – Central Bench
- Fundraising Champion – North End
- Rookie of the Year – Centennial, South Eisenman, Winstead Park
- Stand Out National Night Out – Sunset
- Visioning to Reality – West Bench
- YIMBY (Yes in My Backyard) – West End



PARK(ING) DAY

This year the Energize team used PARK(ing) Day as an opportunity to share information about the city's Keep Boise Moving transportation strategy. Passersby showed off their active transportation knowledge with fun trivia and were encouraged to consider signing a pledge to help reduce the number of daily vehicle trips.

CELEBRATION



West of Ustick performs at Ustick in Bloom

USTICK IN BLOOM

Energize Our Neighborhoods and the West Valley Neighborhood Association held the 2nd annual Ustick in Bloom celebration on June 22nd in Redwood Park. The event featured live music, vendors and resources, food trucks, and a Movie Under the Stars at dark. Thank you to everyone who participated and supported the day to make the 2nd year another successful event!



SAVE THE DATE

The third annual Ustick in Bloom event will be held on June 13, 2020.



Harris Ranch Neighborhood Block Party

BLOCK PARTY TRAILER

Energize unveiled our Block Party Trailer in June and it was booked nearly every weekend through October. The trailer is filled with all the supplies needed for a community party. This free resource supports residents in celebrating their neighborhoods and connecting with each other. The trailer is available from May through October and can be reserved online throughout the year on a first-come, first-serve basis.

BY THE NUMBERS: NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS

34 Active Registered
Neighborhood
Associations

190+ Yearly Neighborhood
Association Meetings

256 Volunteer Neighborhood
Association Board
Members

4,200+ Neighborhood
Association Social
Media Followers



Collister Neighborhood Association's Annual Picnic

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS

Boise's registered neighborhood associations play a vital role in nurturing stable and vibrant neighborhoods.

2019 was a great year for Boise neighborhoods! All across the city, neighborhood associations planned events, hosted meetings and organized around important issues to strengthen their neighborhoods.

NEW NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS

The Energize Our Neighborhoods team welcomed newly formed **CENTENNIAL**, **SOUTH EISENMAN** and **WINSTEAD PARK** neighborhood associations.

NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS

NORTHWEST NA received funding from Ada Soil and Water Conservation District to rehabilitate the storm basin at Hill Rd. Parkway/Seamans Gulch.

MORRIS HILL NA celebrated new neighbors all year long with hand-delivered welcome bags.

CENTRAL RIM NA and **LIBERTY PARK NA** and partnered with the city to test a neighborhood composting project.

Neighbors from the **LIBERTY PARK**, **LUSK DISTRICT**, **SOUTH COLE**, **SUNSET** and **VETERANS PARK** associations were honored as Good Neighbors during the Mayor's Good Neighbor Awards.

Numerous foothills neighborhoods hosted Firewise workshops and **BOISE HEIGHTS NA** and **CENTRAL FOOTHILLS NA** received their Firewise certification.

BARBER VALLEY, **BORAH** and **CENTENNIAL** neighborhood associations launched websites.

BARBER VALLEY NA and **DOWNTOWN BOISE NA** hosted guest speakers ranging from developers to biologists.

Over 250 neighbors from the **COLLISTER NA** gathered at their annual picnic to enjoy live music, food trucks, games, and a raffle sponsored by local businesses and a scarecrow contest (partnership with Edwards Greenhouse).

SUNSET NA neighbors celebrated the arrival of spring with the 2nd annual spring Fun Run, a noncompetitive 1.5 mile run/walk through their neighborhood.

RECOGNITION

STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP TEAM MEMBERS

Kelli Badesheim,
Valley Regional Transit

Elizabeth Barnes,
South Boise Village NA

Rae Brooks, West End NA

Bud Compher, NeighborWorks Boise

Jason Durand, West End NA

Courtney Frost,
Blue Cross of Idaho Foundation

AnaMarie Guiles, City of Boise,
Housing and Community Development

Jim Hansen, Ada County Highway
District Commission

Kathy Holland, Albertsons

Doug Holloway,
City of Boise, Parks and Recreation

Ronnie Marler, West Bench NA

Daniel Mediate,
St. Luke's Health System

Alexandra Monjar, Urban Land Institute

Kate Nelson, JANNUS

Jane Pavek, Wells Fargo

Lisa Roberts, Boise School District

Terri Schorzman,
City of Boise, Arts & History

Wyatt Schroeder, City of Boise

L'Tanya Self,
Morley Nelson Community School

Kimbra Shaw, Love INC

Mike Stefancic, Boise State University

Holli Woodings, Boise City Council

Carrie Zanders,
Saint Alphonsus Health System

Thank You to everyone who supported
our programs in 2019!

WORKSHOP SPEAKERS/PARTNERS

Bob Taunton and Clay Carley (Urban Land
Institute (ULI) Idaho District Council)

Boys and Girls Club of Ada County

Byron Folwell, Architect

Carl Scheider, Gruntwerks

City of Boise staff: Boise Fire Department, Boise
Police Department Neighborhood Watch, Current
Planning, Comprehensive Planning, Housing and
Community Development

Central District Health Department

Home Depot

Idaho Power

Intermountain Gas

Jimmy Hallyburton, Boise City Council
Member, Boise Bicycle Project

Randy Johnson, Central Bench
Neighborhood Association

St. Luke's Lifestyle Medicine program

Whittier Elementary Community School

BOISE NEIGHBORHOOD INTERACTIVE RESOURCE FAIR PARTICIPANTS

Alley Repertory Theater

Barber Valley Neighborhood Association

Boise Bicycle Boulevard Coalition

Boise Bicycle Project

Boise Green Bike

Boise Philharmonic

Boise Public Library!

Boise Zero Waste

BUGS/Foothills Learning Center

Central District Health Department

COMPASS

Curb It

Dick Eardley Senior Center

Honoring Choices Idaho

Idaho Arts Commission

Idaho Nonprofit Center

Idaho Shakespeare Festival

Idaho Smart Growth

Idaho State Historic Society

Idaho Walk Bike Alliance

Indigenous Peoples of the Boise Valley

Islamic Center of Boise

JANNUS – Economic Opportunity

Love, INC

NeighborWoods

NeighborWorks Boise

North End Neighborhood Association

Northwest Neighborhood Association

Opera Idaho

Osher Lifelong Learning Center

Our Path Home / CATCH

Preservation Idaho

Ridge to Rivers

Suez

Terry Reilly Health Services

Treasure Valley Cycling Alliance

Western Idaho Fair / Expo Idaho

Women & Children's Alliance

