

Highlands Neighborhood Association
Annual Meeting & Election of Officers
Sept. 15, 2020
Meeting Minutes

Fifty eight association members signed into Zoom with their names and addresses. Deanna Dupuy from the City of Boise was invited to attend the meeting and was present throughout. She texted in the chat box, "Thank you for having me! Very well done." at the end of the meeting.

Laura Barton, treasurer, facilitated the meeting.

Jeff Bradley, president, presented a slide show about the state of the neighborhood and the Highlands Neighborhood Association. He described what a neighborhood association is and what the HNA boundaries are.

Jeff deferred picnic plans until the April 2021 annual meeting.

He discussed the recent illegal activity on Sunset Peak and the measures being taken to deter people who are partying, trespassing, and lighting fireworks. He encouraged people to call the police if they notice more illegal activity on Sunset Peak.

Jeff reported that the HNA submitted comments against the establishment of Shannon Ridge because it was outside of the area where first responders can help in a timely manner.

The members discussed the problem of neighborhood speeding on Highland View Drive, Braemere, and Hearthstone and how we might use remaining Highlands Cove traffic mitigation funds to reduce speeding on these roads.

The members discussed the need for better trail maintenance and signage on the trails around Highlands Cove. Many people don't know of the existence of these trails.

The recent incidents of fireworks being set off in the foothills was discussed. Jeff encouraged people to call the police and take photos of any people they see lighting off fireworks.

Updates to the HNA neighborhood plan was discouraged because ours is working well.

Traffic Safety Committee chairman Tom Seacord presented an update on the traffic issues in the neighborhood. He detailed past and present activities of the committee. The members discussed the problem of neighborhood speeding on Highland View Drive, Braemere, and Hearthstone and how we might use remaining Highlands Cove traffic mitigation funds to reduce speeding on these roads. He mentioned that there are two vacancies on the Traffic Safety Committee and encouraged interested members to contact him. Tom encouraged anyone with ideas of how to spend traffic mitigation money to contact him as well.

Laura Barton, treasurer, reported that the HNA began the fiscal year on April 1, 2019 with \$2,249.86 and currently has \$2,249.86 as of Sept. 15, 2020. She highlighted the partnership that the City of Boise has with neighborhood associations to improve livability in Boise's neighborhoods. A City of Boise mini grant provided \$539.65 in 2019 and 2020 to cover administration and communication costs. She applied for a \$1,000 "celebration grant" to cover the costs of the 2021 picnic and a \$1,000 "administration grant" to cover administration costs for 2020-21 and will know by October 1, 2020 if the HNA is granted these funds.

Jeff Bradley was re-elected president. Anne Woodhouse was re-elected vice president. Laura Barton was re-elected treasurer. Karen Hudelson Turcke was elected secretary. No officer position was contested. All officers were voted on at the same time as a block and were elected with 34 affirmative votes, one "no" vote, and one abstention.

It was moved and seconded that the meeting adjourn.