



THE *DEPOT BEAT*

Depot Bench Neighborhood Association

DBNA AUGUST 2007 UPDATE!

1. CRESCENT RIM TRAFFIC PLAN MEETING: 6:30 PM at the Ahavath Beth Israel Synagogue 11 N Latah on Monday August 13, 2007. This meeting will review the Traffic Committee Plan for Crescent Rim, Alpine, Peasley, Morris Hill, Meadow Drive, Kipling and nearby streets. If members want other agenda items please contact John Gannon 343-1608.

This Plan will be financed by the \$100,000 pledged by the Crescent Rim Condo developer for street calming improvements and will also include applications for modest neighborhood grants from ACHD and Boise City. The Plan includes artwork, speed control devices, stop signs, and traffic islands. It was developed by the Traffic Committee which includes Jack Cortibartre, Lydia Powers, Mary Hobson, Terry DeRohan, Brenda Marosavari, Martha Borchers, John Gannon and others. All ideas have been subject to ACHD and Boise City approval, so they have given the neighborhood guidelines on what can and cannot be accomplished.

This is an important meeting if you want your views heard. While the DBNA Board has endorsed the plan, WE WILL VOTE and DBNA will endorse this plan only if those who attend vote to do so.

2. The Depot Bench Historical Tour will take place again this year on September 15 [News:News](#): Historian Ann Felton will lead the tour and we will rent the Boise Tour Train. The tour will go through a different part of the neighborhood and emphasize several 100 year old farmhouses that are still in use and other historic homes. Last year we sold out. Cost is \$15. Sign up at newsletter@depotbenchneighborhood.org or leave a message with Colleen Siebe at 344-7718.

3. Torch 2: DBNA was made aware of a new 20% expansion plan for the Torch 2 on July 15, 2007, with a Hearing scheduled for August 6. DBNA asked Boise P&Z for a 3 week deferral because vacations, the summer heat, and busy weekends made it difficult to evaluate this proposal, give notice to members, and respond in such a short time period. P&Z Staff denied this request deferral request.

Result: Planning and Zoning approved new ADA Bathrooms, repaving the parking lot and denied other aspects of the proposal. The Torch 2 has a “grandfather right” and Commissioner resisted expanding that right, noting that nonconforming uses are intended to end at some point. The Commission is

requiring outside security, and directed Staff to work to establish a residential parking only area in front of homes, both of which were requested by DBNA as a result of our January 11, 2007 meeting.

4. Morris Hill Park Dedication June 25 was very successful. We thank **Boise At Its Best Flowers (Vista Avenue)** for a wonderful bouquet for the Mayor and his family and an outstanding floral arrangement for the City Council and City of Boise. **The Dog House (Overland Road), Canine Design (Kootenai Street), and A Better Pet Training (State Street)** provided great prizes for the DBNA Dog Contest. The Morris Hill Neighborhood Association provided great entertainment and door prizes.

DBNA encourages you to visit the new park, and use the dog run area, which so far seems to be working well.

Thank you for your support!

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With Questions or Concerns**

