



THE

DEPOT BEAT

Depot Bench Neighborhood Association

WINTER UPDATE!

1. General & Board Meeting: 6:30 PM at the Ahavath Beth Israel Synagogue 11 N Latah on January 11, 2006. Agenda: Thank You to Pat Day & Bob Kindred; Torch II Rebuild issues; Neighborhood Police; Library Presentation; Air Quality & Foothills Development Issues presented by Central Foothills NA; Crescent Rim Development Status. February Board Meeting will be - Jefferson School February 21 at 6:30.

Please attend. We will vote on several of these issues!

2. New Park Site Donated: Longtime Bench resident and former Albertsons Controller Pat Day and wife Terry Day donated 7.1 acres of land for a City park. The property is on Kootenai between Federal Way and the Railroad Tracks where tennis courts and the red home are located. **Thank you Pat and Terry Day for this wonderful legacy for Bench residents!**

3. Foothills Developments: Ada County has approved Hammer Flats ("The Cliffs") at the Highway 21 Bridge consisting of 1350 homes and a project on Highway 55 near Horseshoe Bend Hill of 650 homes. Several more are pending, and a developer is talking about 10,000 homes in the Eagle foothills. How will this affect our air quality, will tax increases be required for the roads, and what about neighborhood traffic? Central Foothills NA will speak briefly on this issue on January 11.

4. Historic Tour on September 9, 2006 was a sell out! 75 people filled the Boise Tour Train for the tour which included the Peasley House, a 100 year old Queen Anne home, the historic Synagogue, and other neighborhood highlights. We hope to have another tour this year. Thank you to City Historian Ann Felton, Professor Todd Shallot, Preservation Idaho and ticket takers Jonna Moore and Bev Miller. Contact - John Gannon

5. The Torch 2 at Victoria Drive and Vista Avenue wants to rebuild and expand to serve 120 people with 30 parking spaces. Present capacity is 80 with 19 parking spaces. It is open to 2AM most nights. The East side of the property is residential and neighbors have had difficulty with noise, traffic, and parking. Boise Police report many calls to the business in the last year. Neighbors have asked for DBNA help. We will vote on January 11 whether to support this neighborhood of 25 homes.

6. South Junior High and Bowden Park - Now is the time to get involved with the South Junior High rebuild. Katherine Young will discuss her concerns at the meeting. Also, contact School Board Members.

DBNA has applied for playground equipment at Bowden Park thanks to work by Mark Dunham. Bob Goyden has worked to stop vehicles being driven on grass and DBNA has asked Boise Parks to take steps to make the area more secure. Thanks to both of you.

7. 1883 Railroad Car Preservation Moves Ahead: The “Trolley” located on Rose Hill was damaged by fire in August. It is an 1883 railroad executive car, relocated to Rose Hill in 1934 where it has since served as a restaurant and bar. The structure is intact and includes most of the original iron equipment and wood siding. Windows removed years ago for the air conditioner and a side door were found in the adjacent building basement. DBNA has applied for a grant from the National Historic Trust and Boise City to determine costs of repair, and possibly place the car at the Boise Depot where it can be used as a souvenir stand, coffee shop, and historical purposes. **Owner Bob Kindred has been wonderful to allow us and the community to work toward saving this landmark of 123 years of history.** Contact - John Gannon

8. Crescent Rim Condos: Excavation and drainage permits were issued and work began December 18 and is continuing. Mary Hobson and Dennis Hawkins will answer questions January 11, and we are inviting a representative of the Condos. Mary Hobson (344-9294) is DBNA liaison and Dennis Hawkins, Dave Crawforth, Dick Evans and Fred Riddle are Construction Committee members.

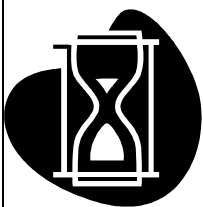
9. Peasley/Crescent Rim Traffic: The Traffic Committee has explored options to resolve new Crescent Rim Condos traffic estimated at 400-600 trips daily. They have had some success working with ACHD. We will have a report at the meeting. Jack Cortabitarte, Martha Borchers, Lydia Powers, Kathie Garrett, Dennis Hawkins, and Kathy Stafford are on the committee.

10. The Ruby Street DEQ Tower: DBNA opposed this tower at the end of Ruby Street and would also like Parks to remove the unused telephone poles and electrical equipment. It is still being studied by Parks. **Plans for a new Starbucks** at the abandoned gas station at Vista and Overland have been withdrawn.

11. A proposed 3 story duplex at 120 Peasley Street was withdrawn by the architect and replaced by two reasonably sized homes with 4 parking spaces on site. A beautiful tree at the property entrance will be saved and the architect wisely is using a brick driveway entrance to give more water to the tree and save the root system. **Next door at 110 Peasley** a proposed 2 & 1/2 story structure on an arguably 1550 square foot lot was approved in August over DBNA opposition, but the City required a survey. No survey yet according to Boise City Staff.

Thank You For Your Support

Contact John Gannon (343-1608) or Kay Reed (336-7367) With Questions or Concerns



It Is Time to Renew Your Membership or Join for 2006!

All neighbors who join the Depot Bench Neighborhood Association are entitled to receive future editions of the Depot Beat newsletter, receive notification of upcoming events and help offset maintenance cost of the DBNA:

The cost to join is \$10 per household. Just clip this form and mail your \$10 check made out to

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Help our Membership Coordinator! Please print clearly, and make sure we can tell the difference between your 1s, ls, Os, and Os especially in your e-mail address.

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