



THE DEPOT BEAT

Depot Bench Neighborhood Association

WINTER 2008 UPDATE

. Happy New Year to everyone. Board & General Meeting: 6:30 - 8:30 PM Wednesday January 23, 2008 at the Rooster's Restaurant in Vista Village. Agenda includes: Conservation District on Kootenai/Owyhee; Neighborhood Watch, crime presentation and crime statistics discussion led by BPD's Charlene Miller; Street setbacks and several new small developments - we will vote on these issues. Contact John Gannon.

The restaurant will have food and beverages available for purchase.

Our 2007 activities included seeing the City Council pass our Neighborhood Plan in October, supporting Day Drive residents in keeping their street open in April, seeing the Crescent Rim area Traffic Plan passed by the City Council in September; sponsoring the Historic Tour in September and participating in the Morris Hill Park dedication in June.

Thank you to all who have worked so hard.

1. Conservation District Owyhee/Kootenai: Last Fall neighbors were concerned about a lot split and subdivision of property at Kootenai and Owyhee. A meeting was held at Diane and Rick Stone's home, and there was a general consensus of support for a "planning overlay" of this area which would prevent lot splits and legal maneuvers such as creating "subdivisions" to build incompatible homes and adversely effect the area's character and value.

The area also has tremendous historical significance. Joe Albertson and some of those who helped build the Albertson's company resided on Owyhee for many years. Cabinet Secretary and Religious Leader Ezra Taft Benson lived on Owyhee during the Great Depression, and later longtime State Auditor (Controller) Joe R. Williams lived in the same home. Judges, a police chief and many others have lived in homes which are relatively the same as they were decades ago. The Theiler family has restored a 1907 Farmhouse at 1001 Owyhee.

Neighbors have worked very hard to put together a plan for Boise City and it will move forward in 2008. **Thank you Rick and Diane Stone** for getting this important work going and thank you to the neighbors who are continuing this effort.

2. Neighborhood Plan Passes: The Depot Bench Neighborhood Plan passed City Council on October 3, 2007. Special thanks to **Kay Reed, Karen Lockhart, Karen Marker, Martha Borchers** and others for their hard work, long hours, and successful result for our neighborhood. Boise City is revising its entire Comprehensive Plan again, and it is important to keep an eye on this process so that the committee work is not modified.

3. Torch 2 at Victoria Drive and Vista Avenue presently has no applications pending in City Council or Planning and Zoning. Neighbors have applied for residential restricted parking in

front of their homes, so that customers and the neighbors get along better.

4. Crescent Rim Area Traffic: The City Council approved a traffic plan for this area, including Alpine Street, which uses the \$100,000 set aside by the developer of the Crescent Rim Condominiums and possibly neighborhood reinvestment money from the City. This is the same plan that was reviewed at our August, 2007 meeting and which has been described before. We will have it available at our January 23 meeting for your review. **Thank you Jack Cortibitarte and traffic committee.**

5. Obstructions to Pedestrians: Many of our streets were platted when this area was part of the County and over the years no one paid a lot of attention as landowners have made improvements to the landscapes around property. Thus, some streets have no pedestrian right-of-way beyond the curb, since some homeowners have build a fences or other obstructions which force people to stay in the street even in an emergency situation. This issue recently came up on Crescent Rim Drive, and we will discuss the issue at our meeting and vote. Contact: John Gannon

6. New Starbucks at Vista & Overland : Last year DBNA voted to support a new Starbucks at the former gas station site on Vista and Overland. They proposed separated sidewalks and an attractive berm adjacent to Vista. However, the City wanted the building moved close to sidewalk and Starbucks withdrew the proposal. Starbucks is back with a new plan which will be available for your review.

7. 4001 Glenn Street: There is a proposal to remove this home and replace it with 2 homes. There is an often used pathway that goes across a bridge at the Farmers Canal connecting Jackson Street. We will discuss concerns people may have on January 23. Contact: John Gannon

**Thank You For Your Support - Contact John Gannon (343-1608)
Jim Pickett (386-9694) or newsletter@depotbenchnieghborhood.org
With Questions or Concerns**

It Is Time to Renew Your DBNA Membership or Join for 2008!

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 DBNA to:
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