

Memorandum

REPORT TO: Inter-Neighborhood Council

FROM: Inter-Neighborhood Council Representatives

SUBJECT: Neighborhood Written Updates (5 minutes)

MEETING DATE: April 9, 2026

AGENDA ITEM TYPE: Citizen Advisory Board/Commission

RECOMMENDATION: None

STRATEGIC PLAN: 7.3 Best Practices, Creativity & Foresight: Utilize best practices, innovative approaches, and constantly anticipate new directions and changes relevant to the governance of the City. Be also adaptable and flexible with an outward focus on the customer and an external understanding of the issues as others may see them.

BACKGROUND: Standing item on INC agenda - pertinent updates from INC representatives will be shared in written form. There will be five minutes to discuss any questions about the written updates.

Bogert Park

- BPNA's annual meeting happened on Monday, 6 April.
- Mark Campanelli attended the Local Government Study Commission's work session on neighborhood associations and the City Charter revision. The consultant shared several research results and recommendations, including a survey of existing Montana municipality's neighborhood councils. I do not have digital copies, but I will try to get a hold of these and share them so that we can compare and contrast to our earlier recommendations and potentially issue a follow-up response to the Study Commission.

Cooper Park

CPNA hosted their annual meeting with about 25 neighbors in attendance. New Steering Committee members, Jenn Wong and Edbo Genet, were elected to fill vacancies and complete the four steering committee members. Neighbors also voted to pass by-law amendments including outlined roles of Treasurer and Secretary in addition to INC Representative. An additional by-law amendment described the creation of sub-committees as a way to elicit more neighbor involvement. A further by-law amendment designated Steering Committee Meetings as open to all neighbors. CPNA is excited about continuing to gather neighbors and begin additional project work that is of interest to neighbors. Traffic calming, NCOD concerns, and community

resilience were topics of discussion at the annual meeting.

Figgins Addition

- A few weeks ago, someone drove their vehicle along the Overbrook non-motorized vehicle connector trail, apparently taking a shortcut. Neighbors spoke with MSU police about this and the use of the service road/7th Avenue that drivers now use as a cut-off, avoiding the intersection of 11th and Kagy. These drivers typically live in the Bootes or the Arrow. They drive at high speeds, endangering pedestrians and cyclists. There is no posted speed limit sign as this has historically been a very low-use service road. Figgins is hoping the City can post a speed limit sign and erect a barrier that would prevent vehicles from driving on the trail system.
- Two neighbors spend over two hours collecting trash in the wetland/marsh that is directly behind Figgins, located along the Main St. to Mountains trail. These two neighbors want to thank the City of Bozeman for coming to pick up all of the trash they picked up, including a very large archery target. Neighbors have had a lot of concerns about trash from the nearby construction sites that ends up in the marsh, where lots of wildlife seeks refuge.
- The Alison Subdivision construction company has dumped a lot of the dirt (from digging foundations) along the trail system. Neighbors are very concerned about this as they aren't sure it's legal to dump the dirt along this section. The area is currently zoned agricultural use and neighbors are concerned this stretch of land will be developed, further reducing space for deer and birds to find refuge in this important wildlife corridor, and also creating a potential flood issue as there is a very high water-table in this area. There was flooding when the roads were being put in a couple of years ago.
- FANA is starting to plan it's annual meeting on May 27. The neighborhood is hoping to have the MSU Dean of Students and a City Commissioner present at the meeting.

Marwyn Lindley

Marwyn Lindley Neighborhood residents recently received an update from Shawn Kohtz, Utilities Director for the City, regarding the infrastructure project completed between August through December 2025.

Shawn shared, "In mid-December, we conducted a walkthrough of the project with our contractor, 4050 Development LLC. During that review, we identified a lengthy list of items that must be addressed before the project can be considered complete. Unfortunately, we have since been notified by 4050 that they do not intend to complete this work."

He further explained, "We currently anticipate approximately one month of work will be needed to complete the project, with construction expected to begin this spring. A significant portion of this work will involve repairs to Golf Way between the gates. While we do not yet have a new contractor secured

to determine exact impacts, we anticipate that traffic control and driveway access will be far less disruptive than what residents experienced last year.”

As of this writing, outstanding personal property claims remain unresolved. Golf Way and the Lindley Center parking lot are in considerable disrepair, affecting those who use the area for walking, biking, and running, with standing water and mud to navigate anytime it rains or snows and dirt and dust on dry days. Additional concerns include splintering and cracking of existing pavement, questions about the integrity of newly installed pavement, manhole height placement, and damaged road signage. These are daily impacts for residents traveling through the neighborhood.

The neighborhood hopes to avoid further disruption and damage during the remaining phase of the project. Residents are requesting Karl Johnson and/or Shawn Kohtz to attend their Annual Meeting in late April to address concerns even as a new contractor is being secured. An in person meeting would go a long way to alleviate frustration, improving communication, and establishing a clear path forward.

Our neighborhood is grateful for the improvements made to sewer, storm and water mains. We are eager that the remaining work will be completed with stronger planning, clear communication, and minimal impact on driveway access and daily travel.

Northeast

1. NENA will have hosted a pizza/beer event on March 31 to hear and share stories about the formation and purpose/meaning of NENA, and how/why neighbors have become involved. The purpose is to draw in new people, get them involved.
2. Our bi-annual spring meeting will be April 13 when we will elect a new (or same old) president and Vice President for the next 2 years.
3. NENA Leadership submitted this letter to the City - see attached "3.23.26 Jon Henderson NENA letter"

Valley West/The Lakes

Valley West/The Lakes Neighborhood Association was established in March 2026. We now have a set of Google tools so we can communicate among our neighbors. This includes a public website: <https://sites.google.com/view/valleywest-thelakes>. The neighborhood association has signed up to be part of Bozeman's Clean Up Week and looks forward to planning future community improvement activities and social events.

UNRESOLVED ISSUES: None

ALTERNATIVES: None

FISCAL EFFECTS: None

Attachments:

[3.23.26 Jon Henderson NENA letter.pdf](#)

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