



**BREN Coordinating Team Meeting minutes
November 10, 2015, 9:00 a.m.
Meridian City Hall**

Next meeting – January 12th, 2016 in Caldwell (location TBD)

Present: Phil Bandy, Tamsen Binggeli, Kati Carberry, Tom Chelstrom, Mike Dimmick, Christy Meyer, Liz Paul, Derek Risso, Julie Scanlin, Mike Somerville, Becky Yzaguirre, and Sally Goodell (guest)

Not present: Tim Breuer and Bill Carr

BREN Coordinating Team 2015 Election Results

- Voting Sept 21-28
- 1 slate of 6 candidates
- 40 votes cast
- 40 votes yes to accept the slate
- Biggest voting days:
 1. 9/21
 2. 9/24
 3. 9/28

9:10 Welcome, Agenda Review and CT Appointment

- Review of Agenda and documents
- September minutes approved by consensus
 - Motion by Chel, Liz seconded, unanimous approval
 - Election needs to be reported in official minutes (see above)
- Mike Dimmick appointed to Coordinating Team by consensus
 - Motion by Julie, Chel seconded, unanimous approval

9:20 Introductions

- Christy Meyer works for The Freshwater Trust and enjoys snowboarding and the Barber Reach of the Boise River
- Julie Scanlin works for IWRRI/University of Idaho outreach and enjoys snowshoeing and walking the greenbelt of the Boise River

- Chel is retired and loves alpine, backcountry skiing and heli-skiing and the Barber reach of the Boise River.
- Liz Paul works for Idaho Rivers United and enjoys cross country skiing and the lower Boise River near Notus and Parma (beautiful in the Fall)
- Phil Bandy works for Forsgren Associates and enjoys skiing and running on the greenbelt along the Boise River downtown
- Becky works for Harris Ranch and enjoys backcountry and cross-country skiing and the Barber Reach of the Boise River
- Mike Dimmick works for Flood Control District #10 and formerly worked for the Forest Service and BLM. Mike enjoys steelhead fishing White Bird and is an excellent at fly tying
- Mike Somerville is a farmer in Canyon County and former manager for the NRCS. He likes to recharge in the winter and enjoys raft fishing.
- Kati Carberry works for IDEQ and is looking forward to skate skiing on the Nordic trails at Bogus this year. She loves running the greenbelt, swimming, and rafting.
- Derek is a partner at Ecosystem Sciences and is an avid skier. He is teaching alpine skiing to his sons and they all enjoy biking the greenbelt of the Boise River.
- Whitney works for the Land Trust of the Treasure Valley and just got a new touring ski set for the winter. He and her husband enjoy taking their dogs to the Boise River near 44th street to play in the water and going to the wave.
- Tamsen works for Ecosystem Sciences and likes to play in the snow with her kids. Her family goes fishing and walks the greenbelt of the Boise River at Glenwood.
- Sally Goodell is retired and works part time, previous Executive Director of Flood Control District #10. She enjoys the Bethine trail of the Boise River.

9:35 Presentation by Flood Control District #10

- What is the Flood Control District (FCD)? The FCD is responsible for reducing the risk of flood damage. District 10 works from Plantation Golf Course to the steel bridge in Caldwell. The City of Boise operates upstream and District 11 operates downstream. FCD is an independent local government with taxing authority, established by Idaho Dept. of Water Resources. Most of their activities involve removing debris from waterways, repairing and stabilizing stream banks (if requested by property owner) and planting willows. They infrequently remove gravel from head of Eagle Island (problem area). They act as an advisory to local governments regarding development and are interested in preserving access to continue their maintenance activities and flood planning.
- What does the flood control district do when a Conditional Use Permit is issued? Mike gets a note from the city engineers when a CUP is presented, district has the ability to recommend to the land use agency contingencies for the permitting, can incorporate them or not at their discretion.
- The Flood Control District #10 is entering a 5 year planning process

- Flood Control District Board perspectives are evolving and they want to improve management of the river, work cooperatively with other agencies and governments, and explore enhancement opportunities.
- FCD 10 is interested in hosting a kick-off event – a conference that brings in river planning experts, such as Peter Goodwin (river hydraulics expert), Kevin Colton (river restoration expert), Ann Riley (wrote book on urban stream restoration), and John Hall (river restoration on the San Lorenzo River, Santa Cruz)
- The idea is to bring in these experts to hear stories about working in other places, what worked, what didn't. Issues such as costs, politics, riverside infrastructure, etc., are issues that are common for most urban rivers.
- The event would include a workshop and round table discussion to benefit anyone who is interested in river restoration activities
- Looking for feedback for the river as-a-whole and specifics for flood control
- Peter Goodwin may be interested in having it be a seminar for his students
- Could be a launch to a longer planning process
- FCD 10 needs a new permit in 2017 – this may tie into what they do with the next permit
- How can BREN help?
 - BREN is interested in participating
 - Can assist with outreach for the event via website and discussions
 - Boise River Enhancement Plan is a great resource for outside experts
 - Given the findings in the BREN plan, what do the experts recommend?
- Derek thanked the flood control district for being at today's meeting, and for their thoughtful comments on the Boise River Enhancement Plan
- Liz commented that it would be good for there to be a good mix of outside experts and people that work on the Boise river now and live here
 - Sean Bittern
 - Eric Lindstrom
 - Dr. Kustra, President of BSI (Chel was inspired by his speech at Vision to Reality workshop)
 - EPSCOR team
- All agreed this is a great opportunity. There is a lot of enhancement work that results in flood risk reduction
 - i.e. storm water management can do a lot of good things for the community, including enhancement and flood control
- Phil mentioned this is a way to bring together multiple groups that have recently formed: Ada County Hazard Mitigation; Ada County 2025; Ada County Environmental Advisory Board.
- Perhaps we could invite the experts on a field trip and orientation of the Boise River
- Primary BREN contacts for this event moving forward: Derek and Phil

10:00 Elect CT Officers

- Coordinating Team Officers are elected on 1-year terms
- This years' slate:
 - Tamsen is re-running for Chair
 - Tim is re-running for Secretary/Treasurer
 - Kati is running for Vice Chair
- Motion to adopt by Liz, moved by Phil, seconded by Julie, Unanimous approval

10:05 Boise River Enhancement Plan Rollout

- The Rollout Subcommittee created a Roll Out Plan (handout) which describes how we plan to distribute the Enhancement Plan and help implement ideas moving forward
- We have about 85 print copies left and we need to decide who we send them to
- Sign-up sheet was sent around for who should get a physical plan, some will get a digital copy
- Some of the items on the Rollout Plan have been completed such as acceptance by BoR, the BASH and the press release on channels 6 and 7
- A cover letter has been created to accompany plan – feedback is appreciated
 - All agreed that we need a targeted letter for each individual stakeholder – city planners, like at City of Eagle, how we want them to use the plan, what would be in that letter would be different than a letter to a professional consultant. Spoon feed them what is in the plan that is of use to them specifically.
 - What hurdles exist? Offer the opportunity to collaborate.
 - Refer to specific information in the plan that is relevant to the entity.
 - We need to find out who within an entity should have the plan – people that are involved in the day to day but also have the authority to make decision, but not so high up that they punt it.
- Endorsements will be included along with the cover letter – we have obtained endorsements by BoR, IDFG and Harris Ranch. Reaching out to other entities.
- Rollout ideas: make presentations, request proclamation from the mayors, recognizing the plan, requesting the planning and zoning staff to review and incorporate into the process. What is the ask? What are we asking them to do? BREN approved? Ask how we can help them move forward, implement the Plan and make it part of daily operations.
- There is a lot to do, who would like to help?
- **Plan Implementation Subcommittee**
 - **Phil Bandy** (lead)
 - **Derek Risso**
 - **Christy Meyer**
 - **Becky Yzaguirre**
 - **Tamsen Binggeli**
 - **Liz Paul**

10:35 Discuss Administration/Communication Needs

- We need to find out and write down BREN's administrative and communication needs for the next year. This will inform the fundraising/budget subcommittee.
- Who is going to take notes? Get coffee? Do the website? Do communications, Do we need to pay them?
- Discussion will include what the purpose of the website is, how do we communicate with people
- Some agreements need to be formalized
- This is a short term effort and will likely take about 3 hours to complete
- **Admin & Communication Subcommittee**
 - **Liz Paul** (lead)
 - **Whitney Byrd**
 - **Derek Risso** (participate remotely if possible)
 - **Tamsen Binggeli**
- We could do a survey on website so CT can participate remotely

10:45 BREN Finance Update

- Finance report (handout)
- \$5,199.42 balance, primarily from BASH sponsorship
- Remaining grant funds went toward printing
- Fundraising ideas
 - Direct support from local governments' discretionary budget funds (Phil)
 - local public money would allow BREN to be sustainable
 - Apply for grants - private and agency
 - Corporate sponsorships
 - Membership development?
- BREN needs to provide a service – we do offer an objective third party perspective. We are a diverse, watershed-wide group. We can show community support.
- Need to diversity our fundraising
- BREN could be a partner as in kind match on project-specific grants
- **Budget & Fundraising Subcommittee**
 - **Whitney Byrd** (lead)
 - **Kati Carberry**
 - **Mike Dimmick** (conditional)
 - **Tamsen Binggeli**

10:55 Outreach Discussion

- Subcommittee has prepared an Outreach Plan and Communications Guidelines (handouts)
- Please provide feedback on Outreach Plan

- Outreach is focused on educational opportunities, such field trips and brown bags, bringing in new members, reaching out to groups/agencies, and growing partnerships
- **Outreach & Education Subcommittee**
 - **Julie Scanlin** (lead)
 - **Liz Paul**
 - **Mike Somerville**
 - **Becky Yzaguirre**
 - **Chel**
 - **Kati Carberry**
- Next meeting is Nov 18th at IRU office at 11:30am

11:00 Announcements

- Next CT meeting is on January 12th and it will be a 3 hour meeting
- Would like to have this meeting in Canyon County
- Mike Dimmick to look into location for meeting
 - Back up locations: City Hall, NRCS office
- Kati will work on inviting people and help with the agenda
 - NRCS in Caldwell
 - Flood Control District #11
 - Irrigation people
 - TAC
- Kati could get BREN on TAC agenda, talk about BREN and invite them to the January meeting
- 2016 CT Meetings are on the 2nd Tues every other month: Jan 12th, March 8th, May 10th, July 12th, Sept 13th, and Nov 8th