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**BOISE NEIGHBORHOOD  
ACTION CHARTS  
ADOPTED BY RESOLUTION NUMBER 35169  
JULY 28, 1993**

## Action Chart: Public Safety

#	Actions	Time				Implementors /Advocates
		On-going	Adopt With Plan	Next 5 Yrs	6 to 20 Yrs	
<b>PROJECTS</b>						
PS1	Follow up on closures of drug houses to make sure that they are not reestablished.	X				BNIA/NEC/PPB
PS2	Provide assistance to citizen foot patrols being established by the BNIA.	X				BNIA/PPB/ Property owners/ONA
PS3	Assist other efforts by BNIA to reduce crime and improve communication between residents such as a system of block captains.	X				NEC/BCD/ PPB/ONA
PS4	Locate a storefront precinct in or near the Boise Neighborhood.			X		PPB
PS5	Locate a drug rehabilitation center in Boise for residents suffering from substance abuse problems.			X		BNIA/ Nonprofit Groups
PS6	Improve watchfulness and communication between neighbors sharing the same alley. Consider blocking off some alleys.			X		BNIA/ PDOT
PS7	Determine the need for more and brighter street lighting in the neighborhood particularly on back streets in Boise particularly between Unthank Park and Humboldt School.			X		PDOT
<b>PROGRAMS</b>						
PS8	Improve communication between parents, youth and the police as part of the community policing program.		X			BNIA/PPB/ PTA
PS9	Increase number of and visibility of police in the neighborhood.	X				BNIA/PPB
PS10	Meet regularly with liaison officer from the Community Policing Program.	X				BNIA/PPB
PS11	Appoint contact people from the neighborhood to be liaisons to the district patrol officer.			X		BNIA/ PPB
PS12	Train police to be sensitive to the racial and cultural diversity of the Boise Neighborhood.			X		BNIA/PPB
PS13	Continue training programs for landlords to help them conduct preventative screening of tenants and to deal with tenants involved with criminal activities.	X				NEC
PS14	Improve the Neighborhood Block Watch Program in Boise.			X		BNIA/ NEC

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<b>PROGRAMS</b>						
PS 15	Set up a Neighborhood Observer Program to help ensure the safety of school age children before and after school.			X		BNIA/NEC/PPS
PS 16	Establish a system of "safe houses" like Block Homes for children who are in need of safe shelter. Elderly homeowners, who are home during the day, should be involved.			X		BNIA/PPS
PS 17	Educate neighborhood youth and children about the dangers of drug use at school, at church and at civic meetings.			X		BNIA/PPS/ Local Churches/PPB
PS 18	Devise community service programs so that offenders can perform supervised work in Boise to improve the community.			X		BNIA/MC

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## Action Chart: Housing

#	Actions	Time				Implementors /Advocates
		On-going	Adopt With Plan	Next 5 Yrs	6 to 20 Yrs	
<b>PROJECTS</b>						
H1	Locate new housing developments in Boise including those that are innovative and experimental.	X				BNIA/CDCs/ PDC/Private developers.
H2	Determine the extent to which land speculation is occurring in Boise. Devise and implement strategies to prevent it from discouraging rehabilitation of sound housing and barring residents from the opportunity to purchase affordable existing housing.			X		BNIA/BOP/ PSU/PDC
H3	Locate new housing for the elderly in Boise.			X		PDC/HAP/ CDCs
<b>PROGRAMS</b>						
H4	Publicize the availability of the ten year property tax abatement for housing rehabilitation under the distressed area program recently approved by City Council.	X				BNIA/BOP/ PDC
H5	Encourage residents to take advantage of the opportunities for home ownership offered under the Nehemiah program.	X				BNIA/NECDC
H6	Provide rehabilitation loans to low to moderate income homeowners at below market interest rates and reduce the amount of equity needed to qualify.	X				PDC/Local banks/BCD
H7	Notify Boise homeowners of the state's property tax deferral for the elderly.	X				BNIA/BOP/ BCD
H8	Make owners of significant historic properties aware of the state tax freeze and other tax credits for improvements in keeping with the historic character of their properties.			X		BNIA/BOP
<b>REGULATIONS</b>						
H9	<p>Apply the Alternative Design Density Zone in Boise to promote the development of new affordable housing in Boise. Provisions include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Liberalized requirements for creating accessory rental units in owner-occupied dwellings.</li> <li>• Allowing homeowners to have both a Type A home occupation and an accessory rental unit.</li> <li>• Nonconforming multifamily dwellings may be built to prior development standards if destroyed by circumstances beyond the control of the owner if rebuilt in 5 years.</li> </ul> <p>Developments taking advantage of the provisions of this overlay are required to meet additional compatibility standards or go through design review.</p>		X			BOP

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## Action Chart: Neighborhood Appearance and Image

#	Actions	Time				Implementors /Advocates
		On-going	Adopt With Plan	Next 5 Yrs	6 to 20 Yrs	
	<b>PROJECTS</b>					
NA1	Convert some vacant lots to play areas maintained by neighbors.			X		<b>BNIA/ Property-owners</b>
NA2	Plant additional street trees using species that do not damage sidewalks.	X				<b>Property-owners</b>
	<b>PROGRAMS</b>					
NA3	Hold annual neighborhood cleanups.	X				<b>BNIA/BCD/ BES</b>
NA4	Devise strategies such as blocking off selected alleys to prevent illegal dumping in Boise.			X		<b>BNIA, PDOT, Pro- perty owners</b>
NA5	Study the possibility of involving youthful offenders or youths at-risk in rehabilitating vacant properties.	X				<b>BCD/MC/ Property-owners</b>
NA6	Encourage Boise residents and businesses to recycle.			X		<b>BNIA/BES/ METRO</b>
NA7	Market the vacant land in the neighborhood to realtors and developers.					<b>BNIA/ Property-owners</b>
NA8	Invite the press to neighborhood events so that a more positive image of Boise will be portrayed in the media.	X				<b>BNIA/Local Churches and other nonprofit groups</b>
	<b>REGULATIONS</b>					
NA9	Vigorously enforce City and County codes in the Boise Neighborhood.	X				<b>BOB/Fire Marshal/MC Health and Sanitation and Vector Control</b>
NA10	Enforce the requirement that landlords provide garbage collection for rental households.	X				<b>BOB</b>
NA11	Establish a zoning mechanism that assures that the design of new infill single and multifamily housing is in keeping with the existing character of the residential areas of the neighborhood.		X			<b>BOP</b>

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## Action Chart: Urban Design/Historic Preservation/Land Use

#	Actions	Time				Implementors <i>/Advocates</i>
		On-going	Adopt With Plan	Next 5 Yrs	6 to 20 Yrs	
	<b>PROJECTS</b>					
UD1	Establish gateways with name markers or other amenities at points of entry into the Boise neighborhood so that visitors will be aware they have arrived in the Boise neighborhood.			X		<b>BNIA, PDOT/ Property-owners</b>
UD2	Consider the installation of ornamental street lighting standards in portions of the proposed Mississippi Avenue historic district.				X	<b>BNIA/PDOT</b>
UD3	Produce a Neighborhood History for Boise.			X		<b>BNIA/BOP</b>
UD4	Identify additional historic resources in Boise and have them added to the City's Historic Resources Inventory.		X			<b>Property owners/ BNIA/BOP</b>
	<b>REGULATIONS</b>					
UD5	Create a Historic District in Boise that includes the historic commercial buildings at the intersection of N Mississippi and Shaver.		X			<b>BOP/BNIA</b>
UD6	Prohibit the construction of light industrial, commercial or institutional buildings with blank walls facing the street on neighborhood streets north of Fremont.		X			<b>BOP</b>
UD7	Protect public views of downtown and the west hills from the neighborhood.			X		<i>Boise residents/ BOP</i>
UD8	Rezone the area near N Mississippi Avenue and Shaver to encourage commercial uses to locate there.		X			<b>BOP</b>
UD9	Protect residential areas from the adverse effects of commercial and industrial uses.		X			<b>BOP/DEQ</b>

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## Action Chart: Parks, Recreation and Open Space

#	Actions	Time				Implementors <i>/Advocates</i>
		On-going	Adopt With Plan	Next 5 Yrs	6 to 20 Yrs	
<b>PROJECTS</b>						
P1	Improve lighting after 12:00 a.m. in Unthank Park.			X		Parks
P2	Install a ball park with seating for spectators and barbecue pits in Unthank Park.			X		Parks
P3	Install a plaque in Unthank Park explaining its name and history.			X		Parks
<b>PROGRAMS</b>						
P4	Extend hours of park staff to 9 p.m. every night in Unthank Park.			X		Parks
P5	Invite Peninsula Little League to hold some of their games in Unthank Park.			X		BNIA/Little League
P6	Increase the number of Park Bureau activities held in Unthank Park on evenings and on weekends.			X		Parks
P7	Find ways to increase the number of no and low cost recreational activities for both children and adults.					BNIA/Self Enhancement Inc.
P8	Obtain sponsorship by local businesses to hold concerts in Unthank Park.			X		BNIA, Local churches, and businesses.
P9	Place a staffed equipment shed in Unthank Park where sports equipment can be checked out.			X		Parks
P10	Work with property owners to convert vacant lots to community garden spaces.	X				BNIA
<b>REGULATIONS</b>						
P11	Waive park fees when activities for children are provided.			X		Parks
P12	Close the park at a set hour at night and post these hours.			X		Parks

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# Action Chart: Transportation

#	Actions	Time				Implementors <i>/Advocates</i>
		On-going	Adopt With Plan	Next 5 Yrs	6 to 20 Yrs	
	<b>PROJECTS</b>					
T1	Reduce cars speeding through alleys by blocking selected ones off at one end.			X		Property-owners/ PDOT
T2	Request a Speed Watch project at Boise-Eliot School.					BNIA
	<b>PROGRAMS</b>					
T3	Study the feasibility of replacing the traffic diverters in Boise with traffic circles and speed bumps.			X		BNIA/NTMP
T4	Increase bus service where needed in Boise along major neighborhood streets.				X	TM/BNIA
T5	Increase number of bus stops along major neighborhood streets where needed and post schedules at stops.			X		TM/BNIA
T6	Locate stops for the proposed North-South light rail line on east-west streets that run through the neighborhood such as Fremont and Skidmore.				X	PDOT/BNIA
T7	Consider installing additional traffic control devices to slow speeding autos in Boise.			X		NTMP/BNIA

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## Action Chart: Business Growth and Development/Employment

#	Actions	Time				Implementors /Advocates
		On-going	Adopt With Plan	Next 5 Yrs	6 to 20 Yrs	
	<b>PROJECTS</b>					
BG1	Market vacant commercial and industrial properties to realtors and developers.			X		BNIA/PDC
	<b>PROGRAMS</b>					
BG2	Improve communication between local businesses and Boise residents.			X		BNIA/NEBA/ Local businesses
BG3	Provide incentives to local employers such as Emanuel, the Red Cross and developers in the Convention Center Urban Renewal area to hire neighborhood residents			X		NEBA/PDC/ Oregon State Employment/ NWC
BG4	Work with local businesses to provide employment for neighborhood youth in part time jobs.			X		BNIA/NEBA Local businesses
BG5	Match interested residents with appropriate job training programs.			X		PCC Cascade/ State of Oregon
BG6	Encourage residents to shop at local businesses.			X		BNIA/Local businesses
	<b>REGULATIONS</b>					
BG7	Enforce first source hiring agreements in the Convention Center Urban Renewal area and require them for other projects receiving public subsidies in North and Northeast Portland.			X		PDC/ City Council
BG8	Prohibit the establishment of businesses in Boise that pose health hazards to residents.		X			BOP
BG9	Monitor local businesses with liquor licenses and oppose the renewal of licenses for businesses that cause problems for neighborhood residents.		X			BNIA/OLCC

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## Action Chart: Education/Daycare/Youth

#	Actions	On-going	Time			Implementors /Advocates
			Adopt With Plan	Next 5 Yrs	6 to 20 Yrs	
	<b>PROJECTS</b>					
ED1	Use vacant storefronts to provide after school care and educational programs.			X		Nonprofit groups
	<b>PROGRAMS</b>					
ED2	Set up meetings between parents and local school administration to improve communication and assess needs of neighborhood children.			X		PTA
ED3	Establish a mentor program for children of single parent and other neighborhood families.			X		PPS/ local churches/ YMCA
ED4	Improve the local PTAs and involve BNIA.			X		PTA/BNIA
ED5	Seek state and federal funding for daycare and latchkey programs.			X		CSD/ Nonprofit daycare providers
ED6	Increase the number of CSD listed daycare providers in the immediate area.			X		CSD/Nonprofit daycare providers
ED7	Establish a Community Schools Program at Boise-Eliot School.			X		Parks
ED8	Invite members of professional teams such as the Blazers to talk to children in schools.			X		PPS
ED9	Involve community police in youth programs.			X		PPS/PPB /local churches
ED 10	Hold children's workshops to solicit their ideas about how to improve the area.			X		BNIA/BOP/ PPS
ED 11	Expand programs such as Cleveland's-at-risk and Boise's Self Enhancement.			X		PPS
ED 12	Provide adequate van service so that neighborhood children and youth can take advantage of educational programs at King Center, OMSI, YMCA and west side programs.			X		PPS
ED 13	Make use of a vacant commercial or institutional building space to establish a youth service center in Boise.		X			BNIA, BCD
ED 14	Encourage local businessmen to provide educational, part time jobs for area youth.			X		Local businesses

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**KEY TO ORGANIZATIONS IN ACTION CHART:**

<b>BCD</b>	Bureau of Community Development, City of Portland
<b>BES</b>	Bureau of Environmental Services, City of Portland
<b>BNIA</b>	Boise Neighborhood Improvement Association
<b>BOB</b>	Bureau of Buildings, City of Portland
<b>CDC</b>	Community development corporation
<b>DEQ</b>	Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
<b>HAP</b>	Housing Authority of Portland
<b>METRO</b>	Metropolitan Service District
<b>MC</b>	Multnomah County
<b>NEBA</b>	North/Northeast Business Association
<b>NECDC</b>	NE Community Development Corporation
<b>NEC</b>	Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods
<b>NTMP</b>	Neighborhood Traffic Management Program
<b>OLCC</b>	Oregon Liquor Control Commission
<b>PDC</b>	Portland Development Corporation
<b>PDOT</b>	Portland Department of Transportation
<b>PPB</b>	Portland Police Bureau
<b>PPS</b>	Portland Public Schools
<b>PSU</b>	Portland State University
<b>PTA</b>	Parent Teacher Association
<b>TM</b>	Tri-Met