Boise City Accomplishments on Elaine Clegg's Watch



Transportation & Land Use

- ✓ Adopted a Master Streets Map to guide safer roadway designs that move all users more efficiently to their destinations. Better access supports local businesses and builds cohesive neighborhoods.
- Developed and led adoption of measures to improve connections in new developments to make it easier and safer to walk and bike more directly to nearby destinations.
- Led a complete update of the Comprehensive Plan, resulting in "Blueprint Boise," and now is leading the update of the city's zoning codes to implement that plan:
 - > Brought forward updated multi-family code requirements.
 - Updated the code for downtown buildings to allow flexibility for ground floor uses to be adapted if conditions warrant. For example, the changes in use that have happened in Hyde Park over time will be possible in buildings that use these provisions.
 - > Brought downtown zoning to West End to spark neighborhood revitalization.
 - Proposed and helped implement "Specific Area Plan" code to guide cohesive, mixed development in areas like Harris Ranch.
- ✓ Updated design requirements for downtown and other key corridors to allow flexibility while requiring more pedestrian friendly designs. Examples include the new health care building at Overland and Orchard and the new service retail buildings on Broadway Ave. near Warren St.
- Completed an integrated land use/transportation master plan and a transit-oriented design guide for a State Street Bus Rapid Transit corridor.
- Led creation of an integrated land use/transportation master plan to spur economic revitalization and neighborhood protection near the new Whitewater Parkway, Esther Simplot Park and Whitewater Park in the West End. The first building is completed under the plan; the park and several art projects are underway.
- Expanded the city's commitment to improving walking and biking conditions through active participation in identifying and completing sidewalk improvements and bike facilities in partnership with ACHD, including
 - the Shamrock bikeway connecting the Hewlett Packard campus area south to Emerald/Executive Drive, while avoiding a high-traffic arterial roadway,
 - > the scheduled addition of bike lanes on Emerald and Americana to improve connections to the Central Bench,
 - > and continuous sidewalks on Roosevelt connecting to the numerous schools and parks in the area.
- Extended the bicycle and pedestrian network along the Boise River, including a new pedestrian/bicycle bridge at Whitewater Park and the new Greenbelt section finally finishing an important link on the south side of the river between Ann Morrison Park and Garden City.
- ✓ Increased Boise City support for transit services:
 - Improved transit service to the airport with more regular and frequent service, and implemented a new transit route in southwest Boise to serve key destinations such as schools and service agencies.
 - Proposed and was supported to expand transit service on Boise's two busiest transit routes, State St. and Fairview Ave., with service more frequently and extended later at night.

Recreation & Education

Saw the completion of the popular 2001 Foothills Levy acquisitions. Judicious purchases and use agreements on key pieces of foothills land and trails gained land and easements worth nearly \$40 million for our \$10 million investment—including Polecat Gulch trailhead, land from Harrison Hollow Hillside Junior High north of Hill Road, and Daniels Creek drainage—providing better access and connectivity to existing foothills assets.

"Elaine played a critical role in the campaign to save Hulls Gulch, laying the foundation for further Foothills preservation such as the 2001 levy" Former council member Anne Hausrath

Jump-started new improvements in Boise's award-winning parks system—places like Terry Day Park and Comba Park—to ensure improved park access in all neighborhoods, especially in under-served areas.

- Worked with the Boise School District to build and operate community centers at three elementary schools in high-need neighborhoods.
- Increased recreational services to youth, including Mobile Recreation bus, concentrating on areas of town with lower access and higher need.
- Supported creation of location-mapped "After 3" website to connect families with after-school activities in their neighborhoods.
- Created the Department of Arts and History to increase public art, place-making activities and cultural enrichment. The department helped shape our very successful sesquicentennial celebration, Boise 150.

Urban Environment

- Completed a tree canopy assessment, GIS database and master plan to improve urban forest management. As a result, the city began planting more trees to improve the quality and extent of our tree cover.
- Began a program to conserve water and save taxpayers money by replacing traditional plants with low-water plants in rights-of-way that the city maintains.
- Led effort resulting in an innovative phosphorous removal process to improve Boise river water quality and save taxpayers money, making Boise the first city in the nation to receive EPA approval for this process. This facility is under construction.
- Co-sponsored a new Sustainability framework, "LIV Boise creating a lasting, innovative and vibrant place," which includes more than 100 distinct actions to improve resilience in the city and to make the city's longstanding sustainability and economic development activities more successful. For instance,
 - In the Central Addition, initiated an energy-saving LIV district that makes better use of the city's geothermal heating utility, and increases attention to storm water treatment.
 - In the Vista Neighborhood, initiated a social and economic focused LIV District as a pilot program to energize one of Boise's longstanding neighborhoods through:
 - corridor revitalization* to help small businesses in the area,
 - a partner-supported preschool for neighborhood kids, and
 - a demonstration project remodeling and retrofitting a home for energy savings, and more.
- Adopted a voluntary green building code to allow the city and developers the opportunity to experiment with sensible energy- and resource-saving construction techniques. The city will test the code on the new Bown Library and new fire stations.

*restoring community and commercial activity along the main streets of our neighborhoods.

Business & Economy

- ✓ Spurred application for Small Business Administration's "Start-up in a day" initiative to cut through regulatory and information hurdles and make it easier for entrepreneurs to find information and get approval for starting a business in one day's time. The city of Boise was recently chosen for a pilot to be completed by next summer; Clegg is serving as council sponsor.
- Is leading council's effort to establish multi-modal freight center in Boise that would be the only one of its kind in southern Idaho. It will allow the movement of freight from rail to truck and vice-versa, incorporating air freight in the future. This improved freight movement and delivery model will be needed if Boise and Idaho are to compete successfully in the 21st-century economy.

"Elaine Clegg is the conscience of the mayor and council, and of the city, she approaches every issue relentlessly...she makes sure that we never lower our standards in any way." Mayor Dave Bieter

- Supported opening the Greenhouse Incubator space to spur green technology start-ups.
- Supported creation of Trailhead, a business accelerator or "start-up hub" where small businesses can find co-work space, hold workshops, network and receive expert advice on growing their business to the next stage.