

River West Neighborhood Association

RWNA Annual General Meeting
6:00 pm Wednesday, October 25, 2023

Called to Order 6:10 pm

Open Forum - Approximate attendance 72 persons

- **Welcome:** RWNA acts as conduit to the City. Membership signup is available through our website at riverwestna.com
 - Members of the current board introduced: Don James, Gina Franzosa, Holly Smith and Kristen Reidelberger
 - Committees outlined
 - RWNA is defined by the number of tax lots in the designated area. Currently there are 4,459 tax lots in our association
- **Treasurer's Report:** A grant of \$8200 is received from the city. A breakdown of expenses was outlined and a complete detail can be found on the City's website at: [www.https://www.bendoregon.gov/government/departments/communications-engagement/neighborhood-districts/funding-the-associations](https://www.bendoregon.gov/government/departments/communications-engagement/neighborhood-districts/funding-the-associations)
- **NSSP (Neighborhood Street Safety Program):** The NSSP is asking for input on funding priorities. A roundtable meeting will be held on November 3rd. A collection of suggestions were gathered at the meeting and will be submitted to the City.
- **Elections:** Ballots were handed out during the meeting. 25 ballots were received and completed. Both unopposed acting board members were confirmed; Don James, Board President and Holly Smith, Board Secretary/Treasurer.
- **Volunteers:** We are looking for volunteers for Communications, Membership, Community Outreach, Land Use, Neighborhood Cleanups, Transportation, Parks and Rec, Downtown Business, Summer Neighborhood Events
- **Galveston Benefit Parking:** A request for fee based parking (for non-residents) has been initiated and is currently under review with the City of Bend.
- **Speakers:** We were grateful to have three speakers present during our meeting:
 - **Bend Bikes:** 'Advocating for the safety of the people who ride bikes and a comprehensive network of bike-friendly routes in Bend.' Bend Bikes board member David Green presented an outline of the goals of the organization.

More details can be found at www.bendbikes.org.

- **Ryan Oster, Director of Engineering and Infrastructure Planning/City Engineer at the City of Bend:** Spoke about the Galveston Corridor Project. After years in the works, the project is now pending approval of the proposed five-year Capital Improvement Program (CIP), construction of the The Galveston Corridor Project, and is currently forecasted to begin in 2025. For plans and more information regarding this project please visit:

www.bendoregon.gov/city-projects/city-infrastructure-projects/galveston-corridor-project

- **Ariel Mendez, Councilor, City of Bend:** Addressed several issues impacting our community, including:

The Transportation Utility Fee now under City Council consideration which could possibly cover the shortfall of funding due to an unchanged property tax basis. For more information visit:

www.bendoregon.gov/government/departments/utilities/billing-rates/rates-and-charges/transportation-fee

The Tree Advisory Committee and the Bend City Council are considering how trees should be regulated with new development. The code today holds which trees can be removed and when. For more information visit:

www.bendoregon.gov/city-projects/community-priorities/tree-preservation-code

Awbrey Butte Waterline Improve Project and how water use is decreasing due to conservation. For more information on this project visit:

<https://www.bendoregon.gov/city-projects/what-s-being-built/awbrey-butte-waterline-improvement-project>

Bend Works is the City's new service request program. This is a fast and easy way to report non-emergency issues you see around town. For more information visit:

www.bendoregon.gov/services/bend-works

The Bend Block Party Trailer is available for neighborhood to build community connections. For more information visit:

www.bendoregon.gov/government/departments/communications-engagement/bend-block-party

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.