

## **River West Neighborhood Association**

Monthly Board Meeting

September 25, 2008, 5:30pm

Hurricane's Restaurant

### **In Attendance:**

Tyler Blackwell, Vice-Chair, Database Manager; Rachel Stemach, Secretary, Treasurer; Leslie Olson & Stacey Stemach, Land-Use Committee; Annie Goldner, General Meeting Organizer; Cassie Giddings, Sidewalks & Crosswalks, 2030 Vision

### **General Information:**

- NA round-table meeting - major concerns with crosswalks, traffic and safety. City has created Bicycle Advisory Committee to track vehicle-bicycle collisions.
- Fire Marshall will send out a link and update to Fire Prevention week (Oct. 9th) with several open houses and fire safety programs. Deschutes County commissioners need to vote on whether to continue Fire-Free weekend debris drop-off program again this year.
- Bend Area Transit program presented by Heather Orneleas, The cost is based on 43% of tax value of property, not the market value. Cost cannot be raised without voter approval, and if the measure fails, services will be reduced by 20%. Other regional transit programs rely on BAT, and if this measure fails, those transit programs could be compromised as well. Ballot measure information at: [http://www.ci.bend.or.us/home/Transit\\_District.html](http://www.ci.bend.or.us/home/Transit_District.html)

### **Vice-Chair's Report:**

- No news to report (see NA chair meeting notes above).

### **Treasurer's Report:**

- Will ask for a budget balance after the annual Neighborhood meeting is held.
- No new activity to the general and/ or Triangle Park account this month. The balance of both is \$892.83.

### **Secretary's Report:**

- No news to report

### **General Meeting Organizer Report:**

- General Meeting was cancelled for November 13th, and will instead be scheduled during the winter when more residents are able to come (after holidays). January 29th at 6:30pm was selected for next General Meeting. Location TBD.

### **Membership Chair Report:**

- No news to report

### **Land Use Committee Report:**

- Westside Church - received notice to reopen the record, where the City allowed to take 120 days for decision. RWNA will need to see the altered application.
- Proterra LLC - Hearing was deferred until October 1st.
- Development code - 'tune-up' issued by the City, with updated definitions for "mixed-use", etc.

### **Traffic Chair Report:**

- City of Bend met with Deschutes County Bicycle Safety Advisory Committee to develop a task force (working with Commute Options to promote education, outreach and safe routes to schools program).
- City code states that the occupant adjacent to city sidewalk is required to repair any dangerous sidewalks (must use city-approved contractor. If issues develop, the City of Bend contact is: Anthony B. Tirico, Jr., P.E., [ttirico@ci.bend.or.us](mailto:ttirico@ci.bend.or.us), (541) 693-2180, City of Bend Transportation Engineering Division, Bond Annex, 745 NW Bond St.
- Newport Crosswalk update - ADA installment needs to be redone, and the striping is on the list (after ADA installation is complete).
- Bend Metropolitan Transportation Plan - Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety, see: [http://www.ci.bend.or.us/depts/bend\\_mpo/docs/Chapter\\_7\\_Bike\\_Ped\\_Draft\\_Web.pdf](http://www.ci.bend.or.us/depts/bend_mpo/docs/Chapter_7_Bike_Ped_Draft_Web.pdf) The City of Bend uses this list for pedestrian safety and Infrastructure infill projects that need to be done, 6 of the 10 are included in RWNA boundaries (separate from Capital Improvement projects already approved).

### **Parks & Rec Chair Report:**

- To maintain the current level of service of parks and trails, ie the ratio of acres of parks and miles of trails to the growing district population, over \$49 million in revenue is needed in the next 12 years because of the escalation of land values and increased development costs. The guidelines/methodology for determining SDCs (and CIP prioritization) have been under consideration for months by staff and citizens committee. Details on all issues considered are available for anyone interested in more information.
- In considering the proposed veterans and first responders memorial at Brooks Park, the District had a public input process with immediate neighbors earlier this month. Concerns were with traffic and blocking of emergency vehicle access to the neighborhood, obstruction of views to the river, increased litter by park users, and the possibility of a constant lighted pavilion. Parks Board approved Brooks Park as a park for a memorial, with a design proposal required by this Veteran's Day, and completion targeted for Veteran's Day 2009. The Board and park neighbors are supportive of small scale, contemplative, unlit plaza with accessible pathways along the river.
- New district registration management software acquired to make quick and easy registration easier.
- The Board supports a resolution to be sent to Senator Wyden with recommendations for a variety of projects in the Bend area that support economic development, quality of life, and health and wellness including, in Phase I, a multi-modal recreation trail along the North Unit Irrigation Canal from Highway 126 to Smith Rock; new mountain bike routes connecting the Phil's network, Skyliners, and Shevlin Park; a community

ski trail connecting Dutchman Flat with Meissner Sno-park; expanding the Deschutes River Trail; and resurfacing Skyliner Road including a bike lane. Phase II addresses broader themes such as establishing Deschutes County as a premier destination for road cycling and mountain biking; accessible recreation along Century Drive corridor, and developing Deschutes River water safety and recreation.

**E-mail/ Database Manager Report:**

- Few e-mails sent out, including RFO's. The database is current and backed up.

**Webmaster Report:**

- Barb is asking for input on website improvements and updates, such as photographs and expanded community page contents.

**Business Liaison Report:**

- Not present

**2030 Vision Report:**

- Bend 2030 Town Hall meeting is October 16th at 7pm at the Bend Senior Center on Reed Mkt Rd, and include speakers Eric King, Bend City Manager, Doug LaPlaca of Visit Bend, and Brad Bailey of Bend Garbage and Recycling.

**12th & Union Triangle Project Report:**

- Not Present

**Sidewalks & Crosswalks Project Report:**

- See items listed in Traffic safety.

**Good Samaritan Program Coordinator Report:**

- Not present

**NEXT BOARD MEETING:**

- Thursday, October 23rd, 5:30pm-7:00pm at Hurricane's.
- Any resident in RWNA is invited to attend board meetings. Please RSVP to [RWNA@bendbroadband.com](mailto:RWNA@bendbroadband.com)