

River West Neighborhood Association

Monthly Board Meeting

December 18, 2008, 5:30pm

Annie Goldner's home

In Attendance:

Tyler Blackwell, Vice-Chair, Database Manager; Rachel Stemach, Secretary, Treasurer; Stacey Stemach, Land-Use Committee; Annie Goldner, General Meeting Organizer; Edith McBean, Business Liaison; Gary Fowles, Good Samaritan Program Director.

General Information:

- NA round-table - Speakers included Deschutes Co. Fire Chief Larry Huhn, concerning service & response times, ambulance coordination, and emergency access maintenance. Second speaker Mary Winters, City Attorney, concerning land-use matters and NA voting.
- UGB (Urban Growth Boundary): process completed. Juniper Ridge decisions are on hold until new council begins.

Vice-Chair's Report:

- Proposed bylaws changes reviewed by J. Forbes. Corrections/ clarifications on NA boundary description, vacancies process, and grievances. Stacey to update bylaw sections.
- Tyler/ Annie to compose ad for Chair and Traffic Safety positions in RWNA.
- Galveston Ave sidewalks & bike lanes . Public meetings set for comment from members for concept plan and design plan, Jan. 6th and Jan. 20; contact Robin Lewis.

Treasurer's Report:

- No news to report.

Secretary's Report:

- Will add current business members at the end of Meeting Minutes.

General Meeting Organizer Report:

- General Meeting has been set for January 29 at Westside Magnet School (Kingston)
- Minuteman Press deadline is January 7th for printing
- Topic is "Let's Talk About.....City Budget Cuts and the Recession and the Impact on the Quality of Life on the Westside". Will invite Mel Oberst (impact on permits/ inspections), Hardy Hanson (streets, snow & water) and Sharon Wojda (budget & planning).
- Questions to ask the panel (will send a survey e-mail to residents prior to General Meeting): how do budget cuts impact us and what efforts can help save money

Membership Chair Report:

- Not present.

Land Use Committee Report:

- Westside Church - Waiting for decision on hearing.
- Stacey to contact J. Finestone to get land-use summary report sent via e-mail.
- Stacey to check on City of Bend website for status of of Brightwood Corp.

Parks & Rec Chair Report:

- Property tax collection: the fiscal year budget (adopted June 3) and tax revenues are very conservative, however tax collections suggest that no budget cuts are needed at this time.
- Review of Pyramid Pricing philosophy: designed to require cost recovery from fees - the higher on the pyramid a program is (based upon individual benefits compared with community benefits). Data suggests individual programs are recovering a lower % than some lower level programs. Fee adjustments may be transitioned in.
- JSFC update; Warrantee repair work for floors & shower room repair complete.
- JSFC parking lot expansion: additional funds requested for additional work.
- Resolution 2009: Recreation Trails Program Grant requests authorization for applying for RTP Grant for Pioneer Park to Revere Avenue Deschutes River Trail, which is within RWNA boundaries (with a 20% match from the District).
- Dog Park Plan: collected citizen reactions to the proposal, via public meetings and individual contacts. Results will be compiled and reported in January.

E-mail/ Database Manager Report:

- The database is clean and backed up.

Business Liaison Report:

- Aim to have business owners sign up at General Meeting.
- Edith to research online for sticky decals of "RWNA member"
- Reward Good Samaritan volunteers with sponsored items from NA businesses (decals, ice scrapers, etc?)
- Edith to attend next Downtowner's meeting Jan.13th

2030 Vision Report:

- Not present.
- Bend 2030 Implementation Progress Report sent to board. Cassie to follow-up to this at January board meeting.

Sidewalks & Crosswalks Project Report:

- Not present.

Good Samaritan Project Report:

- Gary Fowles to coordinate the project for RWNA. Welcome!

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

- Thursday, January 15th, 5:30pm to 7pm at Annie's home (Hillside Inn).
- ONA Meeting is also January 15th, 10:30am, Council Chambers
- NA Round Table Meeting is January 15th, 12:00pm, Council Chambers
- Any resident in RWNA is invited to attend board meetings. Please RSVP to RWNA@bendbroadband.com

“Thank You” to our RWNA businesses:

- Newport Market
- Nancy P's Bakery
- Top Spin Tennis
- Victorian Cafe
- Bend Downtowners Association
- TWW Group
- Bend Public Library
- Silver Moon Brewing, Inc.
- Mail Boxes, Etc.
- Backcountry Chiropractic
- Ginger's Kitchenware
- Westside Church
- Oregon Body & Bath
- Acadia Newport Partners, LLC
- Sunnyside Sports
- Bambini of Bend
- First Baptist Church
- Cartridge World
- Westside Village Partners, LLC