



River West
Neighborhood Association

Monthly Board Meeting
January 15, 2008, 5:30pm
Annie Goldner's home

In Attendance:

Tyler Blackwell, Vice-Chair, Database Manager; Rachel Stemach, Secretary, Treasurer; Bill Kurtz, Membership Chair; Leslie Olson, Stacey Stemach, Land-Use Committee; Annie Goldner, General Meeting Organizer; Edith McBean, Business Liaison; Sue Vordenberg, Parks & Rec Chair; Cassie Giddings, Sidewalks & Crosswalks & 2030 Vision Liaison; Sami Fornier, Kate Bailey, Paul Biscup, Traffic Safety Committee

Meeting Minutes Acronyms:

NA – Neighborhood Association
ONA – Office of Neighborhood Associations
RWNA – River West Neighborhood Association
BMPRD – Bend Metro Park & Recreation District
UGB – Urban Growth Boundary
JSFC – Juniper Swim & Fitness Center
TSAC – Traffic Safety Advisory Committee

Vice-Chair's Report:

- ONA General Meeting - Speakers included Colin Stephens on development code - concerns with notifications for neighborhood meetings, so notifications to be mailed US Postal Service with certified and/or delivery confirmation to NA's. Neighborhood meetings must have an NA representative present and sign-in also.
- Stormwater Master Plan Workshops set for January 29 and February 5th. Notice to members will be sent out for time and place.
- The board ratifies December '08 meeting minutes.

Treasurer's Report:

- No news to report.

Secretary's Report:

- Will add that board ratifies the previous month's meeting minutes.

General Meeting Organizer Report:

- General Meeting - January 29 at Westside Magnet School (Kingston) at 6:30pm. Board members should try to be there at 6 for setup in gymnasium.
- Guest presentations by Mel Oberst (impact on permits/ inspections), Hardy Hanson (streets, snow & water) and Sharon Wojda (budget & planning).
- Tyler to send out survey/ questionnaire for presenters again as e-mail reminder.

Membership Chair Report:

- Bill to bring member sign-in sheets for General Meeting, sandwich boards, etc. May be able to contact Newport Market for a sign reminder.

Traffic Safety Committee Report:

- Welcome Sami, Paul and Kate to RWNA board
- Next TSAC meeting Tuesday, Jan 20th, 7:30am at Council Chambers

Land Use Committee Report:

- Westside Church - City approved site plan application, with numerous conditions.
- COCC zone change and mixed-use presentation set for Weds, Jan. 21st, 5:00pm at Barber Library.
- City Development Code tune-up - Stacey & Tyler are monitoring changes.
- Brooks Park Veteran's Memorial approved by BMPRD, but still has to go through site plan process with the City. Robin Laughlin will have presentation drawings and information at General Meeting.

Parks & Rec Chair Report:

- BMPRD received a clean annual financial statement audit, as it has since 1977.
- Additional staff added a year ago has allowed the Therapeutic Recreation Inclusion Program to serve 500% more kids with disabilities in general programs, compared with the previous year.
- The draft Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) is based on 1-3 year Short-term priorities (maintenance; finishing started projects; trail gap development; opportunities for needed part site acquisition) and 4-12 year Long-term funding sources (general fund, SDC Fund and projects, possible bond, potential facility development partnerships) which serve different CIP priorities including facility rehabilitation, trail right-of-way acquisition, park land acquisition and facility development, natural area acquisition, recreation center development, ice arena and other recreation centers.
- The Board reviewed two SDC 5-year revenue and expenditure forecasts - one with no SDC fee change, and one with an increase to \$5,043. Maintaining current level of service in the face of population growth and land cost escalation is driving the study by staff and the Board of calculation methodology and fee increases. Public testimony has been accepted regarding these possible changes, in writing as well as in person at the Jan 20 Board meeting.
- Two dog parks, when developed by later this spring, will be closely accessible to RWNA residents: Awbrey Reservoir off NW 10th and Trenton (10 acre site) and Overturf Butte Reservoir, between Skyliner Summit Loop and NW 17th (30 acre site). Both sites are City of Bend property and use as dog parks will require a memorandum of understanding with the city. There will be five other sites in Bend, including one at Riverbend Beach providing river access.
- A Recreation Trails Program (RTP) Grant will be submitted in support of the Pioneer Park to Revere Avenue Deschutes River Trail project.

E-mail/ Database Manager Report:

- The database is up to date and backed up.

Business Liaison Report:

- Board approved the purchase of dry transfer decals for businesses to say “River West Neighborhood Association Member, Shop Local”, and should have available at General Meeting.
- Jan 13th Downtowner’s meeting topic on Economic Improvement District (EIP) and membership dues, created a stir between members and non-members.
- Downtowner’s have a ‘Ladies Night’ each third Thursday of every month at a different location.
- RWNA needs to remind businesses that membership is FREE, no membership dues.
- Will have a ‘Business’ table at General Meeting and will add a special ‘thank you’ during meeting to business members.

2030 Vision Report:

- Will be conducting a 4-hour retreat to go over feedback from October’s Townhall meeting. After that, the 2030 board will hold weekly meetings to followup

Good Samaritan Project Report:

- Not present.

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

- Thursday, February 19th, 5:30pm to 7pm at the Stemach home (1305 NW Fresno).
- ONA Meeting is also February 19th, 10:30am, Council Chambers
- NA Round Table Meeting is February 19th, 12:00pm, Council Chambers
- Any resident in RWNA is invited to attend board meetings. Please RSVP to RWNA@bendbroadband.com