



**River West**  
**Neighborhood Association**

**Monthly Board Meeting**

February 19, 2009, 5:30pm

Stemach's home

**In Attendance:**

Tyler Blackwell, Vice-Chair, Database Manager; Rachel Stemach, Secretary, Treasurer; Stacey Stemach, Land-Use Committee; Annie Goldner, Special Projects Organizer; Edith McBean, Business Liaison; Sue Vordenberg, Parks & Rec Chair; Cassie Giddings, 2030 Vision Liaison; Sami Fornier, 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

BPAC - Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

**Vice-Chair's Report:**

- ONA Round Table Items: OpenLine – a open house with members of Bend City Council will be hosted by a different NA each quarter. The next meeting is hosted by Orchard District Neighborhood Association March 16th at Hollinshead Barn 1237 NE Jones Rd. at 6:00 pm – 8:00pm. All are invited.
  - Lets Pull Together - Weed eradication day planned for June 13th (save the date) After party to be held in Old Mill area, more details to come.
- Open Forum meeting presentations & items:
  - Sharon Wojda – Budget manger spoke to us about the impacts of budget cuts and an overview of the City finance structure presentation attached)
  - Nick Arnis – Transportation Engineering Manager spoke to an overview of street maintenance funding (presentation attached)
  - Compliance Report 2008 – Complete and turned into the City of Bend. We have reported that all of our meeting minutes are sent to our membership, notifications of meetings are compliant, we have 774 members in our membership.
  - Reimbursement Request Form - Jennifer Engels from the City of Bend Finance Division has requested that we follow protocol for submitting expense reimbursements forms. (Need cancelled check (paid to City of Bend) with receipts
- Board members need to get reports in to secretary
- The board ratifies January '09 meeting minutes.

**Treasurer's Report:**

- No news to report.

**Secretary's Report:**

- Need to add some corrections to General Meeting minutes, but are about ready.

**Special Projects Organizer Report:**

- Alley Improvement Project - idea to focus on improving west side alleys
- Annie and Kristina Bak to meet w/ Hardy Hanson March 2 (2pm)
- Discussions on improving lighting, security, walkability. Solar lights (no maintenance, low-light, free-standing) may get grant? How can landowners improve and involve? Weed pull program integration?
- Set an action plan by April 1st, on how to proceed: i.e. research, promotion, funding, goals, awards, choosing alleys, etc.

**Membership Chair Report:**

- Not present.
- Member info from General Meeting - had 13 new members sign up, with 40+ total attendees

**Traffic Safety Committee Report:**

- Paul attended last TSAC, but not present
- Next TSAC meeting Tuesday, March 10th, 7:30am at Council Chambers
- BPAC - city stimulus money to include \$1.2 million (most on transit, remainders for street overlay and painting)
- Sidewalk inventory (Tyler Deke of MPO)
- Sami to find out when sidewalk sweeping corresponds with road sweeping - contact Hardy Hanson for information
- Sgt. Chris Carney - law enforcement resource for traffic concerns

**Land Use Committee Report:**

- Cell Tower Neighborhood Meeting - existing apartment building with faux chimneys that will project shortly above roofline to hide all of cell tower, between Saginaw & Roanoke on 10th St. Stacey suggested to recess platform, but overall roofline is acceptable.
- COCC planning - zone change (overlay-type) for site plan applications, mixed-use proposals are years away.

**Parks & Rec Chair Report:**

- SDC fees methodology - Jan 20 meeting, won't adjust until 2010, with regular phase increases to maintain current standards. Second reading in March. Maximum SDC fee current is \$6,143 (board won't increase amount until July 2010, and will be phased in).
- Capital improvement plan (CIP) - money only general fund (form of property taxes, fees) Funds will be very low for the next few years, thus a majority of desirable projects will not be in the CIP. The Board continues to look at priorities based upon

the CIP committee recommendations, results of the community survey, budget information, and the Board's criteria.

- CIP projects likely to make the list: Deschutes River Trail - Mirror Pond to Revere (at least 25 RWNA residents had attended the open house about this project which includes a bridge at First Street Park, among other features.) Other projects likely to make the list include completion of Pine Nursery Park-Phase 1, various trail system improvements, Ponderosa Park improvements, some neighborhood park acquisitions/developments. Public park concept planning at Pilot Butte State Park, in collaboration with State Park System.
- Dog parks supposedly opening this spring!

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

- The database is up to date and backed up.
- 13 new members from General Meeting included also.

#### **Business Liaison Report:**

- Needs help distributing cling-stickers to businesses who sign up with RWNA
- Downtowner's meeting - will distribute stickers at next meeting. Chuck Arnold will be involved with Polar Plunge, Feb 27th at 6:30 at Riverbend Park.
- Volunteer Insights - program where kids volunteer in areas of their interests & decision-making skills, responsibility . See [www.volunteerinsights.org](http://www.volunteerinsights.org)

#### **2030 Vision Report:**

- 1 day a week workshops (ends March 13th) - Goal to develop a strategy that will build and re-ignite efforts as a board, as well as broaden community understanding and connection with the Bend 2030 community vision.
- Any NA residents with feedback that is directed to a board member, please forward to [Cassieg@bendtel.net](mailto:Cassieg@bendtel.net)
- Bend 2030 Board would like to encourage NA's to provide feedback and team up with Lead Partners to help support NA activities.
  - Assist Lead Partners in achieving a higher level of success in their efforts to obtain grants and raise funding, by providing resource and referral.
  - Facilitate or assist with organizing public feedback for Lead Partner projects and programs supported by the vision.
  - Showcase Lead Partner actions and achievements to the community at Bend City Council meetings and the Bend 2030 annual community forum event.
  - Invite Lead Partners to media opportunities such as our bi-monthly segment on Good Morning Central Oregon.
  - Promote Lead Partner activities to the community on the Bend 2030 web site ([www.bend2030.org](http://www.bend2030.org)).
- 2030 working on interactive database to keep information updated (like a blog) for better interactivity.
- (LCA ) Latino Community Association & (RICE) Redmond Inter -Cultural Exchange, a LCA community project
  - Bend 2030 Feb. 26th showcase on Kristi Miller
  - Latino Film Fiesta - March 5 - 7, Redmond HS, COCC, Tower Theater

- RICE High Desert Inter-Cultural Festival April 18 - Redmond High
- See website at <http://www.latinocommunityassociation.org/index.htm>

**Good Samaritan Project Report:**

- Not present.
- Stormwater design - drain cleanup (possibility for Good Samaritan) or walk-the-block maintenance

**NEXT BOARD MEETING:**

- Thursday, March 12th, 5:30pm to 7pm at Dudley's Bookshop Cafe (upstairs), 135 NW Minnesota Avenue
- ONA Meeting is March 19th, 10:30am, Council Chambers
- NA Round Table Meeting is March 19th, 12:00pm, Council Chambers
- Any resident in RWNA is invited to attend board meetings. Please RSVP to [RWNA@bendbroadband.com](mailto:RWNA@bendbroadband.com)