



River West
Neighborhood Association

Monthly Board Meeting

March 12, 2009, 5:30pm

Dudley's Bookshop Cafe

In Attendance:

Tyler Blackwell, Vice-Chair, Database Manager; Rachel Stemach, Secretary, Treasurer; Leslie Olson, Stacey Stemach, Land-Use Committee; Annie Goldner, Special Projects Organizer; Bill Kurtz, Membership; Sue Vordenberg, Parks & Rec Chair; Cassie Giddings, 2030 Vision Liaison; Kelly Powell, 12th & Union Triangle Project.

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:

- The board ratifies February '09 meeting minutes.
- NA Round Table meeting - City is asking NA's to cut our annual budget for FY10 by 17% or \$7271. Last year budget cuts were 10%, and we voluntarily took a 25% cut. NA's unanimously agreed to allow a 17% cut in each neighborhood association's budget based on the number of tax lots in each NA. AS a result, the cumulative cut in that NAs budget for FY08 and FY09 will amount to an overall 38% reduction in funding.
- ONA meeting (March 19th) Larry Huhn, Bend Fire Chief presentation to the biennial fire budget for FY09 and FY10. He discussed the department's funding sources, programs provided, the existing budget, and efficiency improvements that have been made to reduce cost while maintaining quality services. He also discussed the training requirements for fire fighters, the number and type of calls that the department responds to each year.
- Annual RWNA presentation given to Bend City Council March 4th - Reported on 2008 Activities and accomplishments, and highlighted Good Samaritan Program, member surveys, large volunteer board, and communication. Represented membership by reminding Council that we enjoy the walk-ability, pedestrian safety, close proximity to downtown, neighborhood diversity, older character. All correspondence from 2008 was reported to Bend City Council. For more information, contact

RWNA@Bendbroadband.com listen to the council meeting at http://www.ci.bend.or.us/city_hall/meeting_minutes/2009_bend_city_council.html

- Next month's Board meeting topic: Revisiting RWNA mission statement and the budget.
 - Redefining Bylaws, establishing Bend's NA's as 'communicator'
 - RWNA strengths for livability, economic stability
 - Ways to eliminate budget needs, such as all website/ e-mail notifications (in lieu of mailings entirely), and how to use limited funds fairly and equally

Treasurer's Report:

- No news on budget report from City. Expecting Justin Finestone to send out updates after most NA's hold their general meetings.

Secretary's Report:

- Need to add some corrections to February Board Meeting minutes, but are ready to issue

Special Projects Organizer Report:

- Annie and Kristina Bak met with Hardy Hanson and Kevin Ramsey of Public Works on March 3rd concerning the 'Right Up Your Alley' Project. The following action items were determined:
 - a. Alleys will be the focus for the 2009 Weed Pull in June and Free Dump Day in May. That's a nice way to kick-off this promotion.
 - b. We'll be creating a "Best and Worst" Alley Award for 2009.
 - c. Public Works to be sending us a Do's and Don'ts List to use as guidance in these efforts to improve the condition of our alleys.
- Annie to contact Council Members for their ideas (Barram, Clinton or Teater?)
- Contact James Goff for suggestions from a code enforcement perspective, and Robin Lewis for suggestions from a traffic planning perspective
- Contact Tyler Deke for suggestions on grants available; check on SOLVE grants
- Contact Cheryl Howard on organizing membership and project marketing
- Next step - broadcast to the membership our need for volunteers for this committee, (need 3 or 4) to meet monthly

Membership Chair Report:

- Membership totals are 774, with the five new businesses included.

Traffic Safety Committee Report:

- Not present.

Land Use Committee Report:

- Westside Church - Paul Dewey and Newport Hills issued an intent to appeal to LUBA on the planning decisions.
- Code review process - not moving as fast as predicted, and is hard to get new items included (like accessory dwelling units)
- Leslie is signed up for the Stormwater advisory committee (not begun yet)

- Consider sending out RFO (request for opinion) for comments or reactions from residents concerning Westside Church. Stacey to draft up RFO.

Parks & Rec Chair Report:

- March Parks and Recreation Liaison Report (Board Meetings Mar 3 & 17)
- Brooks Park Memorial Design Plan: In follow-up to some concerns about how the proposed memorial would block views of the river for pedestrians and vehicles, staff made full-size mock-ups of the memorial elements and placed them in the park at the proposed locations. Photos of the mock-up memorial and river from a variety of vantage points shows that the memorial will only block river views minimally and fleetingly for those passing by.
- An Accessibility Study report is being prepared for keeping ahead of accessibility requirements, as well as supporting accessibility needs of various facilities, parks, and trail users.
- The SDC fee setting and fee schedule resolutions as reported previously were approved.
- The grant application for the Pioneer Park/ Revere Ave trail project has been presented to the State. If funded it will be about a \$150,000 project of which \$69,000 will be from the grant. Stimulus money applications also have been submitted for trail surfacing projects, although there is little expectation of getting any of those funds.
- Subject to change, following are some of the topics and dates for Board discussion in April:
 - April 7-- IGA-City of Bend on off leash sites; park reservations guidelines; scholarship program
 - April 21 -- Colorado Street Dam safe passage; coordinated sign program

E-mail/ Database Manager Report:

- The database is up to date and backed up.

Business Liaison Report:

- Not present.

2030 Vision Report:

- Brian Rankin, City of Bend Senior planner is new to the Bend 2030 board.
- Board will be adding new board members in the next month as terms expire.
- Board is in its second year of operation and has non-profit 501 c3 status.
- New social media update: Bend 2030: Vision Builds <http://www.peachygreen.com/going-green/peachy/bend-2030-vision-builds>
- Bend 2030 Board is wrapping up strategy session this Friday, progress report forthcoming for RWNA April minutes.
- Action plan updates - you can access via the website - www.bend2030.org to see recent changes.
- Spring activities involving the community are in the planning stages for May, possible community forum OPB, Media Tour with CEO Steve Bass. Topic: State of Journalism - OPB is branching out their programs and commentaries to eastern Oregon and rural communities.

- Bend 2030 Board Mission: Inspiring, guiding and strengthening partnerships that make our community's vision a reality - Keeping Bend an amazing place to live!
- Bend 2030 Vision Corps. Available to make presentations to community groups. Contact the Bend 2030 office at 598-3942 for more information

12th & Union Triangle Report:

- Arts Central contacted RWNA about relocating deer sculptures in the Century Dr./ Simpson Ave roundabout to Triangle Park, where they would be more visible.
- Kelly to get more feedback from 12th & Union volunteers about this idea, and to contact J.T. Atkins designer about where to locate the sculptures on the Triangle.
- Triangle was Arts Central board-approved as their first choice on relocating.

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

- Thursday, April 23rd, 5:30pm to 7pm at Dudley's Bookshop Cafe (upstairs), 135 NW Minnesota Avenue
- ONA Meeting is March 19th, April 16th, 10:30am, Council Chambers
- NA Round Table Meeting is March 19th, April 16th, 12:00pm, Council Chambers
- Any resident in RWNA is invited to attend board meetings. Please RSVP to RWNA@bendbroadband.com