



**River West**  
Neighborhood Association

**Monthly Board Meeting**  
May 21, 2009, 5:30pm  
Dudley's Bookshop Cafe

**In Attendance:**

Tyler Blackwell, Vice-Chair, Database Manager; Rachel Stemach, Secretary, Treasurer; Leslie Olson, Land-Use Committee; Bill Kurtz, Membership; Edith McBean, Business Liaison.

**Meeting Minutes Acronyms:**

NA – Neighborhood Association  
ONA – Office of Neighborhood Associations  
RWNA – River West Neighborhood Association  
BMPRD – Bend Metro Park & Recreation District  
JSFC – Juniper Swim & Fitness Center  
TSAC – Traffic Safety Advisory Committee  
BPAC - Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

**Vice-Chair's Report:**

- The board ratifies March '09 meeting minutes. No meeting was conducted for April.
- Art, Beautification and Culture Award winners presented May 20th -12th & Union Triangle Park, as well as award recipients Newport Market, & John Flannery's Green Energy Transport.
- ONA Meeting - discussion on how to help NA board members deal with land use procedures and systems. Propose to provide formal/informal training on Land Use administration. Land Use information sharing workshop scheduled during the June 18 NART session (10:30 to 12:30). Will include Land Use chairs or designees to share their process and knowledge to form rudimentary guidelines, OR provide a one-page narrative on the process.
- Next ONA meeting (June 18) - NA's bringing logos/ letterhead to meeting to share ideas and strategy for helping with the marketing of the NA's. Bend citizens still unaware of neighborhood associations - need to get the word out more effectively.
- John Flannery from Green Energy Transport would like to help us advertise the map of the Neighborhood Associations. The chairs are in favor of anything here and I will try and head up this effort with John.
- Weed Pull - set for June 13th, with more information will be distributed soon, a large advertisement should appear in this Monday's Bulletin, and specific information is available at [www.letspulltogether.com](http://www.letspulltogether.com) (it's not there yet but will be soon)
- Topic for revisiting RWNA mission statement is postponed until June:
  - 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:**

- Received budget report spending for 08-09 as of May, as well as Tax lot changes that will determine next year's funds (budget based on the number of tax lots in each NA); RWNA has not spent any of the \$5095.28 allotted.

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

- No news to report.

#### **Special Projects Organizer Report:**

- Not present.
- 'Right Up Your Alley' strategy/ planning to be determined for June.
- Terra Lingua USA seeks caring, host families for 3-week homestays this summer for international exchange students aged 14-18. Students stay with families while attending ESL classes 6/25 to 8/14. Host families also needed for academic school year. Contact Margaret: [mnebenzahl@terralinguausa.com](mailto:mnebenzahl@terralinguausa.com) or (541) 388-2383.

#### **Membership Chair Report:**

- Weed Pull - plan for date in mid-June
- Fire-Free cleanup - Westside drop-off location doubled the number of car trips this year over 2008. Most heard comment - provide another free cleanup day in fall.

#### **Traffic Safety Committee Report:**

- Not present.
- Road Users Safety Task Force: Support from the Bend MPO, City of Bend TSAC advisory, Bend Police Department, Bike and Pedestrian Advisory Committee and Commute Options, a concerted effort has begun for getting the word out that cyclists have the same rights and responsibilities on the roads as motorists. Their Mission is "To improve motorist-bicyclist safety by educating and encouraging all users to share the road." NAs have pledged support and will distribute 'share the road' brochures with messages for cyclists and motorists alike.
- Please visit [http://www.ci.bend.or.us/depts/bend\\_mpo/SharetheRoad.html](http://www.ci.bend.or.us/depts/bend_mpo/SharetheRoad.html) for more information, proposed Meeting Dates and Locations, and further documents. Review the brochure [http://www.ci.bend.or.us/depts/bend\\_mpo/docs/safetycard.pdf](http://www.ci.bend.or.us/depts/bend_mpo/docs/safetycard.pdf). For more information, contact Sami Fournier, 541-848-9549 or e-mail at [sami@commuteoptions.org](mailto:sami@commuteoptions.org)

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

- Westside Church - Latest meeting held
- Stormwater advisory committee meeting held April 14th, attended by Leslie
- Parks District hearing scheduled June 8th (water overlay zone) for proposed crosswalk at Portland Avenue at Pioneer Park.

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

- Not present.
- April 29 the Deschutes County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing regarding realignment of a connector trail behind Entrada Lodge. A land exchange involving BPRD is part of this plan.
- Scholarship requests are way up and funds are dwindling.
- Plan for reconstruction of the Colorado Street Dam: includes a new, shorter, narrower pedestrian bridge and three channels in the river - one for smooth floating, one for white water play, and one without access to protect the east bank of the river and its Osprey nest and other natural features. Buffers to separate the three channels. No funds for the projected \$1.7+ million project are available, however community partner groups will begin fund-raising, including collaboration between the Bend Paddle Trail Alliance, the Tumalo Langlauf Club, the Central Oregon Trail Alliance, and Silver Moon Brewery for a special "trail amber."
- Mirror Pond solutions moving forward with proposed feasibility and/or alternatives analysis (necessary prior to seeking federal or state financial assistance). The extensive "Moving Forward on Mirror Pond" report is available at [http://www/ci.bend.or.us/city\\_hall/meetings/doc/Mirror\\_Pond\\_Report.pdf](http://www.ci.bend.or.us/city_hall/meetings/doc/Mirror_Pond_Report.pdf)
- Draft of policy and procedures for scheduling special events in Bend's major parks is completed and finalized soon.
- Trail from Pioneer Park north to Revere including the First Street Rapids pedestrian bridge: grant to assist in hard surface segment of the Deschutes River Trail. (Phase I) Portland Ave crossing, ADA ramp down to Pioneer Park and trail improvements within Pioneer Park (currently funded). Trail segment (Phase II) to be constructed with an eight-foot wide asphalt surface, fully accessible route. (Phase III) bike/pedestrian river bridge, Davis Park trails and small parking lot at the end of Revere Avenue (not funded). All trail connections and bridge art part of Bend Urban Trails Plan since 1995.
- Dog park at Awbrey Reservoir site: Partial fencing and boundary markers will define the area and neighboring yards. Signs at nearby trailheads will direct people to the legal off-leash area. May 30th opening however the district doesn't anticipate that all planned improvements will be complete until June. Other park events will take place at the fully fenced off-leash sites at Ponderosa Park, Pine Nursery Park, Riverbend Park and Big Sky Park.
- Brooks Park memorial plaza is scheduled to be constructed over the summer. Improvements at Brooks Park are: extending the walkway along the river, moving the boat landing upstream, and relocating benches and picnic tables. Brooks Park will be fully accessible and well connected to surrounding sidewalks and neighborhoods.

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

- Board Chair/ Committee member roster updated and new contact list distributed.

### **Business Liaison Report:**

- Bend Downtowner's still holding "Ladies Night" on every third Thursday of the month.
- First Friday Crescendo held by Cascade Community School, June 5th during First Friday Artwalk locations downtown.

- Cascade Coupons advertising - issuing coupons by neighborhoods

**2030 Vision Report:**

- Not Present.
- New Chairman, Ruth Williamson, and adding more board members shortly
- Board members initialized an outreach campaign, contacting our 66 Lead Partners for updates to action plan.
- New Logo and tagline: Vision Builds on the Future of Bend.
- Board and Vision Task Force are preparing an updated program for the public and have some new projects to announce.
- City of Bend has a new computer program called Quiker to make updates easier.
- Tremendous response to Mirror Pond Management board rep for RWNA. Leslie Olsen and Cassie will act as board. Members have been contacted for those interested in public or technical involvement (and city has their names for mailings)

**NEXT BOARD MEETING:**

- Thursday, June 18th, 5:30pm to 7pm at McMenamin's Restaurant (between restaurant)
- ONA Meeting is June 18th, 10:30am, Council Chambers
- NA Round Table Meeting is June 18th, 12:00pm, Council Chambers
- Any resident in RWNA is invited to attend board meetings. Please RSVP to [RWNA@bendbroadband.com](mailto:RWNA@bendbroadband.com)