



River West
Neighborhood Association

Monthly Board Meeting

September 17, 2009,

5:30pm

McMenamin's courtyard

In Attendance:

Tyler Blackwell, Vice-Chair, Database Manager; Rachel Stemach, Secretary, Treasurer; Sue Vordenberg, Parks & Rec Chair; Stacey Stemach, Land-Use Chair.

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 June '09 meeting minutes.
- August's short meeting minutes to be combined with September.
- ONA Meeting - introduction of Susan Duncan at the City's new accessibility manager. Questions and comments can be addressed at ADA@ci.bend.or.us
- Open-line meeting with City Council, October 12th, 7pm at Jewell Elementary for public questions.
- Future meetings between the NA's and City Council are TBD, due to last spring's difficulties with communication and feedback.
- Topic for revisiting RWNA mission statement is postponed until Fall:
 - 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:

- Rachel to contact Justin Finestone to discuss proper protocol for utilizing funds, including invoicing, donating, etc. (or Mike Lovely if Justin not available)

Secretary's Report:

- Combining August's short meeting minutes with September's minutes.

Special Projects Organizer Report:

- Not present.
- Right Up Your Alley Report: 10 alleys from east of Awbrey to the River were walked in 1.9 miles. Conditions were documented and photographed in some instances.
- Next Alley Walk is Tuesday, September 22nd from 5 to 6pm, meeting at corner of Awbrey Rd and Portland Ave, for 10 alleys from Awbrey Road to 6th Street, and Portland Ave to Wilmington Ave.
- Purpose of Alley Walks is defined as a 'Fact-finding' only mission, and to identify the 'model' alleys, not to criticize current conditions.

Membership Chair Report:

- Not present.

Traffic Safety Committee Report:

- Not present.
- Will RWNA have safety hangers for distribution?

Land Use Committee Report:

- Leslie has officially 'handed off' chair position to Stacey. Need to verify with Barb (webmaster) that contact info is current on website, and contact Justin Finestone again to ensure that Stacey is receiving Land Use e-mails.
- Stacey and Rachel attended Pre-application meeting for Cascade School of Music to use the old BMPRD Administration Building at Pacific Park Ln. Biggest concerns are with parking on site (would like to share after business hours parking with Karnopp Peterson's lot accessed from Wall St) and drop-offs approached from Portland Ave.
- Westside Church has settled with Newport Hills neighborhood by eliminating plans for the Daycare and Maintenance buildings, as reported in the Bulletin. Newport Hills to purchase the Northwest Crossing neighborhood 'park'-designated parcel. Stacey received notice from City of Bend for designation of the parcel from RS (single-family residential) zone to 'Park' zone.
- Liquor license to 10 Barrel Brewing is only a transfer that DiLusso's Cafe already had at their Galveston location.

Parks & Rec Chair Report:

- Brooks Park Veteran's memorial is under construction, with dedication ceremony planned either Nov 7 or 11th. Watch for an announcement.
- Goose Management Plan - none of implemented population control methods have helped with the 500 resident geese in the Bend area. With expenses with cleanup, lethal action against the resident goose population (not migrant geese) is being considered, but no decision will be made until birding organizations, the public in general, land managers and regulatory agencies have had a chance to weigh in. Information about being part of the discussion will be sent out soon.
- Off-leash initial program is successful, based upon area use and improved compliance with leash laws. Upgrading of some of the parks will continue (including areas for small dogs). Dog access to the Deschutes at Riverbend Park will reopen when an erosion-causing sewer line is repaired.

- Future agenda items of possible interest: November 3 Board Meeting--construction contracts for Pacific Park to Revere Phase 1, and Pacific Park to Revere Phase 2; Colorado Street Dam Safety & Boating Improvements Study presentation.
- The District is participating in the regional Greenprint Plan for conservation and recreation. The public will be able to participate in an online survey that will be posted at some point at this site: www.deschutescountygreenprint.org. The final plan will be out in spring 2010.

E-mail/ Database Manager Report:

- No news to report.

Business Liaison Report:

- Not present.
- Oktoberfest Downtown is Sept 25th-26th on Minnesota Ave. All revenues go to support Downtown beautification.
- BendFilm is scheduled for October 8 through 11th.

2030 Vision Report:

- Not present.

Mirror Pond Management Committee:

- Leslie attended first board meeting, which included representatives from many groups, including Bend Downtowners, City Council, BMPRD, Pacific Power, Bend Chamber, Watershed Council, etc.
- City of Bend has \$10k already dedicated for initial plan, but \$500k is needed for analysis, per DEQ requirements
- Further discussions will be on setting scope and fundraising ideas.
- More information on the Committee is available at City's website: http://www.ci.bend.or.us/mirror_pond_management_board_information.html

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

- Thursday, October 15th, 5:30 to 7:00pm at Dudley's Bookstore on Minnesota Ave.
- ONA Meeting is October 15th, 10:30am, Council Chambers
- NA Round Table Meeting is October 15th, 12:00pm, Council Chambers
- Any resident in RWNA is invited to attend board meetings. Please RSVP to RWNA@bendbroadband.com