



River West Neighborhood Association

Monthly Board Meeting

November 16, 2009,

5:30pm

Hillside Inn, Annie Goldner

In Attendance:

Tyler Blackwell, Vice-Chair; Rachel Stemach, Secretary & Treasurer; Bill Kurtz, Membership; Stacey Stemach, Land-Use Chair; Edith McBean, Business Liaison; Sami Fournier, Traffic Safety Committee; Sue Vordenberg, Parks & Rec Chair; Annie Goldner, Special Projects Organizer; Leslie Olson, Stormwater Committee & Mirror Pond Committee; Gary Fowles, Good Samaritan Coordinator; Dennis O'Shea; E-mail/Database; Anne Rietz, Resident; Christina Bak, Resident.

Meeting Minutes Acronyms:

NA – Neighborhood Association

ONA – Office of Neighborhood Associations

RWNA – River West Neighborhood Association

BPRD – Bend Park & Recreation District

TSAC – Traffic Safety Advisory Committee

BPAC - Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Vice-Chair's Report:

- The board ratifies October '09 meeting minutes.
- Tyler has resigned from positions of Vice-Chair and E-mail/database. Anne Goldner elected as Interim Chair until next neighborhood elections (June 2010). Dennis O'Shea to take on E-mail/database responsibilities. Tyler to remain on board as Member-at-large.
- Webmaster position also open - Stacey may be able to fill position; will look into City of Bend web program, and contact Barb Denzler (former Webmaster).
- Marc Miller - will attend January's board meeting.
- City Council Work Session outcome (Nov. 4th meeting) - monthly rotation of NA presentations to the Council will resume in January 2010. The Council was receptive to improving communication, and complimentary of the NA's accomplishments. Several ideas and recommendations were made, and Eric King will be discussing implementing some processes with the Council, then sharing with NART meetings.
- NA Round Table Meeting (10:30am) and ONA Meeting (12:00pm) - need to fill Facilitator and Recorder positions at both NART and ONA meetings (city councilmembers may be in attendance from now on for both meetings).
- Leslie, Gary and Sami potentially should attend ONA meeting, topic on Snow Removal, sidewalk clearing, etc.

Treasurer's Report:

- Received NA fund guidelines, permitting printing, meeting expenses, Chamber Membership and pre-approved training of board members.
- Remaining FY09-10 fund has \$4,094, but no expenses have been accrued for General Meeting mailings, etc.

Secretary's Report:

- Received Century West NA e-mail with Monthly Newsletter example.

Special Projects Organizer Report:

- Right Up Your Alley Report: 42 alleys total completed, with today's walk going from south of Portland Ave to Newport, from 5th Street all the way west to 12th Street.
- Annie may be creating a database with statistics and averages on alleys, with the intention of sharing information on the program with the Bulletin in April.
- New logo presented to board, designed by resident Anne Rietz. All approved of using logo for Alley Project.
- Next Alley Walk is December 14th at 3pm, meet at corner of 11th & Newport.
- General Meeting 2010 - date set for Thursday, April 29th, 6 to 8pm, at Westside School on Kingston Ave. Topic ideas include: Traffic control and pedestrian/ bicycle safety, Alley Project presentation...

Membership Chair Report:

- No new members this month. Current member totals 625, with 31 businesses
- Website sign-up for membership still does not seem to be routing or connecting through the City of Bend. Need to send memberships directly to Bill's e-mail address instead.

Traffic Safety Committee Report:

- TSAC meetings have included a compilation of 180 problem-areas or issues, city-wide, which TSAC has decided to 'kick-back' to NA's to determine urgent items. RWNA to issue survey to neighbors for listing priority items soon.
- Bend MPO 'Share the Road' flyers handed out to board members for distribution where needed.
- Road-User Safety Task Force was nominated for Oregon Transportation Safety Leadership in Community Traffic, and received a 'Certificate of Appreciation'!

Land Use Chair Report:

- No new items have come up from Planning department.
- Neighbor question answered concerning rumors of zone change on Newport Ave. No zoning changes have occurred, and no information has been received from the City.
- Brightwood Corp. redevelopment - will check on paving requirements for Commerce Avenue, if any.
- Code change (via Robin Lewis at City) enacted concerning skateboarding and back-in parking restrictions recently included in code revisions. Stacey to find out what public input was or was not used with code language revisions.

Parks & Rec Chair Report:

- Resource Officer position is working well for law compliance, significantly better.
- Trail to Pioneer Park and First St. Rapids is in early-phase contracts. (BPRD has already held open-house meetings on this item, with extensive turnouts.)
- Sue to acquire information on park projects specific within RWNA area.

E-mail/ Database Manager Report:

- Introduction of Dennis O'Shea as new E-mail/Database Manager.
- Test e-mail sent out today by Dennis, using Constant Contact e-mail.

Business Liaison Report:

- Edith is resigning from Liaison position. Bill Kurtz can combine Business Liaison duties with Membership Chair.
- Dennis to contact Chuck Arnold (Downtown Bend) for information to include in newsletters, etc.
- Christmas Parade set for December 5th at Noon, downtown.
- Downtown Holiday Mixer - December 10th at Azura Studio (must RSVP to Downtown Bend!)
- Downtown First Friday Artwalks: Dec 4th and Dec 11th (special Bicycle theme for Dec 10th - 13th Cyclocross Championships)

2030 Vision Report:

- Not present.
- 'Letter to the Editor' in Sunday Bulletin Nov. 15, 2009 published with great overview on Bend and vision for the future.
- 2030 board is actively engaged in meeting with over 75 Lead Partners, and updating plan action items, with the goal to provide a report card this spring at a community town hall meeting.
- Brian Rankin, Bend 2030 board member and Sr. Planner for City of Bend, was invited to SE Bend NA general meeting in October.
- Check the Bend 2030 website - www.bend2030.org, and updates with social media blogs, Facebook and Twitter. The goal is to engage and build on ideas and ways we can work together, to steward the community's vision for Bend 2030 into reality.

Mirror Pond Management Committee:

- Need to hire project manager for initiating feasibility study, but there is no sponsoring agency yet.
- Committee toured Mirror Pond area from Healy Bridge to Pacific Power Dam last month.
- Next meeting is Nov. 19th at Parks & Rec headquarters.

Stormwater Management Liaison:

- No news to report.

Good Samaritan Program:

- Has a great list of volunteers, but at this point in the season, not much need.

- Gary to contact United Way (211 telephone #) about listing RWNA's program
- Goal is to reach more persons in need (especially those who do not use e-mail) by posting on grocery-store bulletin boards, TV (public service announcements through KTVZ or KOHD)
- Gary to make calls to volunteers to update list.

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

- Monday, December 14th, 4:30 to 6:00pm at Annie's house (Hillside Inn, 12th & Quincy Ave)
- ONA Meeting is November 19th, 10:30am, Council Chambers.
- NA Round Table Meeting is November 19th, 12:00pm, Council Chambers.
- Any resident in RWNA is invited to attend board meetings. Please RSVP to RWNA@bendbroadband.com