



River West
Neighborhood Association

Monthly Board Meeting

December 14, 2009

4:30pm

Hillside Inn, Annie Goldner

In Attendance:

Annie Goldner, Interim Chair & Special Projects Coordinator; Rachel Stemach, Secretary & Treasurer; Bill Kurtz, Membership & Business Liaison; Stacey Stemach, Land-Use Chair; Sami Fournier, Traffic Safety Committee; Sue Vordenberg, Parks & Rec Chair; Dennis O'Shea, E-mail/Database; Leslie Olson, Stormwater Committee & Mirror Pond Committee; Cassie Giddings, 2030 Vision & Mirror Pond Committee; Gary Fowles, Good Samaritan Coordinator; Tyler Blackwell, Member-at-large; Jim Mahoney, 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

Interim-Chair's Report:

- The board ratifies November '09 meeting minutes.
- Webmaster position is still open - Stacey can upload meeting minutes to website (needs to contact Barb Denzler (former Webmaster)).
- Shortened ONA Meeting set for December 17th (12:00pm). Councilman Oran Teater assigned as representative for RWNA, and will be invited to January's board meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

- Bend Chamber yearly dues have been paid. Need to reimburse through the City.

Secretary's Report:

- Goal to get meeting minutes finalized by end of each month so Dennis (E-mail) can include with a link in the newsletters.

Special Projects Coordinator Report:

- Right Up Your Alley Report: 65 alleys total completed, with 10 alleys completed on November 14th.
- Next Alley Walk is January 11th at 3pm, meet at corner of 14th Street and Lexington Ave.

Membership Chair & Business Liaison Report:

- One new member (via snail-mail) this month.
- Study of other NA's business liaisons: 6 NA's list businesses-related items on website. Only Summit West NA has entire list of businesses (and website links) with local monthly updates.
- RWNA needs to give businesses a reason to sign up.... such as: Business-section at end of monthly newsletter, special offers or coupons to RWNA members, free advertising, promoting "Buy Local".

Traffic Safety Committee Report:

- TSAC compilation of 180 problem-areas or issues, (high crash-high traffic incident areas, city-wide) to be discussed at Jan 12th meeting.
- Need to include link on next newsletter for members to list problem areas of concern.
- Latest ODOT Hwy. 97/ 3rd St. corridor meeting update: had 200 attendees from Hunnel neighborhood mostly

Land Use Chair Report:

- AT&T cell tower site plan application (not deemed complete). Will resubmit and include RWNA for notification, since location (Glassow Ave on Awbrey Butte) is within 500 feet of RWNA boundaries.
- COCC Culinary Institute Site Plan Application Neighborhood meeting schedule for December 16th at 4:00pm. Stacey & Rachel to attend with City paperwork required for their process. Traffic and pedestrian safety issues will be reiterated and recorded by COCC for their submission to the City.

Parks & Rec Chair Report:

- Committee wants NA's to provide information back to BPRD on concerns or ideas, not just being recipients of news.
- Approved of Peace Pole Proposal for Pacific Park. Peace Bridges, Inc is a Bend nonprofit corporation promoting nonviolent conflict resolution and peacemaking in communities throughout the world through "A Bridge to Peace" projects. Group adopted Pacific Park, to partner with BPRD in park's redevelopment. First step is to erect a "Peace Pole" in an existing landscape bed, with the pole being 8 feet tall, and either 4 or 6-sided with "May Peace Prevail on Earth" in several languages down each side. Specifics and timing yet to be determined.
- Resolution passed to support the Deschutes County Noxious Weed Advisory Board and the Deschutes County Board of Commissioners for creating a plan to enforce Oregon State Statutes for control of noxious weeds.
- Deschutes River Trail (from Pioneer Park downstream to Audia site) bid submitted for 570 lineal feet, including two concrete bridge structures and an alternate of 3700 square feet of paver pathway (does not include the proposed foot bridge near 1st Street Rapids).
- Fund balances and projected revenues (even with the phasing in SDC Methodology-driven SDC rates) will soon impact current service levels. Board is monitoring the

fiscal situations for capital improvement projects and SDC-funded projects (including currently unfunded foot bridge near 1st Street Rapids area).

- No specific topics in RWNA area until February: review of Hillside and Columbia Park Renovations, and contracts for Phase 2 of Pacific Park to Pioneer Park construction.

E-mail/ Database Manager Report:

- November newsletter sent out to 400+ members via e-mail, however results show 180 members opened the e-mail. May need to 'spice up' Subject line in e-mail.

2030 Vision Report:

- Vision-Builder Awards set for February by 2030 board.

Mirror Pond Management Committee:

- Committee hasn't met since Nov. 19th. No news to report.

Stormwater Management Liaison:

- Committee is still deep in process of information gathering, technological input, etc.
- Storm drainage pipelines throughout Bend are being cleaned and inspected for assessing status of system.

Good Samaritan Program:

- Volunteer list updated.
- Dennis was contacted through e-mail by one member concerned with snow berms.
- Ideas to reach more persons in need - 'micro' neighborhoods for taking care of locals; advertise on Dial-a-Ride and/or BAT buses, Green Energy Transport.
- Future announcements to take place on Good Morning Central Oregon news show.

Care & Share Program (Jim Mahoney)

- Optional program name - Mix & Fix
- Goals to promote sense of community (micro-neighborhood), neighbors ask/offer help, informal, and volunteer-only.
- First area consists of just 100+ homes, with first as a blueprint for future 'micros'
- Working on Mission Statement and next meeting planned for Jan. 20th.

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

- Monday, January 11th, 4:30 to 6:00pm at Brother John's Pub (12th & Galveston), room available permitting...
- NA Round Table Meeting - none for December. Regular schedule returns January 21st.
- ONA Meeting is December 17, 12pm, Council Chambers.
- Any resident in RWNA is invited to attend board meetings. Please RSVP to RWNA@bendbroadband.com

THANKS TO OUR LOCAL BUSINESS MEMBERS:

- Newport Market
- Dudley's Bookshop Cafe
- Lowe's Residential
- Nancy P's Bakery
- Firehall Partners
- Mary Jane's
- Natural Link Salon
- Top Spin Tennis
- Victorian Cafe
- Bend Downtowners Association
- Goody's
- TWW Group
- Bend Public Library
- Taylor Interior Design
- Silver Moon Brewing, Inc.
- Chow Restaurant
- Mail Boxes, Etc.
- Backcountry Chiropractic
- Ginger's Kitchenware
- Volunteer Insights
- Bend Public Library
- Westside Church
- Kanpai Restaurant
- Oregon Body & Bath
- Acadia Newport Partners, LLC
- Sunnyside Sports
- Bambini of Bend
- First Baptist Church
- Ray's Food Place
- Cartridge World
- Bella Brides
- Westside Village Partners, LLC