



River West
Neighborhood Association

Monthly Board Meeting

April 12, 2010

4:30pm

COCC Boyle Room 151

In Attendance:

Annie Goldner, Interim Chair & Special Projects Coordinator; Rachel Stemach, Secretary & Treasurer; Dennis O'Shea, E-mail/Database; Stacey Stemach, Land-Use Chair; Sue Vordenberg, Parks & Rec Chair; Bill Kurtz, Membership & Business Liaison; Cassie Giddings, 2030 Vision & Mirror Pond Committee; Gary Fowles, Good Samaritan Coordinator; Jim Mahoney, Mike Marshal, Kathy Bailey, Residents.

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

RUST-Force – Road User Safety Task Force

Resident's Discussion- Highland School Back-In Parking:

- At previous school-board meeting, RWNA board supported back-in parking option, however meeting minutes did not clarify that this was the board's response, not the support of the entire neighborhood.
- Annie to contact school board to correct the minutes.
- Next meeting is 04/13, so no time to get neighborhood opinion on the issue.

Fire-Free Weekends:

- Yard waste drop-off at Westside Recycling Depot on Simpson is available free of charge May 1/2 and May 8/9, 8am-4pm.

Micro-neighborhoods:

- In process of goal definitions, extents of information to share with neighbors.
- 'Block party' set for first week in June.

Interim-Chair's Report:

- The board ratifies March '10 meeting minutes.
- Webmaster position is still open.
- General Meeting: Limited survey response questions will be e-mailed to invited guest speakers for their responses at the meeting.

- General Meeting: Notices are to be mailed to residents April 15th.
- General Meeting: Information Tables will be for TSAC & CSR (Citizen Service Request), BPRD, 2030 & Mirror Pond, RUYA, Fire-Free cleanup, New Business & Residential Members sign-up.
- General Meeting: Setup at 6:45pm. A/V equipment provided by Tyler Deke (Stacey can assist presenters with technical assistance as needed.)
- General Meeting: Sign-in/up tables to be divided into three sections, and handout elections flyers (Bill, Dennis & Rachel)
- General Meeting: Handout flyers at meeting shall include elections nominations, list of current Board member e-mails, and City phone numbers for reporting issues.
- Elections for RWNA Executive Board to be held in June. Bylaws state that the Chair can only serve (2) consecutive terms, but then can be re-elected. Discussion on whether all board members should be part of elected officials. Board moves to postpone until the May board meeting, the discussion on whether all board positions are elected.
- Community Garden adjacent to Bend Brewery is having no success in approval, however the Fresno Avenue Garden is still planned. Contact Pam Hardy or Paul Schmitz (phone numbers are listed at sign on Fresno Ave between 16th and 17th Streets).
- Two recommendation letters composed this month - one to Tyler Deke on Bend MPO Transportation Plan support, and the other to Oregon Dept. Parks & Rec for grant application to purchase Miller Landing property for new public park.
- Dentist Dr. Hall is considering going 50-50 with the City on providing sidewalks on property abutting Newport Avenue (near College Way), City to provide cost estimate.
- Chair was contacted by a resident concerning noise from newly-opened 10 Barrel Brewing Co. on Galveston Ave. & 12th St. and responded by sending them the City's code section on noise for resident's review.

Treasurer's Report:

- Rachel to contact Justin Finestone this month for Treasury total balances, since none have been received from the City.

Secretary's Report:

- Will send updated mailing address to City of Bend, since Mailboxes, etc. has a new location on Century Dr.

Special Projects Coordinator Report:

- Next Alley Walk is Saturday, May 1st at 2pm, meet at corner of Fresno Ave. and 17th Street.
- 104 alleys have been walked so far.
- Let's Pull Together may refer to alley database to identify weed pull areas in our neighborhood.

Membership Chair & Business Liaison Report:

- Forty-five business members and growing!

- Bill and Annie to campaign 'door-to-door' to businesses along Newport, Galveston, Simpson and 14th for memberships.
- Bill to coordinate with Dennis on 'meet & greet' ad in next newsletter.
- Let's Pull Together being organized for June 12th. More information to come at next board meeting.
- General Meeting: Newport Market to post Annual Meeting info on their billboard.

E-mail/ Database Manager Report:

- Limited number of readers opened newsletter last month. 447 emails sent, 151 were opened
- Dennis to separate business members from member database into a separate list for specific future communication with business members.
- Dennis to attend internet training sessions held every Friday at Alpine Internet.

Traffic Safety Committee Report:

- Not present.

Land Use Chair Report:

- Still reviewing Land Use Development Code revisions. Will send in comments before May deadline.
- Meeting was held for Development on NW Bond (Knight & Co.) for new 2-story building, (no change of use).

Parks & Rec Chair Report:

- Goose poop management effort and results will be updated at May 4th board meeting.
- Improvements to Columbia Park are expected to be completed during the summer.
- Brooks Park and the memorial is done except for raised plantings; stop by to see changes to boat landing, etc.
- Phase II of Pacific Park to Revere Deschutes River Trail begins this month. BPRD Staff will be at the RWNA General Meeting to answer questions about this project and the future crossing of the Deschutes at First Street Rapids Park.
- Brooks Resources donated land on the West side of Archie Brigs Canyon (trail currently on east side of canyon/gulch), which will enhance trail connection from Mt. Washington Dr. to Deschutes River Trail. The gift also includes 20+ acres of land down from the trail to the Deschutes River, and up to the opposite side of the river , across from Archie Briggs Canyon. Gift totals 28+ acres and protects some beautiful canyon vistas.
- First reading of new Park rules and regulations that shall include no tobacco use of any kind on district property, no feeding of water fowl or other wild life, animal control regulations both in dog parks and elsewhere. Second reading and possible approval scheduled for May 4.
- In preparation for future changes in fees for various programs, the District will be looking at community health and welfare issues (i.e. child obesity), not just individual benefit that are or can be at least partially addressed by BPRD programs. Programs that are identified as having the most community-wide benefit will receive the greatest

subsidies, in contrast to programs of more limited benefit which need support primarily through participant fees.

2030 Vision Report:

- Community Gathering Places Inventory being developed to list gathering spaces available for public use in Bend, where community and neighborhoods can connect safely. Action. Need RWNA support as a partner to the City.
- Neighborhood/ law enforcement coordination to be promoted between neighborhoods and local law enforcement. Increasing the number of neighborhood watch groups that function alongside community policing units are to ensure safe and secure neighborhoods.

Mirror Pond Management Committee:

- RFP Bid for Project Manager to be issued 4/20/10.
- MP subcommittee will manage selection process. Bend 2030 will manage the feedback and funds.

Stormwater Management Liaison:

- Not present, no news to report.

Good Samaritan Program:

- Throughout the winter, there were few instances of help requested, but the responses overall were very positive, such as shoveling snow, neighbor driven to appointment, etc.

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

- Monday, May 3rd, 4:30 to 6:00pm at COCC Boyle Education Center, Room 151 (on College Way)
- ONA Meeting is May 20, 12:00pm, Council Chambers.
- NA Round Table Meeting is May 20, 12:30pm, Council Chambers.
- Any resident in RWNA is invited to attend board meetings. Please RSVP to RWNA@bendbroadband.com

THANKS TO OUR LOCAL BUSINESS MEMBERS:

- Barre 3 Exercise
- Arbor Tree Service
- BendTel
- Brother John's Pub
- Newport Market
- West Bend Tennis Center
- Dudley's Bookshop Cafe
- Fox's Billiards Lounge
- 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
- Make It Green LLC
- 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