



River West Neighborhood Association

Monthly Board Meeting

June 7, 2010

5:00pm

Leslie Olson's home

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 Chair; Dennis O'Shea, Newsletter & Database Chair; Sue Vordenberg, Parks & Rec Chair; Leslie Olson, Stormwater Management Committee; Cassie Giddings, 2030 Vision & Mirror Pond Committee.

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

Interim-Chair's Report:

- The board ratifies May '10 meeting minutes.
- Ballot candidates - returns received for Parks & Rec position for George Thayer, and Webmaster position for Dennis O'Shea. No nominations received for still-open positions of Webmaster or Business Liaison.
- Ballot mailing out to residents by June 11, and send back by June 28th. Each board member to provide Annie with short bio for re-election.
- NART meeting - TSAC followups, website 'theme' and land use tips listed on agenda
- Items for future survey concerning Portland Ave traffic issues: 1) stop signs at College Way, 2) stop signs at 5th, 9th and 11th Streets, 3) keep existing signs and add 4-way stop signs at Awbrey, 4) another configuration and comments

Treasurer's Report:

- IRS Form 990 has been filled out and sent in by May 17th deadline, in order to keep RWNA's non-profit 501(c)(4) status active.
- Oregon Secretary of State needs application as Non-profit Corporation re-filed in order to activate RWNA status again. It was originally set up in 2002, but information to the state was not maintained in the years since. Rachel to send in application and \$50 fee after start of FY in July.

Secretary's Report:

- Mailboxes, Etc. charges \$228 per year for a mailbox. A standard U.S. Post Office box costs just \$22 per six months. After FY starts in July, a new box will be obtained at the downtown Post Office location, and the Mailboxes, Etc. subscription will end after June 13th (with a month overlap for transferring mail).
- Look at new words to describe general meetings.

Special Projects Coordinator Report:

- Next Alley Walk is Saturday, June 19th at 2pm, meet at corner Wall St. & Franklin Ave.
- 115 alleys have been walked so far, downtown area being last remaining set to document conditions.

Membership Chair & Business Liaison Report:

- Let's Pull Together set for for June 12th, starting at 9am. Weed Pull focus will be on alleys from Newport to Portland Aves, from 5th St. to 10th St.

E-mail/ Database Manager Report:

- 160 newsletter opened by e-mail last month.
- Dennis to send out reminder e-mail to residents about weed pull on Wednesday before the event.

Traffic Safety Committee Report:

- NART meeting - discussed purchase of speed trailers with ACTS, but will need sign-off on grants and letters of support.
- MPO - beginning surveys for sidewalk inventory. A database will begin before NA's need to be actively involved in surveying.
- Art of Biking to Work - 1-hr long workshop sessions planned in the next two weeks at various locations and times for individuals interested in bicycle commuting. Info available on Bend MPO website under 'highlights'.
- Welcome Station at Cascade Lakes Scenic Byway at Century Drive discussed.
- Next TSAC meeting is Tuesday, June 8th at 8am, Sami to attend.

Land Use Chair Report:

- Several notifications received for Site Plan applications (all were for approved uses).
- Liquor licenses for Mother's Juice and Spice Box (near Ray's Food Place).
- Neighborhood Meeting Notice for Redevelopment for Simpson (landfill site) meeting June 10th, concerning overlay for mixed-use project (abuts RWNA boundaries only)
- Annie to send General Plan map and will look for land use question list file.

Parks & Rec Chair Report:

- The Board has approved a ban on the use of all tobacco products in parks.
- Geese control has been improved through the use of hazing and oiling of eggs but lethal control may still be needed. Various approaches will continue and long-term effectiveness will be monitored.

- District's \$250k grant application for purchase of defunct Miller's Landing acreage on east side of Deschutes River (across from McKay Park) has been approved by the Oregon Parks & Recreation Commission, with final approval set for July 15. Funds could be available as early as August, with the purchase taking place by end of November 2010.

2030 Vision Report:

- Action plan update has been completed for the year 2010, Bend 2030 and Lead Partners to report updates at Vision Building Summit.
- Neighborhood Association chair Brett Caldwell has been invited to represent the NA's collectively.
- NA's work with City of Bend and Brad Emerson for updates to the vision.

Mirror Pond Management Committee:

- No news to report.

Stormwater Management Liaison:

- A 'kit' of medallions indicating drains is available to small organizations volunteering to use them. Leslie to look into what types of groups may be interested.

Good Samaritan Program:

- Not present.

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

- Monday, July 12th, 5:00 to 6:30pm at Pioneer Park (Hill & Portland) with a 'potluck' picnic
- ONA Meeting is July 15, 12:00pm, Council Chambers.
- NA Round Table Meeting is July 15, 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
- Hillside Inn
- Ray's Food Place
- Cartridge World
- Bella Brides
- Westside Village Partners, LLC