



**River West**  
**Neighborhood Association**

**Monthly Board Meeting**

July 12, 2010

5:30pm

Pioneer Park

**In Attendance:**

Annie Goldner, Chair & Special Projects Coordinator; Rachel Stemach, Secretary & Treasurer; Bill Kurtz, Membership; Stacey Stemach, Land-Use Chair; Sami Fournier, Traffic Safety Chair; Sue Vordenberg, former Parks & Rec Chair; George Thayer, new Parks & Rec Chair; Gary Fowles, new Vice-Chair & Good Samaritan Coordinator; Nils Eddy, new Webmaster; Karen Swirsky, Lloyd Vordenberg, Ruth Thayer, Jane Williamson & Dana Strome, members.

**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

**Highland (Kenwood) School traffic/ safety issue:**

- Jane & Dana presented concerns over sidewalk locations, detrimental effect on large trees, traffic volume, speed and child safety on Nashville Ave, near Highland (Kenwood) School. Both recommend one-way (from roundabout) on Nashville with sidewalks on opposite side of current curb locations. Without polling the RWNA residents instantly, RWNA cannot support one scheme over another, but do understand all of the residents' concerns. Sami suggested a bike + pedestrian only corridor on Nashville to eliminate car traffic altogether, thus promoting travel options beyond the car.

**Interim-Chair's Report:**

- The board ratifies June '10 meeting minutes.
- Election outcomes - counted returns last Monday. 31 votes for nearly all members nominated. Write-ins included Nils Eddy for Webmaster, Jodi Bohon, Eric Alexander and Rudy Dory for Business Liaison, Karen Swirsky and Gary Fowles for Vice-Chair.
- New board members: Nils Eddy elected as Webmaster, and Gary Fowles elected as Vice-Chair. Business Liaison position still open at this time. Annie to follow-up with potential candidates.

- The Bulletin request from NA's about stories of interest. RWNA to wait to contribute at later date.
- Portland Ave pedestrian/bicycle surveys (TSAC request). Will consider beginning surveys in Fall when COCC classes in session to get accurate counts. Results will assist in determining stop-sign location recommendations along Portland Ave. Sami and Rachel to research work grant availabilities.
- NA Reports to City Council - may be optional when they come up, but RWNA to offer report in order to prove that NA's provide a valuable service to residents.
- Letters of support written for First St Rapids trail & bridge funding acquisition. Riverside-Franklin Bicycle & Pedestrian Corridor - RWNA letter of support for grants sent to Robin Lewis for inclusion in application. Design review meetings set for 7/29 and repeated 8/05 at 4pm-6pm in City Council Chambers
- Theft incidents update: talked with Bend PD/ City of Bend to discuss theft increases. Databases indicate widespread thefts throughout Bend (not concentrated on one particular area).
- Board member contact information sent around for updates/ corrections.

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

- Rachel to send in application as Non-profit to Oregon Secretary of State, but will wait to get new mailbox # assigned first.

#### **Secretary's Report:**

- Mailboxes, Etc. paid up through Aug. 12th. On waiting list for USPS mailbox at downtown location (expected to open up in a couple weeks). Will need to coordinate address forwarding as soon as our mailbox # is assigned.
- Received 'thank you' letter from C. Howard for donating to 2010 Weed Pull.
- Newsletters indicate '2009' instead of '2010' at the top with month - need to correct

#### **Special Projects Coordinator Report:**

- Alley Walk - last segment north of downtown (off of Division/Revere Ave.), Stacey to document prior to strategy meeting
- RUYA strategy meeting set for Saturday, Aug. 28th at 1pm at Karen Swirsky's home (1199 NW Quincy)

#### **Membership Chair & Business Liaison Report:**

- No news to report.

#### **E-mail/ Database Manager Report:**

- Not present.

#### **Traffic Safety Committee Report:**

- Next TSAC meeting is Tuesday, August 10th at 8am.

#### **Land Use Chair Report:**

- COCC Health Careers Building - received public meeting notice (Aug. 4th)
- Site plan design review for Allen Rd residence adding attached garage

- Liquor licenses for Winestyles (moving to Galveston Ave, from Pence Ln.)

**Parks & Rec Chair Report:**

- Miller's Landing acreage purchase - Turst for Public Lands holding fundraiser at High Desert Museum for matching grants
- Columbia Park upgrade this summer - neighborhood meeting held June 28th
- Deschutes River Trail connection at Portland Ave-Pioneer Park - excavation for new ramp verified location of sinkholes at Portland Ave, prompting immediate emergency repair, but still on schedule

**2030 Vision Report:**

- Not present.

**Mirror Pond Management Committee:**

- Not present.

**Stormwater Management Liaison:**

- Not present.

**Good Samaritan Program:**

- No news to report.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING:**

- Monday, September 13th, 5:30 to 7:00pm at COCC Board Room (Boyle Education Center).
- ONA Meeting is August 19, 12:00pm, Council Chambers.
- NA Round Table Meeting is August 19, 12:30pm, Council Chambers.
- Any resident in RWNA is invited to attend board meetings. Please RSVP to [RWNA@bendbroadband.com](mailto: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