



River West Neighborhood Association

Monthly Board Meeting

January 31, 2011

5:30pm

The Loft of Bend - 919 Bond

In Attendance:

Annie Goldner, Chair & Special Projects Coordinator; Gary Fowles, Vice-President & Good Samaritan Coordinator; Rachel Stemach, Secretary & Treasurer; Bill Kurtz, Membership; Stacey Stemach, Land-Use Chair; Sami Fournier, Traffic Safety Chair; Dennis O'Shea, Newsletter & Database Chair; Leslie Olson, Stormwater Management Committee; George Thayer, Member; Barb McAusland, Member; Betsy Warriner, Director of Volunteer Connect.

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

RUYA – Right Up Your Alley (special project)

Volunteer Connect

- Betsy Warriner, director of the Non-profit, brought brochures to hand out to residents about the volunteer program, and to see if RWNA would like to post volunteer needs on their website.

Stormwater Management in West Hills

- Barb McAusland contacted Mike Linkoff at City with concerns on West Hills' stormdrain system. Cleanouts have occurred on Newport, with some improvements on plantings, but Barb mentioned issues on new impervious paving, excessive topsoils, abandoned property maintenance, etc.
- Tuesday, April 11th at 6:30pm to 8pm at Brooks Room at DPL - presentation on stormwater maintenance for interested residents. Barb to coordinate topics with City of Bend personnel.

Chair's Report:

- The board ratifies December '10 meeting minutes.
- Topic discussion for next NART meeting - Cheryl Howard beginning efforts to count sidewalks. More to come on volunteer needs and training, and how to possibly coordinate with RUYA.

- Livability (Member) Survey - Nils to create survey in Constant Contact and send to membership via e-mail by Feb. 15th. Members without e-mail addresses, will receive survey by snail mail. Leslie and other board members to phone membership as follow-up to distribution.
- Spring Fling (formerly known as General Meeting) date revised to June 11th at 10am, to avoid PPP weekend. Stacey to reserve space at 10 Barrel Brewing for the event.
- RWNA Report to City Council set for October 5th.
- Insurance - RWNA is covered under the City's Liability Insurance.
- NART meeting discussion on Chamber of Commerce membership - Mike Lovely to get more information.
- NART facilitator to be a rotating (6-month) schedule headed by each NA Chairperson. New format instated for speakers for first half-hour, then any Q&A, and then decide whether to suspend other remaining agenda items for a separate meeting.
- E-mail from COCC student on implementing a community garden somewhere, asking for RWNA support.
- Eric King contacted about having Scott Ramsay as RWNA's liaison, but no response yet from Mr. Ramsay.
- City working on new NA brochure to be located at City Hall and Chamber, and will be updating the NA's websites in six months.
- City Council is seeking input from RWNA residents for proposed westside street improvements to be included in the May bond measure, including improvements along 14th/ Century Dr. from Galveston to Simpson Ave.

Treasurer's Report:

- We have \$583.72 remaining in the savings account, and our remaining annual budget through the City is currently at \$4,051 out of our allotted \$4,365.

Secretary's Report:

- All board meeting minutes are being posted and is up-to-date on City of Bend's website

Special Projects Coordinator Report:

- Next RUYA strategy meeting is March 7th from 6-7:30pm (dinner provided) at Annie's home (Hillside Inn)- review draft report - postponed from Jan. 24th.
- Need to contact Eric King to determine if RUYA should be presented as private or publicly (City Council, City staff, etc)
- March goal for a presentable version of RUYA project

Membership Chair & Business Liaison Report:

- One new member.
- Annie to e-mail updated membership form to board members.

Newsletter/ Database Manager Report:

- Dennis to continue with Newsletter efforts.

Traffic Safety Committee Report:

- Last meeting on Jan 18th - Sami mentioned RWNA's importance on successful traffic counts and successful Riverside Ped-bike ODOT grant.
- Citizen service requests - about 50 have been resolved (with 83 being dismissed due to low priority or a non-safety issue) and 104 still unresolved, with 50 still in to be reviewed. Another meeting is planned to address remaining requests and responses to items.
- Next BPAC meeting is 12pm on Feb. 3rd.

Land Use Chair Report:

- Steidl Road tri-plex project site plan public meeting held Jan. 6th, with proposal to waive standards for public right-of-way, including fire access on sub-standard residential roads. Public meeting proved there is as much confusion as the original project start in 2006. Comment period extended for added lawyer input.
- Liquor licenses - one received for a business on 14th and another on Newport Ave.
- Galveston Improvement Corridor - second meeting held earlier today. Citizen task force, with cooperation from City (chartered) to develop a 'vision' from the River up to 14th Street. Nick Arnis, Rick Root, Robin Lewis, Brian Rankin, Al Tozer, Jennifer Bass, Sally Russell. Poll set to send out to Galveston businesses. Results to be sent with Citizen Initiative to City of Bend.
- Neighborhood Public Meeting set for Feb 4th at 5:30pm for review of height variance request for Deschutes Brewery addition along Colorado Ave.

Parks & Rec Chair Report:

- Position vacant.
- Need to issue RFP for engineer services on First St. Rapids planning.
- Columbia Park renovations have begun.

2030 Vision Report:

- Not present.
- Living Cities Design Challenge (through International Living Building Institute and the U.S. Green Building Council) design competition to be submitted tomorrow.

Mirror Pond Management Committee:

- Meeting held last week. Will forward meeting notes onto board members, if available.

Stormwater Management Liaison:

- Issues with debris and street cleanup and sanding material. Leslie to contact Hardy Hansen to see if a street cleaning schedule if available.

Good Samaritan Program:

- Coordination with volunteers for snow removal at bus stops, and all stops covered for shoveling, except for a couple in front of rental units and at city-owned properties.
- Expose/showcase great businesses on sidewalk winter maintenance.
- Early stage planning for weed clean-up for the 12th & Union Triangle. Gary to coordinate.

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

- Monday, March 14th from 5:30 to 7:00pm, at The Loft of Bend conference room (Second Floor at 919 Bond St, above Zydeco Restaurant) Meals or appetizers/ drinks can be ordered during the meeting.
- ONA Meeting is February 17th at 12:00pm, Council Chambers.
- NA Round Table Meeting is February 17th at 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