



River West Neighborhood Association

Monthly Board Meeting

March 14, 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; Stacey Stemach, Land-Use Chair; Sami Fournier, Traffic Safety Chair; Leslie Olson, Stormwater Management Committee; Cassie Giddings, Bend 2030 Liaison & Mirror Pond Committee; Scott Ramsay, City Councilor, Maddy Simmons, 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

RUST-Force – Road User Safety Task Force

RUYA – Right Up Your Alley (special project)

City Council

- Scott Ramsay introduced himself as the newest city councilmember and our assigned councilor with whom we will have direct contact with. He hopes to attend as many board meetings as possible.

Chair's Report:

- The board ratifies January '11 meeting minutes.
- 2011 Member Survey - 157 total responses (about a 25% turnout of all total members), with 115 e-mailed responses. Annie to compile synopsis of most-popular responses and comments that can be shared with membership via newsletter, new Facebook page, and at the Summer Fling.
- Summer Fling (formerly known as General Meeting) date revised to June 11th at 10am. 10 Barrel Brewing is supportive of having the event at/near the pub.
- RWNA is already a member in Volunteer Connect under the City's account.
- 12th & Union Triangle - spring cleanup and drip irrigation maintenance (until all plants are established) needed soon. Gary Fowles, Eric Ballinger and Kelly Powell to coordinate cleanup efforts in spring.
- Database cleanup completed. Constant Contact limit is 500 members, then our monthly fee doubles over 500. Annie to consolidate duplicates in same household or e-mail addresses.

- Deschutes County Comprehensive Plan to have public hearings starting Tuesday, March 29th.

Treasurer's Report:

- We have \$583.72 in our savings account, some of which is available to cover maintenance at 12th & Union Triangle when its not covered by the City.

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 28th from 6-7:30pm the Loft of Bend (919 Bond) to review draft report - postponed from March 7th.
- Need to contact Eric King to determine if RUYA should be presented as private or publicly (City Council, City staff, etc).
- April goal for a presentable version of RUYA project.

Membership Chair & Business Liaison Report:

- Not present.
- 735 members, including one new member; 57 business members (including one new addition)

Newsletter/ Database Manager Report:

- Not present.

Traffic Safety Committee Report:

- Citizen service requests (CSR's) - March 15th meeting will address the outstanding 50 still in to be reviewed and how to break them up according to limited NA volunteer involvement.
- Last TSAC meeting concerned Transportation Bond "Option A" as the selection to send to voters in May, which includes 12 projects total, with 5 major projects showcased on list. Once (or if) the bond is passed by voters, then project details will be scoped out and detailed. If not passed, Councilman Ramsay ensured us the projects waiting will need to be funded by other means, and does not mean that current road maintenance will be deferred in any way.
- Cheryl Howard and volunteers to go door-to-door to spread awareness of high-speed traffic issues in certain Awbrey Butte & Shevlin Meadows areas.

Land Use Chair Report:

- Steidl Road tri-plex project is quiet until further notice on any site plan comments.
- Galveston Improvement Corridor - third meeting occurred last week. Citizen task force, with cooperation from City (chartered) to develop a 'vision' from the River up to 14th Street. Poll set to send out to Galveston businesses. Results to be sent with Citizen Initiative to the City of Bend.

- Neighborhood Public Meeting occurred Feb 4th for a small height variance request for Deschutes Brewery addition along Colorado Ave.
- Development Code tune-up input is due March 17th. Need to address out-of-date information in full City operational code as well as some development code items.

Parks & Rec Chair Report:

- Position vacant.

2030 Vision Report:

- Over 60 core members, including NA's.
- Continuously holding brainstorm sessions on ways to involve 2030 goals as part of communities. Request advisory and technical feedback about Mirror Pond ideas.

Mirror Pond Management Committee:

- Meeting scheduled for March 29th. RFP in process of being released for study.

Stormwater Management Liaison:

- Westside Stormwater Meeting set for April 11th at 6pm to 7:30pm at the Brooks Room at the Deschutes Co. Library. Leslie is working with Barbara McAusland to organize speakers and presentation on neighborhood's storm water issues and new ordinance.
- Draft Ordinance available for review, Leslie provided feedback two weeks ago during last meeting.
- Wendy Eddy (city engineer) prepared a walking tour (or resource) draft on stormwater systems utilized in Bend, with intentions to have pamphlets available at City Hall and JSFC main office, etc.
- Open house public meeting to occur in the near future.... Leslie to get details.
- RWNA Facebook page has been made, but in order to 'go public', we need 25 members to Like it. It was suggested to have a few board members with administrative access so that more than one board member can post information, links and photos.

Good Samaritan Program:

- Snow shoveling requests not that frequent.
- Early stage planning for weed clean-up for the 12th & Union Triangle. Gary to coordinate with Eric Ballinger and Kelly Powell.

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

- Monday, April 11th from 5:00 to 6:00pm, at The Brooks Room at the Downtown Deschutes Co. Library.
- NA Round Table Meeting is April 21st at 12:00pm, Council Chambers.
- Any resident in RWNA is invited to attend board meetings. Please RSVP to RWNA@bendbroadband.com

THANKS TO OUR LOCAL BUSINESS MEMBERS:

- Mother's Juice
- 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