



River West Neighborhood Association

Monthly Board Meeting

July 11, 2011

6:00pm

The Loft of Bend - 919 Bond

In Attendance:

Annie Goldner, Chair & Special Projects Coordinator; Gary Fowles, Vice-Chair & Good Samaritan Coordinator; Rachel Stemach, Secretary & Treasurer; Bill Kurtz, Membership; Stacey Stemach, Land-Use Chair; Dennis O'Shea, Newsletter; Carla Cook, Rental Property Special Projects.

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

RUYA – Right Up Your Alley (special project)

Chair's Report:

- The board ratifies June '11 meeting minutes.
- Board voted not to forward onto residents info not directly affecting our neighborhood, such as county-wide announcements or items effecting other parts of town.
- Next NART meeting (July 21) to discuss City Resolution on future support for NA's, including requiring annual reporting in order to receive any communication funds, reducing City involvement to minimal levels, etc.
- 'Summer Get-Together' (General Meeting) results - over 80 participants, with an unprecedented turnout, most likely due to location/ timing of event and high visibility.
- Noise level issues - trouble areas including 12th & Galveston, Commerce & 14th. Bend City code lists 65 decibel level as a guide only. Steve Esselstyn at Bend PD explained how Special Event permits process and the restrictions involved, but when everyday noise and congestion is the issue, residents should call the the non-emergency # for help. (541-693-6911) The goal is to communicate information on the code for compliance, but NA cannot enforce compliance. Residents need to try to resolve issues first and then get assistance from Bend Police.
- Committee to form to address noise complaints - Sally Russell has agreed to lead this process and will meet with Steve Esselstyn, Annie and Carla soon
- Kids at Play signs are available for purchase (e-mail sent out for the offer already)

Treasurer's Report:

- Paid yearly \$50 fee to Oregon Secretary of State for Non-profit status.
- Paid yearly \$46 fee to USPS for mailbox rental.
- Savings account has a \$609.30 balance.

- New fiscal year began July 1st.

Secretary's Report:

- No news to report.

Special Projects Coordinator Report:

- Next RUYA strategy meeting is in September 12th at The Loft (919 Bond).
- Idea of dumpster available to a selected alley for cleanup (either paid for or donated?). With completion of cleanup, perhaps a gravelled alley courtesy of the City.
- Possibility of establishing an "Alley of the Year" award for those improving conditions and fostering community involvement, perhaps as a permanent or functional sculpture that stays in designated alley for the year.

Membership Chair & Business Liaison Report:

- Gained 30 new members from June's general meeting.
- Total memberships is at 724 plus 56 business members.
- Bill & Annie to arrange a door-to-door visit in August for business member sign-ups.
- Weed Pull results - 30+ total attendees this year, including 5 or 6 to pull at 12th & Union Triangle.

Newsletter/ Database Manager Report:

- Next newsletter focus to be on Neighborhood Get-Together (General Meeting), Weed Pull and alley cleanup results, and completion of Columbia Park.
- Paid ahead (6 months) already but reduced new survey fees with Constant Contact until needed.
- Of 469 e-mail invitations on General Meeting, 214 (47%) were opened/ viewed.

Traffic Safety Committee Report:

- Not present.
- Need an attendee for TSAC meetings for the next few months while Sami is on maternity leave. Gary to attend meetings when possible.

Land Use Chair Report:

- Public meeting invitation for reroute & connection of Loop Road around COCC held June 30th.
- AT&T cell tower request of variance and Site Plan alteration for a 20' driveway on COCC property with 100' wide easement landscape buffer.
- Liquor license applications for Astro Lounge (new Bond St. location), Primal Cuts Meat Market (on Galveston), and Boneyard Beer (NW Lake Place).

Parks & Rec Chair Report:

- Position vacant.
- Update from Steve Jorgensen on Deschutes River Trail Phase III (First St to Revere). Grant funding and cost issues with ODOT have been cleared up and consultant for environmental evaluation and design has been determined. A tentative open-house date of August 24th is set for preliminary design options, with a second open-house to follow two months later with alternatives.

- Davis Park Master Plan design process will be conducted concurrently with the DRT III process.

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 19th from 6:00pm to 7pm, at The Loft - Second Floor of the 919 Bond Building (above Zydeco Restaurant).
- NA Round Table Meeting is August 18th at 12:00pm, Council Board Room.
- 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
- Baked.
- Arbor Tree Service
- BendTel
- Brother John's Pub
- Newport Market
- West Bend Tennis Center
- Ambient Architecture
- Dudley's Bookshop Cafe
- Fox's Billiards Lounge
- Lowe's Residential
- Nancy P's Bakery
- Ariana
- 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
- Volunteer Insights
- Bend Public Library
- Westside Church
- Kanpai Restaurant
- Oregon Body & Bath
- Acadia Newport Partners, LLC
- Sunnyside Sports
- Bambini of Bend
- Ace Hardware
- First Baptist Church
- Hillside Inn
- Ray's Food Place
- Cartridge World
- Bella Brides
- Westside Village Partners, LLC