



River West Neighborhood Association

Monthly Board Meeting

October 17, 2011

5:30pm

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; Kurt Petrich, Parks & Recreation Liaison; Cassie Giddings, Bend 2030 Liaison & Mirror Pond Committee; Jan Gifford, OBNA Member; John Kelly, OBNA Member; Lt. Chris Carney, City of Bend Police Department; Jim Mahoney, Member & First St. Rapids Group; Moira Curley, Member.

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)

John Kelly (OBNA member) visited to gather RWNA's interest in fence exclusions within the Waterway Overlay Zone code change with the City. RWNA board suggests holding a combined OBNA and RWNA meeting to review the issue and have discussions on best way to proceed with the code refinements.

Lt. Carney - Bend PD will assign an officer to each NA to formulate bonds and dialogue with community members. Officers will be fully aware of local trends, investigations and crimes. Annie to cc Chris and Brian Kindel on communications with the board, and monthly and annual meetings.

Summit West NA is coordinating seminar on developing Neighborhood Watch programs. RWNA to send out invitation soon, date and location TBD.

Chair's Report:

- The board ratifies September '11 meeting minutes.
- Code Resolution for NA relationship with City of Bend has been accepted by Council.
- Board unanimously voted to amend by-laws, which clarifies information about RWNA. Leslie attended council meeting on Oct. 5th to provide the board's letter and a short speech to the Councilors.
- Report to City Council is October 19th at Council Chambers at 7pm (reviewed 5-minute, 17-page slide presentation) for update on Riverwest's current projects, participation, and efforts to foster residential and business interaction.

Treasurer's Report:

- Received our filing confirmation from IRS.

Secretary's Report:

- No news to report.

Special Projects Coordinator Report:

- "Alley of the Year" award presented alley residents on 12th Galveston/Elgin in September.
- Option to walk selected alleys this fall if there is an interest.

Membership Chair & Business Liaison Report:

- Gained two new members this month.
- Gossamer Knitting and adjacent businesses still coordinating a sidewalk/ holiday fair later in the fall.

Newsletter/ Database Manager Report:

- Not present.

Traffic Safety Committee Report:

- Kirsten Pierson to attend Tuesday's TSAC meeting in Sami's absence.

Land Use Chair Report:

- Journey Church located in the basement level of former Elks Club building at Newport bridge - need Conditional Use public meeting. RWNA to input concerns on usual noise and traffic levels.
- Code tune-up packet received today (focus on planned neighborhood developments utilizing multi-modal concepts). Public hearings will be set.
- Galveston Improvement Corridor project to hold an open house on Thursday, November 17th from 6 to 9pm, at the Sons of Norway Lodge between Harmon and Columbia.

First Street Rapids Representative:

- Jim Mahoney (in Pam's absence) - First St Rapids/ Davis Park BPRD to present three alternatives (in January possibly) to be based on input received from Open House held last month.

Parks & Recreation Chair:

- Missed first meeting last month, but will attend tomorrow's BPRD open session.

2030 Vision Report:

- No news to report.

Mirror Pond Management Committee:

- Board met Oct. 3rd. Received updates from project manager Michael McLandress on the study's accomplishments so far. There is a steering committee meets monthly to assist in process.

- Efforts to engage congressional delegation for federal assistance. Senator Merkley toured Mirror Pond in his June visit.
- RFP's for consultants were issued in May, with two qualified proposers received. Evaluation committee interviewed both consultants and decided on Cascade Environmental Group with JLA (public involvement firm). They will come back with firm numbers and some additions that the committee asked for, and a timeline for the Phase 1 part of the study.
- The Mirror Pond board felt that Phase 1 should not start until funding is cleared up for Phase 2, which may involve a ballot measure to create a special funding district. This part of the project may be accomplished in the next two years, just to get the baseline data and engage the community in a preferred alternative.

Stormwater Management Liaison:

- No news to report.

Good Samaritan Program:

- Need assistance for next season on finding responsive volunteers (e-mail notices not being answered).
- Volunteer program user interfaces are available online (charges up to \$50 a month), or with a shared Google Docs and Calendar, and is used extensively for bike racing and festival volunteers in Bend. Kurt can assist in setting up a smart-phone app to alert volunteers in a timely manner.

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

- Monday, November 28th from 5:30pm to 7pm, at The Loft - Second Floor of the 919 Bond Building (above Zydeco Restaurant).
- NA Round Table Meeting is October 20th at 12:00pm, Council Board Room.
- Any resident in RWNA is invited to attend board meetings. Please RSVP to RWNA@bendbroadband.com