



## **River West Neighborhood Association**

### **Monthly Board Meeting**

April 16, 2012

5:30pm

919 Bond Office Suites

#### **In Attendance:**

Annie Goldner, Chair & Special Projects Coordinator; Gary Fowles, Vice-Chair & Good Sam. Coordinator; Rachel Stemach, Secretary & Treasurer; Kurt Petrich, Parks & Rec Liaison; Stacey Stemach, Land-Use Chair; Leslie Olson, Stormwater & Facebook; Sami Fournier, TSAC Liaison; Cassie Giddings, Bend 2030 Vision & Mirror Pond Liaison; Lori Petrich, Member; Pratt Rather, 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)

#### **Chair's Report:**

- The board ratifies March '12 meeting minutes.
- General Meeting to be held at Good Life Brewery Beer Garden on Saturday, June 23rd, from 10am to 11:30am. Everyone is welcome to follow up with lunch. Topic to be "Future of the Westside", containing RUYA, Galveston Improvement Corridor, Riverside Bike-Ped Grant, City of Bend street improvements, and other related project updates.
- Board elections for Board Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. Nominations e-mail sent out and due back May 1st. Election ballots will be issued on May 7th. Ballots will be counted on May 22nd board meeting.
- Bill Kurtz to contact Newport Market about an election reminder on their sign.
- Fire-Free weekend is set for May 4th and 5th and again May 11th and 12th, from 8am to 4:00pm, with Westside Transfer station on Simpson Ave.
- Let's Pull Together weed pull is set for June 9th at Highland Magnet School (Kenwood) from 9am to 11am.

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

- Assisted Summit West's treasurer on registering for a non-profit status.
- \$100 donated from City of Bend funds for annual 'Let's Pull Together' weed pull event.
- Volunteer Connect yearly fee is covered in full by the City for all NA's.
- Savings account currently has \$634.82, most of which is earmarked for a permanent sign at 12th & Union Triangle, which Kelly Powell will be acquiring.

**Secretary's Report:**

- No news to report.

**Special Projects Coordinator Report:**

- No news to report.

**Membership Chair & Business Liaison Report:**

- Several new members gained since the Boondocks-Liquid Club survey was distributed.
- Not present.

**Newsletter/ Database Manager Report:**

- Not present.
- Newsletter opens are up, to just under 200.
- Dennis will include Fire Free yard debris info in April/May newsletter issue.

**Traffic Safety Committee Report:**

- Galveston Improvement Corridor is receiving much interest in pushing towards a design phase.
- Rick Root will hopefully be able to present/ answer questions about project during the General Meeting.
- CSR (Citizen Service Request) list volume is of concern, and is back on discussion on how to involve NA's as reviewers/ task force as well as at an administrative level.
- Bike lane laws - no Oregon location or community has had public hearings on determinations about safety of bike lanes or paths. Provision exists in ORS requiring cyclists to use bike paths, but only if a public hearing was held.
- 14th St and Skyliners detour for the Mt. Washington Drive - Simpson Ave roundabout construction will be in effect for most of the summer.

**Land Use Chair Report:**

- Rimrock Ct additional residence addition application was revoked by owner.
- Boondocks- Liquid Club liquor license questionnaire results posted on our website.
- Application received for antenna cell signal addition at Namaspa building on 12th and Fresno. Annie sent contact info Land Services Northwest (Verizon realtor for antenna placement in Central Oregon) to concerned residents for further discussion.

**First Street Rapids Representative:**

- Not present.
- Tree cutting at River Trail - trunks will be used to block some human-made trails that are causing bank erosion.
- Unleashed dogs are increased problem along trail, also causing erosion and menacing wildlife, as well as failure of owners to clean up excrement.
- Bridge plan is going to the planning commission next week. Some residents are communicating with Robin Laughlin at BPRD on development potential and improvement at Davis Park and associated timeline.

**Parks & Recreation Chair:**

- BPRD meeting set for 4/17.
- Water park/ play area at Old Mill/ Colorado Ave is not a priority for the next five years, but visualizations are being developed in the meantime.

**2030 Vision Report:**

- Accelerate Bend' presentation set for may 24th at Tower Theatre at 7pm, free of charge. Goals to to engage conversations on economy, education, health, safety and environment.
- 5-year programs arranged to focus on short-term goals, with 6-month updates.

**Mirror Pond Management Committee:**

- Meeting held two weeks ago.
- Parks and Recreation survey recently asked Mirror Pond-related questions for a bond measure to fund feasibility studies.

**Stormwater Management Liaison:**

- No news to report.

**Noise Control Liaison:**

- Noise ordinance sent to City Council for 4/18 work session, with a focus to fast-track the issue for approval before the start of the summer concert season. Refinements may include monetary fines and other actions.
- Allen to send full report to the Board.

**Good Samaritan Program:**

- No news to report.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING:**

- Tuesday, May 22nd at 5:30pm. Location at Good Life Brewery at Century Center.
- NA Round Table Meeting is May 17th at 12:00pm, Council Board Room.
- Any resident in RWNA is invited to attend board meetings. Please RSVP to [RWNA@bendbroadband.com](mailto:RWNA@bendbroadband.com)