

## **River West Neighborhood Association**

Monthly Board Meeting

August 21, 2008, 5:30pm

Hurricane's Restaurant

### **In Attendance:**

Tyler Blackwell, Vice-Chair, Database Manager; Rachel Stemach, Secretary, Treasurer; Bill Kurtz, Membership; Leslie Olson & Stacey Stemach, Land-Use Committee; Sue Vordenberg, Parks & Rec Liaison; Annie Goldner, General Meeting Organizer; Cassie Giddings, Sidewalks & Crosswalks, 2030 Vision

### **Vice-Chair's Report:**

- NA Round table meeting - discussion on crosswalks and traffic concerns, Awbrey Butte NA has two sets of bylaws- one governing the old association this is correct by City standard, and the other one which is a result of organizing the 501-3c. They want to change the name to Bend Northwest Neighborhood Association.
- City of Bend General NA meeting - City attorney Jim Forbes has informed us that the City Council has passed a resolution regarding NA Annual meetings, requiring the NA's to hold only one annual meeting a year.
- RWNA to amend bylaws to reflect general meeting change.

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

- The City will not be sending NA Treasurers monthly updates as before; RWNA will need to track our own account and give Justin Finestone updates as needed. Treasurer can ask for a budget balance after costs from the Fall meeting are over (about halfway through the financial year)
- No new activity to the general and/ or Triangle Park account this month.

### **Secretary's Report:**

- No news to report

### **General Meeting Organizer Report:**

- Fall meeting set for Thursday, November 13th. Board opted for Fall Meeting 2008, and skip Spring 2009 meeting.
- Annie to create rough agenda for the next RWNA board mtg. Topic will be the issues important to our neighborhood as uncovered in last falls survey.
- Will contact potential key speakers from City (Eric King), Traffic/Roads (Nick Arnis) and Parks & Recreation (Bruce Ronning)

### **Membership Chair Report:**

- No news to report

**Land Use Committee Report:**

- Westside Church - have asked City to send corrected proposal (on August 5th) but no response received yet.
- Proterra LLC - Hearing for plan amendment and zone change from Light Industrial (IL) to Mixed Employment (ME) is scheduled for September 3rd at 7pm. Request for Opinion written up to submit to members.
- Steidl Road LLC - Hearing outcome - Type II Site Plan application submitted for a variance for right-of-way interference.

**Traffic Chair Report:**

- Cassie has been attending TSAC meetings when possible. TSAC is continually working on traffic calming, and they have a specific process to go through.

**Parks & Rec Chair Report:**

- Dog off-leash park planning continues with location, access, education, and enforcement being key components of discussions. Neighborhood Associations will be asked to participate in obtaining neighborhood-specific feedback once initial plans are more firm. A workshop will be held in late Sept/early Oct for Liaisons on what input is wanted and how it should be obtained. (we may need a substitute to attend the workshop.)
- The Trails Master Plan and the Ponderosa Park Master Plan were approved. Both are "conceptual plans and changes may be made during each phase of development.
- Fall registration can be accomplished on-line or phone-in.
- Talks in the Parks have been successful with 30 to 35 attendees each time.
- Board members have met with Ron Wyden to identify roads with heavy recreational use in Central Oregon. That use can help in getting grants for improving such roads (because of associated economic benefit from more recreational users coming to use the road). Skyliners Road has already potentially been earmarked for improvements, including bike lanes.

**E-mail/ Database Manager Report:**

- Two members lost due to email bounce backs. The database is current and backed up
- Only some minor email correspondence this month.
- We have a laptop for the use of the board; if anyone needs it, ask Tyler

**Webmaster Report:**

- E-mail any new information to Barb if it needs to be on website

**Business Liaison Report:**

- Not present

**2030 Vision Report:**

- Communication needed to streamline operations for City staff, not to overwhelm them, but board members will need to be persistently 'vocal' to be heard.

- Next 2030 meeting is October 6th at Bend Senior Center - volunteers will learn through involvement in process; the City needs volunteers who can relate and interact with the public entities.

#### **12th & Union Triangle Project Report:**

- Not Present
- Installation of the Drip Irrigation system went very well, special thanks to all those that came out and helped! Also, special thanks to Scott Miller Irrigation who donated supplies and time to get things up and running!

#### **Sidewalks & Crosswalks Project Report:**

- Cassie contacted Tony Tirico, P.E. at the City of Bend for paint striping update.
- 11th and Newport sidewalk crossing striping is approved and is on the work list for the City of Bend maintenance team, but it is difficult to gauge when it will happen. City of Bend is required and will need to install an ADA curb ramp first, before sidewalk striping crews can paint.

#### **Good Samaritan Program Coordinator Report:**

- Not present
- The position will become more involved once inclement weather returns...

#### **NEXT BOARD MEETING:**

- Thursday, September 25th, 5:30pm-7:00pm at Hurricane's.
- Any resident in RWNA is invited to attend board meetings. Please RSVP to [RWNA@bendbroadband.com](mailto:RWNA@bendbroadband.com)