

River West Neighborhood Association

Monthly Board Meeting

November 20, 2008, 5:30pm

Hurricane's Restaurant

In Attendance:

Tyler Blackwell, Vice-Chair, Database Manager; Rachel Stemach, Secretary, Treasurer; Leslie Olson & Stacey Stemach, Land-Use Committee; Annie Goldner, General Meeting Organizer; Edith McBean, Business Liaison; Guest, RWNA resident.

General Information:

- NA round-table - Snow Removal Budget discussion and limited budget availability. More information available at City website: http://www.ci.bend.or.us/home/snow_removal_information.html
- UGB (Urban Growth Boundary) meeting generated much interest throughout Bend - should this be a topic for the general meeting? Stacey to call member Aaron Henson, City Planner to see about potential topic discussion at a later venue other than the general meeting.

Vice-Chair's Report:

- Waiting to hear from the City on our purposed bylaws changes. Tyler to follow up with them.

Treasurer's Report:

- Budget for 2008-2009 is at \$5,095, and no funds have been used.

Secretary's Report:

- Will fill out Annual Compliance form (when requested by City).

General Meeting Organizer Report:

- General Meeting has been set for January 29 at Westside Magnet School (Kingston)
- Mailer deadline to be sent out January 13th.
- Topic is "Let's Talk About.....City Budget Cuts and the Recession and the Impact on the Quality of Life on the Westside"
 - Reduced City budgets impact on Public Works (street repair, snow removal). RWNA to contact Eric King to update on budget.
 - Transportation - BAT to continue routes/ fees until cuts are decided next year.
 - Taxes - how these are calculated based on assessed values. RWNA to contact Scot Langton, Deschutes Co. Tax Assessor.
 - RWNA Good Samaritan Program Coordinator needs to be up and running soon when bad weather sets in.

Membership Chair Report:

- Not present.

Land Use Committee Report:

- Westside Church - Still waiting for decision on hearing.
- Planning Commission Hearings - Monday, Dec 8th @ 5:30pm - several hearings taking place: Water overlay to stormwater pump station, development code amendments (with changes including notifying residents & NA's)

Parks & Rec Chair Report:

- Veteran's Memorial conceptual plan is in place and completion will be targeted for a Veteran's Day, perhaps not until 2010. The design calls for an oval located in the corner of Brooks Park formed by the Deschutes River and Newport Avenue near the bridge. The US flag will be flown and other flags can be added for special events. Engraved names in stone of those being memorialized. Current boat landing will be moved upstream, and a walkway will connect existing picnic tables.
- BMPRD may update logo when headquarters move to new location. Proposed designs include a clear Mt. Bachelor with trees to one side, and one version of the curving river. Transition will be gradual as vehicles, signs, etc are ready for replacement or repainting.
- District staff are working on park-use policies for special events, with some general policies, and some policies specific to individual parks. No changes are anticipated for next season, although some event planners may want to move from Drake Park as the District now has other park options becoming available. This process will update the 1996 policy when Drake Park was the only option. The goal is to balance successful events with maintenance of park grounds - lawns, trees, etc. and to provide pre and post event analysis of compliance with past event agreements.
- Dog off-leash preliminary plans are near completion. Workshop on 11/20 will review plans, and information provided on how neighborhood input should be collected.

E-mail/ Database Manager Report:

- Four e-mails sent to membership regarding the UGB Expansion Meeting, Approved October Meeting Minutes, Halloween Safety, and Downtown Bend Holiday Events.
- The database is clean and backed up.

Webmaster Report:

- No news to report.

Business Liaison Report:

- Need to re-phrase question to City if RWNA can list neighborhood businesses on our website and provide a hyperlink.
- Idea of providing a "RWNA member" sticker to businesses to place in their stores/ offices.

2030 Vision Report:

- Not present.

Sidewalks & Crosswalks Project Report:

- Not present.

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

- Thursday, December 18th, 5:30pm-7:00pm at Hurricane's.
- Thursday, January 15th, date/ time TBD.
- Any resident in RWNA is invited to attend board meetings. Please RSVP to RWNA@bendbroadband.com