



River West
Neighborhood Association

Monthly Board Meeting

September 12, 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; Sami Fournier, Traffic Safety Chair; Dennis O'Shea, Newsletter; Leslie Olson, Stormwater Management Committee; Cassie Giddings, Bend 2030 Liaison & Mirror Pond Committee; Pam DiDente, First Street Rapids Liaison; Rick Root, City of Bend Department of Transportation, Kurt Petrich, Member; Deborah Golonka, 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 July '11 meeting minutes.
- Report to City Council set for October 19th, with Annie to give the report to Council.
- Code Resolution for NA relationship with City of Bend - generally, NA reviews have noted a lack of obligation on the City's part. City Council is open to suggestions since the issue was temporarily shelved from the September 7th Council meeting. Annie requests personal feedback on the Resolution (and her recommended code revisions) by this Friday at end of the day.
- Ad Hoc Group of NART representatives also met September 19 to develop a proposal for the City Code language that defines the relationship well between the City and the NA's.

Treasurer's Report:

- No news to report.

Secretary's Report:

- No news to report.

Special Projects Coordinator Report:

- "Alley of the Year" award to be presented at a ceremony to residents of alley at 12th/Federal between Galveston/Elgin, on September 20th at 5:30pm. Stacey will be presenting the award, and Hillside B&B will be donating the annual award.

Membership Chair & Business Liaison Report:

- Gained 3 new members this summer, including Gossamer Knitting on Galveston Ave.
- Plans to coordinate with a sidewalk fair with businesses on Galveston.

Newsletter/ Database Manager Report:

- Acquired non-profit 10% discount rate for Constant Contact renewals. Also received a 10% discount for paying for 6 months in advance.

Traffic Safety Committee Report:

- Site view obstructions (vegetation) have been removed from intersection at Milwaukie and Federal very promptly. Sami has sent a short list of sidewalk useability obstructions to City for potential tree and bush trimming in right-of-way.
- Receiving praise for the Galveston Ave and 14th Street improvement coordination and planning efforts.
- Trenton & 9th St meeting with Nick Arnis and concerned residents has provided possible resolutions in the future, including curb 'bulb-outs' to narrow the road down, and marked crosswalks.
- Riverside Ave Bike-Ped Corridor RFP was due at end of August. Design will be ongoing through winter, construction could start next Spring.
- City is working with Bend PD doing crash stats analysis and volume studies. They are looking at software to coordinate data collection and recording.
- September 20th TSAC agenda to include obligation bond (RFP for project management)

Land Use Chair Report:

- Public meeting planned for new church located in the basement level of former Elks Club building at Newport bridge.
- Galveston Avenue Improvement project will be conducting an Open House meeting around October 22nd (time is TBD) for public comments and information. RWNA to send out notices to membership. Improvement features may include on-street parking, added vegetation, traffic-calming techniques, and a Columbia-Harmon traffic direction change. City has funds available for design, code, and stormwater calculations.

First Street Rapids Representative:

- First Street Rapids-Davis Park group has met with BPRD to share results of survey. Issues are many, such as emergency access, illegal activities, user safety and multi-sport options.
- Need guidance on other agencies to contact that might need to be involved besides BPRD.
- September 22nd at 5pm Open House meeting to review preliminary plans and survey outcomes.
- RWNA to send information (with links to survey results) to membership.

Parks & Recreation Chair:

- Position vacant. Kurt Petrich has expressed an interest in being the liaison.

2030 Vision Report:

- Interim Chair is Cassie Giddings for the next 3 months.
- Town Hall presentations expected after the new year.

Mirror Pond Management Committee:

- No news to report.

Stormwater Management Liaison:

- No new meetings planned in the immediate future.

Good Samaritan Program:

- Need assistance for next season on finding responsive volunteers (e-mail notices are not being answered).
- Biggest request this summer has been for specific transportation needs.

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

- Monday, October 17th 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