



River West Neighborhood Association

Monthly Board Meeting

January 9, 2012

5:30pm

The Loft of Bend - 919 Bond

In Attendance:

Annie Goldner, Chair & Special Projects Coordinator; Gary Fowles, Vice-Chair & Good Sam. Coordinator; Rachel Stemach, Secretary & Treasurer; Bill Kurtz, Membership; Dennis O'Shea, Newsletter; Stacey Stemach, Land-Use Chair; Leslie Olson, Stormwater & Facebook; Sami Fournier, TSAC Liaison; Kurt Petrich, Parks & Rec Liaison; Pam DiDente, First Street Rapids Liaison; Terri Reynolds, Lori Petrich, Russ Cook, Debby & Jason Golonka, Members.

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 November '11 meeting minutes.
- Newer residents Debbie and Jason introduced themselves and are interested in learning about RWNA.
- Kelly to use some portion of our savings account balance to provide a formal sign at 12th & Union Triangle.
- General Meeting to be held by July 1st. Location and time to be determined.
- Board elections to be held for Board Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer as well as any other positions that will be vacant.
- Each board member to submit three names (minimum) of potential new board members, in addition to RWNA volunteer list. Board potluck is tentatively scheduled to discuss nominees on Tuesday, March 20th, from 6:30pm to 8pm at the First Baptist Church on Oregon Ave.
- From the GO Bond e-mail and the Event Permit Open House e-mail that were sent out recently, approximately 30 to 38% of members open these types of e-mails.

Treasurer's Report:

- Oregon Dep't of Justice is requesting additional information on our non-profit status, per the Charitable Trust and Corporation Act.

Secretary's Report:

- No news to report.

Special Projects Coordinator Report:

- No news to report.

Membership Chair & Business Liaison Report:

- Total members: 796 members, 60 businesses, by far the most involvement in all of Bend's NAs.

Newsletter/ Database Manager Report:

- Constant Contact report as of 1/09/12 includes 485 active receiving e-mails, including 421 members, 44 businesses, 24 non-members and 12 board members.

Traffic Safety Committee Report:

- Citizen Service Requests can be accessed on City of Bend's website: <http://www.ci.bend.or.us/index.aspx?recordid=133&page=26> , or contact via e-mail, Cindy Hartman at CHartman@ci.bend.or.us,
- 11/29 meeting recap: TSAC going to meet every other month now. Kittelson & Associates consulting firm will gauge all issues, and split off Ped/Bike issues to its own venue. There is concern that funding for the road improvement bond is going towards consultants, and individual issues will get rolled into a long-term category instead of immediate issue focus. The firm will be taking over traffic monitoring, analysis and suggested action steps.
- Next TSAC meeting is first week of next month.

Land Use Chair Report:

- Development code tune-up packet is out and needs to be received for comment.
- Several Liquor License applications or transfers to new owners were received this month.
- Declaratory Ruling to determine lot definition and accessibility to it, concerning property near Quincy & 12th.
- Mailed notices will be posted on RWNA website under folder titled 'Land Use Notices'.

First Street Rapids Representative:

- BPRD voted for bridge 'B-2' option to connect parks, southern-most location.
- Committee brought up other unresolved issues with poorly marked crossings for River Trail system across major roadways. Vagrancy at Davis Park also needs to be addressed, even with Davis Park improvements being years beyond bridge construction. Emergency vehicle access to park areas has been another item to be dealt with.
- Plans to walk Davis Park with Robin Lewis, City of Bend Traffic Engineer to see if there are inexpensive alternatives to the BPRD's planned access to bridge.

Parks & Recreation Chair:

- Community garden idea being discussed, and wanting NA feedback.

2030 Vision Report:

- Next meeting planned for second week of January.

Mirror Pond Management Committee:

- Next meeting planned for next week.

Stormwater Management Liaison:

- Integrated Stormwater Management Plan 2022 will close for public comment on 1/31. The plan is still available for review at City's website: <http://www.ci.bend.or.us/index.aspx?page=289>

Noise Control Liaison:

- Rewrite of Noise Ordinance and zoning might include some changes in the future while citizens work with PD.
- Chief Sale can enforce or not enforce actions as handed down by the City Council.
- City is currently discussing Event Permit code (not the noise code). Noise code will be addressed by March 1st, with RWNA to be notified of future noise code meetings.
- OLCC has some control on licensing in conjunction with business operations.
- Additional meeting on Jan. 25th with Steve Esselstyn. Annie to get more specifics.

Good Samaritan Program:

- Not much need for assistance with mild weather, however, it is known that many are hesitant to ask for help.
- Has a core of 4 to 5 families that are always available to help.
- All major bridges across the Deschutes have been 'adopted' except for the Galveston. Need to find a business (preferably with equipment to move heavy snow) to adopt the bridge.
- Nils (webmaster) to send out quick reminder e-mail after a major storm to indicate availability.

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

- Monday, February 13th from 5:30pm to 7pm, at The Loft - Second Floor of the 919 Bond Building (above Zydeco Restaurant).
- NA Round Table Meeting is January 19th at 12:00pm, Council Board Room.
- Any resident in RWNA is invited to attend board meetings. Please RSVP to RWNA@bendbroadband.com