

May 20, 2013

River West Neighborhood Association Board Meeting

5:00pm – 6:20pm

McMenamin's

Present: Barbara McAusland, Bill Kurtz, Cassie Giddings, Sami Fournier, Gary Fowles, Julie Hamilton, Kurt Petrich, Dennis O'Shea, Patrick Griffiths, Julie Craig

Next meeting: June 17<sup>th</sup>. Location TBD.

**Membership Report: Bill**

No new membership related updates. The email membership list is over 450 emails.

**NART: Gary Fowles**

- Insurance for liability found by Pam Sullivan. If each NA buys it, will cost each NA \$100. Awbrey and Larkspur are the only non-participants. Board voted in favor of the City paying the \$100 for liability coverage for the NA and its principals from the RWNA budget.
- Let's Pull Together June 8<sup>th</sup> weed-pull event <http://www.letspulltogether.com/> Cheryl Howard asking for \$100 from each NA. Ok'd by board, presuming sufficient funds.

**City of Bend Code Enforcement Technician: Julie Craig**

The city took over the flammable vegetation program from the Fire Dept. Issued first citations last year. Main role is education and prevention prior to issuance of cites. Trying to get voluntary compliance, otherwise it can cost land owners \$810/day for non-compliance. It's a complaint-based process.

New resources will allow enforcement of noxious weed ordinance, which requires removal/herbicide treatment or bio approach (goats, for example) to ridding a property of weeds. Area of responsibility includes alleys and public right of way. Spring is the best time to pull, before plants go to seed. No money is dedicated specifically for outreach and education on this issue, other than Julie's time and efforts.

Spring is also a good time for fire prevention by creating defensible space. Removal of dead and low-hanging (6-7 feet off the ground) limbs and debris.

Bring issues that you see up to your neighbors, perhaps mentioning how important defensible space was for containing fires over on Burgess recently. If you don't feel comfortable addressing it directly with your neighbors, call Julie Craig at 541-388-5527.

Noxious weed lists, pamphlets and a door-hanger are available: <http://www.deschutes.org/Road/Noxious-Weed-Program/Noxious-Weed-Control.aspx>

City is exploring joining the Deschutes County Weed district to increase access to possible grant funding.

**Kurt Petrich: Parks District**

Pine Nursery expansion is significant, Bridge at 1<sup>st</sup> Street Rapids opening early June. next Board meeting is 5/21. Election is important, so don't forget to vote.

**Julie Hamilton: Traffic**

City had 3-day bike/ped count on May 7-11. Counts will happen quarterly. Sites throughout Bend, using national standard for compiling and collecting data. They discarded the data we collected in 2010.

The Tumalo / Riverside intersection is to be modified this summer, adding/changing the crosswalks and going from 4-way to 2-way to better accommodate bike/ped traffic as part of the Riverside bike/ped improvement project.

**Barbara McAusland: Land Use.**

OLCC liquor license applications this month are for legitimate professional businesses. Spork applied for an additional off-premises license. Pizza Mondo.

After talking with Aaron Hensen, Barb feels most of the applicants are ok. We will invite someone from OLCC to present and educate us at our June meeting on how to evaluate.

There is an open house scheduled at Discovery Park Lodge for the new development near Summit High.

Open house is scheduled for 5/23 from 8-9am at 1444 Hartford for an accessory dwelling.

Lakeside Pl. on 6/30 from 5-6pm holding an open house re: re-platting lots.

Re: request for a variance at 11<sup>th</sup> and Roanoke, Barbara read a letter she drafted with Stacey Stemach's help and the board approved sending it to Heidi Kennedy (Bend Community Development Dept.) from RWNA asking for adherence to the building code regarding covered structures that overhang the public Right of Way. Letter also expresses concern about the permeability of the driveway and the importance of managing stormwater run-off due to the unique nature of the lot. Want to prevent setting a precedent that allows variance from code in similar instances.

**Dennis: Business Liaison and Newsletter**

Intends to use more short issue updates / spot announcements to email membership, because they are far more likely to be opened than the whole newsletter. 10% more open brief bulletins with timely relevance.

Julie suggested we could draft a safety reminder for motorists when school is out for summer and daily traffic patterns change.

Discussed the value of the annual meeting to help grow new business membership and make community connections. Ask Goodlife to host again in July or August, AM vs. PM timeframe discussion.

Next meeting June 17<sup>th</sup>, Cassie will find a spot.