

SOUTHERN CROSSING NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes
June 19, 2008 7:00 PM
Home of Barry & Cathy Smith

Board Meeting was called to order at 7:10 P.M. Present were board members Diane Ross, Debbi Graves, Dave Thompson, Brett Caldwell, Alby Dean, Cathy Smith and Member Barry Smith

Secretary Report: A motion was made by Dave Thompson and seconded by Alby Dean, that the minutes from the May 8, 2008 Board meeting be approved. Motion passed.

Treasurers Report: We still have \$23.00 more or less. It was moved by Debbi Graves and seconded by Dave Thompson that we spend the remaining funds on postage stamps. Motion passed. Diane Ross will email Cathy with the exact amount we have remaining so she can purchase the stamps.

Old Business

Membership Data Base Review & Update – Cathy: The data base has been compared with the email data base and we are getting closer to having them be the same.

E-Mail Data Base Update – Dave Thompson: There are still some rejections. Dave is working to get them all taken care of.

Business Membership: Still no chairman. Diane will send out another email to the membership to see if we can find someone.

Website – Cathy: Site is up to date. Diane reported that the City is preparing to add a link to their website allowing people to contact them with questions or concerns. Hopefully that option will also be available on the Neighborhood websites.

Train Shack: Diane contacted Kelly at the Deschutes Historical Society to see if she knew of anyone that might like to get involved in our project. Kelly put her in contact with a man named Jeremy Lewis. An informal meeting was held May 28th with Diane, Jeremy Lewis, another couple and Pete Cecil, an historical building restorator, and Barry & Cathy Smith. They all agreed to do additional research to facilitate moving the building. Diane has found a man who is willing to store the building and work on the restoration there also. The underground scales are imbedded in concrete and we won't be able to acquire any of the underground apparatus. But the building and everything inside it is ours. Demolition is scheduled for September. Between now and then, we will need to determine how the building is attached and the best method of removal. We will

need to find a permanent home for the building once it is restored. Brett will check with the Park District to see if it can be incorporated into the River Bend Park design. A follow-up meeting has been scheduled for Monday at 6:00.

Park District SCNA Rep – Brett Caldwell: Brett has replaced Anna Zirker on the Capital Improvement Plan and System Development committees. They are looking at how SDC's and other fees will be charged and how they can be implemented for maintenance and improvements through the year 2020.

Street light at Chamberlain & Silver Lake: Brett will call Hardy Hansen to see when the next budget money will be available for street lights. Maybe we can even involve the school district since it is a safety issue.

Weed Pull: Diane had sent out several emails to the membership asking for someone to chair the weed pull event. No one came forward. Diane checked with Cheryl Howard on Thursday, June 12th to make arrangements to pick up the supplies and was prepared to handle the weed pull for SCNA. Cheryl informed her that there was already a chair. Todd Chester had volunteered. Diane went to the event and thanked him for volunteering.

Other Old Business: Diane has been in contact with Mary Campbell at William Smith Properties. She had asked that no weeds be pulled on the bank below the Bluffs because the hillside was unstable. The City is going to extend the retaining wall to behind the bus stop to keep rocks and dirt from washing on to it. Irrigation and landscaping are planned for the hillside for this fall.

Diane will check with Mary Campbell to see if their landscaper might be able to help with ideas for landscaping the "pork chop".

New Business

Land Use updates – Debbi: Debbi has heard that the 500 Bond development is "dead". They did not resubmit plans to the City within the 180 day time frame.

Debbi has been asked to sign off on plans for new offices on Emkay. There is no apparent reason not to.

There is very little land use activity at this time.

There are many tall weeds growing in the vacant building lots. Code enforcement needs to be notified. Cathy offered to take care of this.

How to grow our membership: All of the NA's are having issues with increasing their membership. Our Association has the added issue of having so many businesses located within our area. We need to actively work on our business membership.

We need to let our members and potential members know that we can be an asset when it comes to issues concerning our Neighborhood. Debbi suggested a blog or similar vehicle to get input and/or voice opinions. She also suggested always using our letterhead for emails and other communications for a more professional look.

A direct link to our website, to be included in emails, was also suggested. Cathy will try to find out how to do this.

Brett suggested chatting with neighbors about the NA while doing yardwork, etc.

Diane suggested block parties or picnics. One Friday a month they have a "BYOB" party in her cul de sac. 8 out of 10 households participated at the last one.

Other New Business: The Bend Fire Department made a presentation at the NART meeting concerning illegal fireworks. There will be 4 officers available for enforcement. They are asking members of the NA's to call the non-emergency police number and they will send out officers.

A representative from Bend Area Transit had made a presentation at the NART meeting and asked for the Neighborhood Associations to endorse the upcoming bond measure. The officers present let her know that they were unable to make such an endorsement on behalf of all of the members that they represent. If funding were available the NA's could send out information and/or surveys.

Some of the Neighborhood Associations are asking that we change the requirement of having 2 General Membership meetings a year to only 1 per year.

On the surveys that we got back from the membership half of them were upset with the parking on Silver Lake. They also commented on the trailer parked there. Diane made some calls and found out that it was not illegal for it to be parked there. Diane asked the Bend Fire Department representative to take a look at Silver Lake. They want to set up a time to go and look at the situation. There were originally 'No Parking' signs on one side of the street. They will look at possible replacing those signs.

A motion was made by Cathy and seconded by Debbi that the meeting be adjourned at 9:00 P.M. Motion passed.

The next board meeting will be held on July 10, 2008 at 6:00 P.M. at the home of Brett Caldwell.

Respectfully submitted by Cathy Smith, Secretary