

## **River West Neighborhood Association**

Monthly Board Meeting

March 20, 2008, 4pm

Karen Haun's Home

### **In Attendance:**

Annie Goldner, Chair; Rachel Stemach, Secretary/ Treasurer; Bill Kurtz, Membership; Tyler Blackwell, Database Manager; Leslie Olson & Stacey Stemach, Land-Use Committee; Edith McBean, Business Liaison; Sue Vordenberg, Parks & Rec Liaison; Karen Haun, Good Samaritan Program Coordinator

### **General Announcements:**

- 2008 Spring General Meeting - April 22nd, 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Location set for Kenwood Elementary School (Library). Topics will include Westside demographics and General Plan for Stormwater Management
- Postcard proof for general meeting reviewed (34¢ each for printing and mailing) - need to add images/ clip-art if possible, refreshments served, etc...

### **Chair's Report:**

- Presentation to City Council - April 2nd, 7 to 8pm at City Council Chamber - any board member available should attend. RWNA will emphasize the volunteer support of the neighborhood associations in making communication with the City easier and cost-effective. Include focus on monitoring development in our area and the associated traffic and safety impacts and preserving our neighborhood's values. Annie will provide a CD with all presentation information and graphics to any board member who would like one
- Election of Officers - Spring. Open positions are Chair, Vice-Chair (or Co-Chair), and Web Master
- Fire Free Clean-up Day - need board member volunteers for membership survey and sign-up at the Simpson Ave. collection site. April 19, 20 and 26, 27 from 12:30pm to 4:30pm

### **Treasurer's Report:**

- Rachel to contact Eloisa for City of Bend spreadsheet updates
- Need excavation receipt from Kelly for Triangle Park
- The bank's signature card has been signed and mailed in
- Spring General Meeting mailings will cost about \$1200, which leaves about \$150 remaining for elections mailings

### **Secretary's Report:**

- Need to find out if Kelly has any Secretary-related info to pass on
- Will assist with Membership table sign-in at General Meeting

**Land Use Committee Report:**

- Leslie and Stacey to be available at General Meeting for member's questions, with zoning maps
- Westside Church - There is a hearing for April 18th at 10:30am for removing 'church park' designation from property description. Further information will come on the daycare building proposed.

**Traffic Chair Report:**

- Not present
- Next TSAC meeting is April 15th at 7:30am
- Any member with issues or concerns need to share with Rick so he can bring it to TSAC's attention
- Pedestrian & Transit Stop improvements - City is applying for \$500k (each) grants for improvements along Galveston Ave. from Riverside Ave to 14th St., and another along N. Division from Yale Ave. to Bus stop #414
- Term limits for TSAC - city has policy for citizen term limits on City committees
- Infill sidewalk and bike lane policy discussed
- Safe Routes to School master plan updated

**Parks & Rec Chair Report:**

- Veteran's Memorial at Brooks Park - additional information to come on BMPRD decisions
- Adopt-a-Park program - new BMPRD program (particularly Columbia and Sunset View Park); will coordinate info/ signups for General Meeting
- General Meeting information will be available for new Administration building and Riverbend Park

**E-mail/ Database Manager Report:**

- Separate out business members from database and send to Edith
- Compile member check off list A-Z for Spring meeting to register attendees
- Extract members who receive email updates from member mail list to save money on spring meeting mailer
- Compare old tax lot database with new tax lot database and to try and find new owners in the RWNA bounds

**Membership Chair Report:**

- New member information is not available from Deschutes County Tax Assessor's office
- Bill cannot attend General Meeting - check-in help from Tyler, Stacey & Rachel

**Business Liaison Report:**

- Edith attended Downtowner's 'Mixer' at Brasada's sales office. Overall synopsis is that retailers are concerned about economy's effect on small businesses
- Gathered new business memberships from Downtown and along Century Dr.
- General Meeting - should identify businesses attending, and seek out new business owners

**12th & Union Triangle Project Report:**

- Not present
- Phase I Hardscaping completed
- Phase II - Planting Work Party - April 8th and April 12th scheduled to plant donated plants, shrubs and grasses
- Will list all of the volunteers and contributors in a formal announcement and at General meeting
- ReSource newsletter article on Triangle Project publishes on April 5th

**Central Area Plan Project Report:**

- Not present

**Sidewalks & Crosswalks Project Report:**

- Not present; Anna is shifting her volunteer focus on BMPRD committee
- ODOT grant for Galveston Ave sidewalks (from 14th St to 17th St) finalized

**Good Samaritan Program Coordinator Report:**

- Karen to call to invite volunteers to the General Meeting
- Considering a flyer or sign-up info at the General Meeting

**NEXT BOARD MEETING:**

- Thursday, April 10th, 5pm-6:30pm at Karen's house (614 NW Harmon Ave)

**NEXT OFFICE OF NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS MEETING:**

- Thursday, April 17th, 11:30am-1pm, City Hall. Contact Annie if you would like to attend lunch.

**NEIGHBORHOOD REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL:**

- Wednesday, April 2nd, 7 to 8pm at City Hall, Council Chamber