

Mountain View Neighborhood Association

Board Meeting – September 22, 2008

6:30 pm – Exit Realty Office

MINUTES

Attendees: Jim Mazziotti, Frank Spiegel, Deb Kraus, Joseph Brinkley, Carolyn Clontz, Jeanne Newton

Absent: Lisa Clark, Alan Eames, Deena McNeil

I. Approval of Minutes from 8/18/08 Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm. Minutes were approved as written, Jim moved, Deb seconded.

II. Bend Metro Parks & Recreation Update

Deb reviewed activities at BMPRD; they will conduct an off-leash dog park assessment, there are plans to ask the NAs for site recommendations. The SDC fee assessment has been completed; they are looking at different models. Most improvements at the Pine Nursery are scaled back although BMPRD received a grant from the OR Parks Department for Pine Nursery; grading and leveling efforts are underway. Ponderosa Park has been re-designed to better balance activities; will add a dog park. Work continues on the new Administration building. BMPRD is meeting with veteran's group to establish a veteran's memorial at the park near Newport Bridge.

III. Traffic Safety Advisory Committee Update

Jeanne reviewed the last TSAC agenda which covered bicycle crash data; the timeframe from January 2007 to June 2008 indicates that 29% was driver error, 54% was rider error, 7% both and 11% neither. The majority of the rider error crashes were from riding the wrong way; the next significant factor was either driver or rider failing to obey stop signs or traffic signals. A task force is working on programs to improve bicycle safety in the community. The local street safety project at 4th and Studio has begun. TSAC trying to get more visibility with the city council in order to get more funding for street projects. A speed order of 40 mph on Yeoman has been approved.

IV. Land Use – NorthStar School

Jeanne reviewed the series of events that took place regarding the application from NorthStar Center to locate a therapeutic school from their Bear Creek/Dean Swift location to the site at the end of Faith Drive. The application was received on 8/22 which a response due 9/4. The proposal was to house up to 20 young adults 17.5 to 18.5 at the site with 24 hour supervision. The site previously obtained a Conditional Use Permit in 1998 for a therapeutic school when the property was in Deschutes County. NorthStar wants to confirm they can continue to operate under the same CUP. Jeanne reviewed the Burden of Proof in the application; interviewed Executive Director and Operations Manager; wrote letter to MVNA members in the area and copied City Planning. Residents in the area objected to the use; sent 4 letters including a petition to the City; much mis-information circulating; issues are: age of students, substance abuse history, lack of adequate notice to residents, misunderstanding of MVNA role, etc. NorthStar held a neighborhood meeting 9/17; sent letters to residents within 500 feet of the location. 8 neighbors attended meeting; most were comfortable with the facility after the meeting. An additional complaint was received from a resident who contacted *The Bulletin*; a favorable editorial in *The Bulletin* followed. City Planning approved the CUP application.

V. Code Enforcement

Jeanne reported that St. Charles Medical Center plans to spray their noxious weeds and then cut them. She indicated that she is still following on the 2 complaints submitted to the Fire Inspector in July; the Fire Inspector for our area is Jeff Bond.

VI. 27th Corridor Clean Up – Saturday, September 27

Jeanne reviewed the arrangements for the litter clean up. It will take place from 9 am to Noon; set up by 8:30 will include a canopy for registration, distribution of gloves, safety vests, bags, trash grabbers. The drop box will be located at Real Life Christian Church; will be picked up between 12:30 – 1:30; vouchers are available to take trash to landfill w/o charge. We have a SOLV grant up to \$100. to rent a truck or purchase gloves. Frank offered to staff the registration booth; Jim and Carolyn can participate. Jeanne will contact absent Board members to see if they can attend. Carolyn offered a truck to pick up filled bags along the route.

VII. Fall General Membership Meeting

Jeanne reviewed arrangements for the next general member meeting on Monday, October 6 at 6:30 pm at St. Charles – Conference Room D. Board members – please wear badges! The exhibitors are:

1. Bend Police : home safety/neighborhood watch/traffic safety
2. Commute Options: bicycle safety
3. Central Oregon Fire Prevention Co-Op: also fire safety brochures from BFD: Lisa to provide.

Meeting Packets will consist of the following:

1. Agenda/update/raffle ticket
2. copy of revised Bylaws (added to the website; will send email with link to online members)
3. Evaluation form and pen

Materials needed for Meeting;

1. MVNA sandwich board w/room location signs
2. Map of MVNA
3. Sign-in sheets; name badges and pens
4. New Member enrollments; distribute with clipboards
5. Raffle card? It was agreed that a raffle card could generate more attendees; Jeanne to send out email reminder and include the information on the gasoline card.

Board Member Assignments: arrive at 6 pm; wear badges

1. welcome at the door - Jim
2. registration table – Carolyn, Frank
3. help with exhibitor set-up - Deb

Formal Meeting Agenda

1. Update on events in NA
2. Announcement of Fire Department Open House; week of 10/6
3. Announcement of Bend 2030 Town Hall on 10/16
4. Stats on Transit District; most ridership in the City
Jeanne asked the Board if they wanted to endorse the Transit Measure: Deb moved; Jim seconded; the motion passed; 5 years, 1 nay.
5. Review of changes to bylaws; Jeanne asked if the Board wanted to change to “at least one meeting” per year; Frank moved; Deb seconded; the motion passed unanimously.
6. Nomination and Election of Board Members
7. General Q&A from audience

Board Member Elections - Jeanne will stay on through the winter

- Do we want 7 or 9; the City will ask for 7
- Open positions with 9 are: Carolyn, Deb, Frank

VIII. Expenses – Budget

- Balance in City funds as of 8/12/08: \$5563.98
- Bend Mailing charge for 5234 brochures w/inserts: \$3040.97
- Increase in paper cost; printing and labor for insert
- Sign-Pro charge for vinyl letters: \$70.
- OR Secretary of State: renewal of domestic non-profit: \$50.
- Copies, toner: \$70.61
- Build a Better Bend Transit lecture: \$11.24
- Current balance as of 9/18/08: \$2321.16
- Mid-Oregon Credit Union account unchanged at \$537.55

IX. Updates

- City Council approved the position of Assistant Communications Manager; will have responsibility for Neighborhood Associations; may have a chance to interview candidates
- Neighborhood Association issues when operating a non-profit; City position; potential for more control.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Next Meeting: October 27 - 6:30 pm at Exit Realty office