

Southwest Bend Neighborhood Association
General Meeting
April 24, 2008; 7:00 pm
Pine Ridge Elementary School: Gym

Board Members Present: Mike Lovely, Rod Cathcart, June Haines
Board Members Absent: Joe Barry
Committee Members Present: Kevin Desrosiers, Martie king

Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm

Secretary's report: Minutes from last General Meeting have been miss placed will be placed on the website when Mike has found them.

Treasurer's report: \$2367.95
We receive \$1.25 per tax lot from City in communications fund.

Jim Clinton-City Councilor (1st president of SWBNA in 2001) spoke about the City's General Fund, budget cuts and staff cuts.
City of Bend 6 miles north and south, 5 miles east to west and pushing 80k population
City is responsible for police and fire departments, planning and building departments, streets in city excluding private road, public works (water and sewer included) economic development.

Chain of command: Citizens, city council, city manager & approx. 500 employees

City of Bend Budget
General Fund 33 million
Public Works 80 million
Planning and Building 12 million
Economic Development 10 million
Urban Renewal 10 million
Administration and staff support 24 million
Other things that add up 30 million
Total amount approximately 200 million

General Fund- City has discretion\lead way on how it is spent but not other departments funds must stay in those areas.

General fund money comes from
Property tax 20 million
Room tax 2.3 million
Franchise fee 5.9 million
State 1.8 million
Fines\tickets 1.3 million
License\permits .7 million

Interest .5 million
Totals about 32.5 million

Goes to Police and Fire, Street maintenance (very little from GF), transit, planning\engineering, accessibility and economic development

Jan Ward is through sewer fund
Juniper Ridge is NOT general fund

General Fund budget
27.4 police\fire
2.8 streets
1.4 transits (BAT\ DAR)
.7 planning\engineering
.2 accessibility
5 reserves
About 33.1 million

Economic Development example Bend Airport City owned also work with companies to grow

Transit bond will free up general funds dollars

Budget cuts in percentage per department

General Fund 6%
Planning\building 54%
Street maintenance 16%
Public Works 8 %
Transit 21%
Administration\Staff 8%
Economic development 19%
Police\Fire 6%

Bend property tax one of the lowest in the State
Will restore a couple of fire positions and 3 police positions

City will eliminate 36 positions (21 layoffs & 15 unfilled) will scale back and consolidate programs. Defer maintenance 7 technology, Council will not borrow money city has no deficit.

Speakers for the Fire Department Doug Colemyer\Larry Medina

Talked about the Barrier south of town, must exit to the right; City and ODOT working on a frontage road, ODOT plans to carry the barrier further south.

Fire Department would like access across Hwy 97 but people would use it even if they are not supposed to.

Train traffic is double right now due to a slide in Oakridge.

Narrow streets- people not following no parking signs someone asked what could be done, told to call Bend Police Department or code enforcement. A comment was made need to be proactive with fines. Calls must be made due to the fact that the fire truck can't get through

MTT (Medical Transport Team) throughout city- part time employees handle non emergency issues. Systems are in place with 911 to decide if it is or is not an emergency if team is to respond or fire department.

Curb extensions are meant to calm traffic speeds

Fire Free- year round event information on table. New regulations, burning ban Bend

Speaker Erin Bennet, Park Ranger with BMPRD

She currently covers 74 parks, only 1 ranger for 74 parks

Bring a leash with dogs she stated, only one off Leash Park which is located at Big Sky, May 27th a public hearing will be held on off leash dog parks.

She asked residents to report graffiti (removes within 24 hours), vandalism (tries to repair within 48 hours) or call if there are concerns. If you see something that is not right please call Bend Police Department.

Summer activity guide is out. New series this summer call A talk in the Park...Brown bag lunch and learn series at Drake Park. Wednesdays July 9th-August 13th from 12:15-12-45 for information call Chris Zerger at 541-389-7275.

Murphy Crossing is moving right along, Renaissance at the River's Rim still in LUBA, Winco still coming, ODOT and city working on frontage road.

Yard Appreciation Program; please send in your nominees for each season

Adopt a Hydrant; Avion only, need volunteers to place flags with fall/winter and help keep them cleared of snow, if you are currently taking care of one please let Mike know.

Code enforcement- Na's wanted a code enforcement position to remain, Thanks to Jim Clinton we are getting one back.

Infrastructure petitions are on the back table to be sign if you choose.

Rail road traffic increasing in the next 20 years; 1 train per hour coming trough town, Currently there are 14 crossings.

Membership forms and by-laws are on the website.

Let's pull weeds together on June 14, 2008

Stash for trash on September 27, 2008 for more information visit www.stash-r-trash.com

4th of July fireworks, will have patrols out looking for illegal fireworks fines almost \$1200.

Membership update-make sure your email address is current, if you aren't getting information please let us know.

Kevin is keeping up with and updating the website.

Meeting adjourned 8:50 pm