

OLD FARM DISTRICT NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

APRIL 30, 2009

JEWELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, BEND OREGON

OPEN HOUSE: 6:30 – 7:00 pm

INTRODUCTIONS: Board members introduced themselves.

CALL FOR NEW BOARD MEMBERS: Sandra explained issues in the past: traffic, crime, land use, weed pull. For upcoming potential issues, Nan noted that there could be a development in the Section 11 area (mixed use residential/industrial) which will have a significant impact on our area. A few members stated that the COID canal has been a struggle for them. Jodie Barram stated that at this point, the issue is between certain property owners, COID and Parks and Rec. Another issue brought up was the fact there are so many houses in foreclosure that they may not be maintained. Sandra will put this on our next meeting agenda.

JODIE BARRAM, BEND CITY COUNCILOR: Introduced by Sandra. She handed out City of Bend's Goals and Priorities. Jodie solicited concerns and the following were presented: Speeding traffic (especially at night on Brosterhouse): Jodie suggests calling the Police non-emergency number. American Lane Bridge: bottleneck traffic during rush hours as people are trying to make left hand turns onto Reed Market. A suggested improvement would be to limit the times people are allowed to make left hand turns. Jodie reports at a recent budget meeting the following are in the top 5 of Bend's CIP: Reed Market corridor, 15th Street double lane roundabout and Murphy Road. There are plans for a traffic light for the train at 9th and Reed Market so that traffic into the roundabout could be adjusted accordingly. Jodie says that the plan for Reed Market in the next 2 years is just to improve the existing road. There is a web site for the Murphy Road project: www.Murphycorridor.org Jodie explained that a legislative session outcome will determine Section 11 land funding. The City is trying to balance industrial area locations in the city. Jodie thinks that 18 months could see the UGB in the annexation process as there are 5 suits against it now. Jodie suggests that people who are interested in getting involved in the COID canal contact the Parks and Rec or the COID. Jodie noted that our Neighborhood Association area doesn't have any neighborhood parks. A comment was made that there are hopes that Murphy Road be punched through to 15th before work is started on Reed Market.

STEVE ESSELSTYN, BEND POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER: Crime prevention, internet fraud, safety and security are Steve's main focus. Steve states Bend has a

very active volunteer program. There are hopes to restart patrol of the downtown area. 80% of crime would be eliminated with decreased drug use. Steve can conduct safety audits of homes and businesses. Dead bolts attached to sliding glass doors and motion sensitive lighting are good to deter break ins. Neighborhood watches are very important. He suggests we get to know our neighbors to have a sense of who belongs in the area. Steve predicts that there could be the need for 2 evacuations in Deschutes County this year whether it be a fire or chemical explosions/exposures. He suggests we all have Bug-out boxes containing prescriptions, pictures of belongings, emergency contact information. Cards listing homeless shelters and other services are available through Bend Community Center. Suspected drug houses should be reported to the police. This can help police locate a drug supplier. Empty foreclosed homes: it is a good idea to keep an eye on them and report this to property managers or banks. When leaving town and parked in airport long term parking, Steve suggests that we take our registration info out of the car to deter someone finding our houses. Nan reported that 46 cars were broken into in her neighborhood and they were left unlocked at night. The thieves have been caught. Overall, there are no specific high crime areas in Bend. If an area has no trespassing signs the property owner is responsible for calling police to have homeless camps removed. There are over 40 homeless camps in the city of Bend.

VOTE FOR BOARD MEMBERS: Sandra asked that people interested in becoming a board member use our e-mail.

ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Board members present: Sandra Turek-Chair, Laura McCoy-Secretary/Treasurer, Rex Holloway-Member at Large, Adam Apalategue-Member at Large, Henry Louke-Vice Chair.

Submitted by:

Laura McCoy, OFDNA Secretary