

Southwest Bend Neighborhood Association  
General Membership Spring meeting  
Pine Ridge Elementary School, B-Wing  
Thursday, April 22, 2010; 7:00 pm

Board Members present: Mike Lovely, June Haines, Rod Cathcart, Kevin Desrosiers and Joe Barry

Board Members absent: Martie King

Meeting called to order: 7:00 pm

Secretary's Report: Approval of Fall General Meeting minutes, motion made by Frank Finney, second by Bob Baker, motion carried.

Treasure's Report: \$2371.89; Mike explained the communication funds from the city and the money in the Southwest Neighborhood bank account.

Speaker #1 Capt. Ruth Jenkin and Capt. Mark Mills with Deschutes County Sheriff's Department. Capt. Mills has been with the PD for over 30 years and Capt. Jenkin for about the same. They are not here in support of the jail bond measure but for information only. The NA doesn't endorse measures either way. They stated that everyone in Deschutes County goes to the Deschutes County Jail, from Redmond, Bend, Sisters and La Pine. Several services are handled from the Sheriff's dept. including Search & Rescue, Emergency Management and mandated service; majority of the budget is from patrol and the jail. Sisters is under contract with the sheriffs dept for service. They are also responsible for civil papers like restraining orders, divorce papers etc. The City of Bend doesn't pay for service. They are required and responsible to run a good jail. As of today the jail has 208 inmates and it is faced with over population of the 208 they are in for the following reasons, 4 attempted murder, 16 A felony on a person, 9 A felony on property, 9 A felony drugs, 10 B felony assault 1, burglary 1. Lack of bed space lower offender gets kicked out even if they shouldn't. Had a study from a private group on population in 2005 and the study projected over 600 inmates by 2015 and over 900 by 2025. The bond would allow an additional 250 beds in general population and 50 for special needs and high risk. The cost of the bond 44 million; FY 09-10 .14, 10-11 add .18, 11-12 add .17, 12-13 add .16, 13-14 add .15, the FY 14-15 total .15. Currently the dept. has 228 employees. More information about measure on website, the county is selling land to help pay for bond in future. Why they can't use Madras is because the way inmates are sentenced; 1 year + 1 day state prison, less than 1 year county jail. Currently 136 pre-trial inmates 107 of them are felonies, 63 are sentenced of them 33 are felonies. When asked what the cost is per square foot answer was unknown but high.

Speaker #2 is Cindy Kettering with the fire dept. She is the Deputy Fire Marshall, Fire investigations. She talked about the Skelton Fire in 1996 and what lead to the Fire Free program. If you build a home in the forest or not you need to prepare your home for fire

season. She spoke about the fire in the City of Bend in 2002 with the loss of 6 homes that was started by kids. Spoke about the fire on Aubrey Butte in 2007, no homes lost but could have been. When there is a wild fire they ask themselves can we save that house? Prepared houses have a better chance of being saved, clear brush, limb trees etc. Xeriscaping in the high desert is great for fire resistance plants and water tolerances. Decks may get ember showers, no shake roofs, clean under decks and air vents around the house. If you want to know where to start help is on the fire free website. Information is on the tables. Fire Free week is May 1<sup>st</sup> -9<sup>th</sup> can't take rocks or sod. Fire dept will come to your house and give advice on how to make your home safer, call for an appointment. Currently there is not a county codes to require county residents to clean up but the fire dept. can send a letter, the city does and complaints are handled by the code enforcement officer. Future fire departments are planned but not in the near future. They will be looking into providing more staffing at the fire departments.

Elections: Meetings are the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month at the Rim Coffee House at 6pm. Vice president is vacant, this position will fill in when Mike (President) is not able to attend, and 3 members at large are up for re-election. This is a 2-year term.

Murphy Crossing update: putting in sewer and water lines prior to making the road wider and paving. 25 million is set aside for Murphy Crossing, a new map is on the website.

Brookwood: A group has been cleaning it u, anyone that wants to get involved flyers are on the tables.

Someone asked why we don't have any art in our neighborhood, it is because we don't have any place to put it.

Trashed lots in undeveloped sub-divisions please contact Mike if it is an issue.

Code Enforcement: It is always an issue only 1 enforcement officer.

Thank you to all the winter volunteers

NA Website: Thank you Kevin for doing a great job, make sure you check it out.

Traffic Safety: Mike will contact Bend Police Department about poplar, speeding is an issue and across from Elk Meadow on speeding through the school zone.

Stripping on the streets is coming off.

SDC\COBA wants fees reduced

Election results: Congratulations to Martie, Kevin, and Rod for being re-elected and nobody was nominated or volunteered for Vice-president so that is still vacant.

Meeting adjourned at 8:53 pm