

River West Neighborhood Association

Monthly Board Meeting

May 22, 2008, 5:00pm

Edith McBean'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; Cassie Giddings, Member-at-Large

General Announcements:

- City of Bend budget reductions include: reducing neighborhood association general meetings to once per year, reduce NA meetings & expenses
- 'Stash R Trash' cleanup for the Parkway is scheduled September 27 at 10am
- Urban Growth boundary meeting to be televised and held at Cascades Theatrical Company, May 28th.
- Welcome Cassie Giddings, as Member-at-Large

Chair's Report:

- Spring General Meeting recap - low turnout caused from bad timing or lack of 'trigger issues'? Board may consider calling members as a reminder
- Election of Officers - two separate e-mail requests have not stirred up any nominations. Chair position is still open. Positions with nominees include Co-Chair (Tyler), Secretary (Rachel), and Treasurer (Kelly)
- Nominations deadline for Ballot additions or revisions via e-mail is June 1st
- Mailing party for ballots (as letter-form with return postcard) is June 12 at 4pm at First Baptist Church on Oregon Ave (tentatively scheduled here)
- Deadline for voting (returned postcards) is Friday, June 20th (location TBD)
- Meeting to count ballots is Tuesday, June 24th at 6pm at Silvermoon Brewing Co.

Treasurer's Report:

- Rachel is organizing the treasury binder with tabbed dividers
- General bank account balance is about \$628
- Triangle Park account balance is \$1107.60, and some is for remaining trees to be purchased

Secretary's Report:

- Will call Baptist Church to see if room is available for Mailing Party on June 12

Membership Chair Report:

- Membership Drive is delayed until fall (when there is more volunteer availability)
- Annual Weed Pull scheduled for June 14th, to meet at Portland Ave & 12th Street

Land Use Committee Report:

- Westside Church - verified that RWNA was not notified about the Site Plan application. Leslie has filed a code violation with the City. Application inaccuracies exist in the seating counts and subsequent parking requirements, and overall final totals of each. Stacey will contact city planner for this project to find out about its status

Traffic Chair Report:

- Not present
- Next TSAC meeting is June 17th at 7:30am - any board member can attend these informative meetings
- Rick is hoping to attend board meetings soon

Parks & Rec Chair Report:

- Dog park issue continues - currently BMPRD is proposing alternatives to peripheral parks, including access to all parks, but only at certain times. Hearing on this to take place on May 27th
- Columbia Park has been adopted
- Trails Master Plan hearing scheduled for June 3rd
- Veteran's Memorial is moving forward with its original planned location at Brooks Park.
- Next Board of Director's meeting is at 5:30pm (June 3rd). Sue will not be there, but work sessions are interesting, and anyone can attend

E-mail/ Database Manager Report:

- Net membership growth of 4 new members – 636 members in April, 640 in May, gaining 6, but losing two members. The database is up to date
- No new business members to report at this time
- Nine (9) emails were sent since last report (including the meeting minutes from last month). RWNA has sent about 34 messages to date this year
- We have received no response to the emails regarding nominations for the open board member positions
- We are now apparently receiving new members via the website – Bill recently forwarded 5 new members from this system

Webmaster Report:

- Not Present
- E-mail any new information to Barb if it needs to be on website

Business Liaison Report:

- Edith attended last Downtowner's meeting at Silvermoon Brewing - was a great event. RWNA may wish to hold some future events here, if Tyler Reichart (Owner) approves

12th & Union Triangle Project Report:

- Not Present
- Planting Work Party was a success, and recent rains, schoolkids, and neighbors are going great job keeping new plants thriving

Sidewalks & Crosswalks Project Report:

- Position is vacant
- Cassie to consider this position - will call Anna Z. for info she gathered

Good Samaritan Program Coordinator Report:

- Not present

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

- Thursday, June 19th, 5pm-6:30pm at location TBD