

OLD FARM DISTRICT NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

BOARD MEETING

May 12, 2011

BEND SENIOR CENTER

Board members present: Sandra Turek-Chair, Henry Louke-Vice Chair, Kent Garliepp-At Large, Joe Bessman-At Large, James Dorofi-at large.

The meeting was called to order by Sandra at 6:10 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes from the March 2011 meeting were approved unanimously as written.

Minutes from the April 2011 meeting were approved with the correction of the March meeting as March 10, not March 11.

Minutes from the General Meeting on April 28, 2011 were approved unanimously as written.

OLD BUSINESS

RAILROAD NOISE ISSUE: Kent and Lisa Burley attend the TSAC meeting. Kent reported that the city doesn't have a straight-forward way to proceed with non-public works type LID's. Kent suggested doing a survey to judge interest in a proposed LID for capitol improvements related to crossing upgrades. Kent says he has a database of the properties that fall within the study area, and the next step would be to contact property owners.

NEW BUSINESS:

GENERAL MEETING: Consensus among board members was that it was a success, there were approximately 60 people in attendance.

WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS: Sandra welcomed James Dorofi, new board member at large. She went over our board member agreements: Try to start on time, stick to the agenda, and time constraints. Say what we think. We will not get involved in neighbor to neighbor disputes. We will not get involved in any legal matters. We cannot endorse candidates. We do not enforce homeowner association issues, (such as junk cars in yards). If a board member

misses three board meetings in a row, he or she will be contacted by the Chair or the Chair's delegate to ascertain whether or not that member wishes to continue serving on the Board.

Sandra reports that Keith D'Agostino has given written notice of his intent to resign from the board. According to the by-laws, the board can appoint a representative to fill the remainder of his term which expires October 31, 2011..

NART UPDATE: Sandra reports the meeting was attended by a representative from Central Oregon Mediation, discussing what to expect and the costs for mediation. It was reported that for a two hour session, the price is \$175.00, and \$75.00 for each additional hour.

Justin Finestone and Gary Firestone will present to the July NART meeting regarding breaking the City of Bend's Neighborhood Associations away from the oversight of the City Council.

TSAC UPDATE: Report from Bill re: April 4 meeting. **Bend Police Volunteers have formed a new unit – Speed Mitigation.** The unit will, at the request of the Patrol Unit or due to a Citizen Service Request, setup on specific streets in the city and perform a survey of the number of vehicles passing through the area during a specific time period, and by using a radar gun how many of those vehicles are exceeding the speed limit and by how much. The unit has five police cars at its disposal however only one car has a radar unit at this time, although a second unit is on order. The data is then passed to the Patrol Unit for them to decide if additional enforcement is required in the area.

**Railroad Quiet Zone Request:** The Southeast Neighborhood Association (SENA) has requested that the city perform the necessary study so that those within one-half mile of the railroad through that neighborhood could be asked to vote for a Local Improvement District (LID) to fund the necessary improvements so that trains would not have to sound their horns in the area. Nick Arnis has advised them that he does not have the staff or funds to conduct the study and unless the City Council directs him to perform the study. Kent was also present at the TSAC meeting with the member of SENA and can provide more detail.

**Parrell Road Disappearing Bike Lane:** Nick Arnis confirms that a work order has been issued, but the city has been waiting for the weather to get better. Since the machine that is used has to be disassembled and thoroughly cleaned of paint each time it is used, they need to have good enough weather to keep the machine working for a long period.

**New class for lawbreaking bicyclists:** This item was not on the agenda but came up as a result of a new effort that was reported in the Bend Bulletin, I have attached a copy of the article in case there are people who did not see it. A member of the local bicycle community was there to protest her perception that bicyclists might be inordinately target by police for citations when, at least from her statistics, vehicle-bicycle accidents are about 50-50 the result of the motorist or bicyclist. Captain Darling of the Patrol Unit assured the individual that there was no intent to specifically target bicyclist for citations.

RENEWAL OF SEINOR CENTER ANNUAL CONTRACT: It was unanimously agreed to renew the contract for board meetings at the senior center. The cost is \$350.00.

LET'S PULL TOGETHER: It was unanimously agreed to donate \$100.00 for advertising and neighborhood communications for the annual event.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 pm. The next meeting will be June 9<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

Submitted by

Henry Louke, OFDNA Board Vice-Chairman