

**Century West Neighborhood Association  
Fall General Meeting Minutes  
October 26, 2005**

Jason Moyer made the motion to open the meeting; motion seconded by Jeff England.

Board Members present: Jeff England, Bob Brell, Denise Gorman, Judy McKrell, Jason Moyer and Jane Raleigh. Board Members absent: Bill Padgham and Jack Lewis.

Approximately 55-60 members attended this first CWNA Fall General Membership Meeting, which was considered an outstanding success. CWNA is indebted to the Sunrise Village Homeowners Association for use of the Sunrise Village Clubhouse.

**Introductions and Welcome**

Bob Brell, President, CWNA, introduced each board member and the ward they represent. Brell also introduced Eloisa Chavez, Coordinator, City of Bend, ONA, and Diane Ross, Development Coordinator, Bend Neighborhood Associations. Brell thanked Diane Ross for her role in assisting in the formation of the CWNA. Brell then addressed the audience and thanked them for coming and encouraged them to spread the word about the Century West Neighborhood Association with other neighbors.

**Review of September 22, 2005 Board Meeting Minutes**

Jane Raleigh moved to approve as is. Denise Gorman seconded. Motion passed.

**Review of September 29, 2005 Board Meeting Minutes**

Jason Moyer motioned to approve as is. Denise Gorman seconded. Motion passed.

**What is a Neighborhood Association?**

Brell cited the definition as described in the Neighborhood Association brochure which says: "A voluntary association of residents and businesses, formally recognized by the City and created to facilitate communications with the City regarding their neighborhood." and gave examples of how the communications function. Brell further explained the differences between Neighborhood Associations and Home Owner Associations.

**Land Use Development- Bob Brell, Head**

1. Arrowood Development cancelled due to sensitive contract negotiations.

Brad Chalfont, Executive Director, Deschutes Basin Land Trust agreed to speak, on short notice, about the Skyline Forest project. The presentation was moved to the end of the meeting due to some attendees that had already seen the presentation at their HOA meeting.

2. River Canyon Estates

Brell reviewed an action that originated with Joanne Richter and Jan Spitz, Sunrise Village residents living on the Deschutes River rim. The action pertained to lack of enforcement by the City of Bend against D. H. Horton, developer/builder for Canyon River Estates relative to significant building violations. CWNA was asked to support the action, which was moved and approved by the CWNA Board during the August 17 CWNA Board meeting. Following several communications between the action groups with the City's Community Development Department, the City agreed that serious violations did take place, new protocols have been put in place and corrective action is underway. The action group communicated on 10-18-05 the need for further discussion with the City. No response had been received as of 10-26-05.

3. Broken Top

Brell reviewed the notice from the City on a Broken Top development project, Phases 6, 7 and 8 of the Painted Ridge Loop. Brell explained this was the type of notice, which an officially recognized Neighborhood Association receives from the City when a development project is proposed to the City of Bend Development Department.

4. Draft Development Code

Brell reviewed the Draft Development Code and approval by the CWNA Board on 9-25-05 to join with other Neighborhood Associations to request more input into the Draft Development Code. The issues are building heights, in fill, foot print size, commercial convenience zones and neighborhood convenience areas. The objective is for moderation.

### **Traffic Safety- Jeff England, Head**

England explained his position prior to the formation of CNWA, explaining how his campaign began when he first addressed the City about excessive speed and traffic safety along Century Drive due to continuous development in the area that includes two schools. England's campaign included plans of delivering letters to neighbors and businesses in that area for more influence. The City suggested the formation of a Neighborhood Association, bettering the access to city government and having more voices speak out on this matter. Instead of delivering the proposed letters, England decided to give the Neighborhood Association a chance and met with Diane Ross.

Century Drive Speed Zone Study – England successfully lobbied to have a traffic speed study conducted along Century Drive. It concluded with the placement of new speed limit signs from the City Limits to the Simpson/Century Dr roundabout installed in the summer of 2005. England added his hope for a roundabout at the entrance of the future Cascade Highlands Destination Resort; John Cushing, a resident of First on the Hill, added that it was unlikely to happen. Susan Hopkins, also a resident of First on the Hill gave her input on the traffic safety matter.

England played a video of the Mt. Washington/Mountaineer Way intersection area during the morning school commute, taken by Officer Greg Owens, City of Bend Police Dept. The video showed the traffic backup due to the left-hand turn onto Mountaineer Way, which causes gridlock back to the Century Drive/Mt. Washington roundabout. This has the police and emergency services highly concerned. The Traffic Safety Advisory Committee has placed this issue as a priority and is seeking solutions to relieve this congestion and safety matter. This issue is planned for the next TSAC meeting, date and time to come.

Brell gave details about the City of Bend TSAC (Traffic Safety Advisory Committee) committee that meets each month. The Mt. Washington Drive/Mountaineer Way issue is one of the top issues along with the Reed Market corridor.

Rob Weber, a resident of Broken Top, mentioned his desire for a roundabout at Simpson and Mt. Washington Drive; he asked if the CWNA had heard anything. England answered there was no plan that he knew of.

Brad Everett, property owner on Century Drive to include the Entrada Lodge, stated in his opinion that roundabouts will always work better than stop signs or signals. England agreed.

### **Membership Status- Judy McKrell, Head**

Judy McKrell gave the history and progress of CWNA's first year membership growth which was summarized as 13 at the end of 2004; 35 by Spring 2005; 63 by Summer 2005; 103 by Fall 2005 and 150 as of the Fall General Meeting on October 26, 2005. Membership growth has been exceptional considering the Century West Neighborhood Association was not an official Neighborhood Association until recognized at the July 20, 2005 City Council Meeting. McKrell encouraged everyone to have their neighbors and friends join.

### **Chamber of Commerce Membership**

Jason Moyer moved for the CWNA to join the Chamber of Commerce. Jane Raleigh seconded. Brell then explained what this proposal would do for our Neighborhood Association. The Presidents of the Neighborhood Associations met with Mike Schmidt, President, Bend Chamber of Commerce, to suggest creating a new category that would include all Neighborhood Associations, costing \$30 per Neighborhood Association to be a member. Membership would create better synergy between the Neighborhood Associations and the Chamber of Commerce. Motioned passed.

### **November Board Meeting**

Plans are tentative for November 16 at 7:00 at the Athletic Club of Bend Fireside room.

Jason Moyer motioned to adjourn. Judy McKrell seconded. Motion passed.

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Brad Chalfont, Executive Director, Deschutes Basin Land Trust, gave a 30-minute presentation: "Save the Skyline Forest". Additional materials were available to all attendees who were interested to learn more about this project. CWNA thanks Brad Chalfont and the Deschutes Basin Land Trust for their time and an excellent presentation on a project of importance to all residents in Central Oregon.

Attachment: Agenda for the CWNA Fall General Membership Meeting on October 26, 2005.