

**Century West Neighborhood Association
2006 Spring General Membership & Election Meeting Minutes
May 10, 2006**

1. Motion to Open the Meeting

Brell moved to open the meeting; motion seconded by Moyer. Motion passed.

Board Members present: Bob Brell, Jason Moyer, Denise Gorman, Rich Ray, Sylvia Morrison, Brett Evert, Judy McKrell, Bill Padgham and Jack Lewis plus Board Coordinator Whit Ross. Board Coordinator Ron Webber was absent

Approximately 45-50 members attended.

2. Introductions and Comments from the Chair

Brell, President, CWNA, introduced himself and each Board Member, their Ward # and responsibilities. He also introduced Whit Ross, Board Coordinator for Sunrise Village, Ron Webber, Board Coordinator for Broken Top and David Light, Web Site Manager and Database Head.

Brell also acknowledged appreciation to Dellie Brell and Jane and Jim Raleigh, CWNA members who assisted with the meeting arrangements; Sunrise Village Board for use of their Clubhouse for the meeting; and Diane Wilcox, GM, and Mt. Bachelor Village for the use of the Fireside Room for CWNA's monthly Board meetings.

Brell recognized Eric Strobel, CWNA member and Bend 2030 Vision Task Force Member, who was available to answer any questions the membership may have regarding Bend 2030 Vision. Strobel talked briefly about the Task Force's process and encouraged members to get involved.

Brell lastly introduced Mike Magee, Engineering Division Manager, Public Works Department, City of Bend, and Deborah Hogan, Engineering-Traffic & Safety, City of Bend, Ken Fuller, Director, Public Works Department, City of Bend, Nick Arnis, Transportation Manager, City of Bend, and Diane Ross, Chair, Southern Crossing Neighborhood Association and Development Coordinator, ONA.

Brell then addressed the audience and thanked them for coming and encouraged them to spread the word about CWNA with other neighbors.

3. Motion to approve the April 12, 2006 CWNA Board Meeting Minutes.

Evert moved to approve as is. Moyer seconded. Motion passed.

4. Transportation and Traffic Safety - Jason Moyer, CWNA Head

a. Report to the Membership.

Moyer asked all attendees for continuous comments about Traffic Safety and pledged to undertake any traffic safety issues.

b. Presentation/discussion by City of Bend Public Works Department on "Traffic at Mt. Washington Dr./Century Dr. Roundabout and Mountaineer Way" plus questions from the CWNA membership on transportation and traffic safety issues. Mike Magee, Engineering Division Manager; Deborah Hogan, Engineering-Traffic & Safety; Ken Fuller, Public Works Director.

As requested by the Public Works Department, questions were submitted by CWNA prior to the General Meeting. The questions submitted were previously proposed by CWNA members, collected and organized by topic.

- Q#1: What are the plans for the roundabout at Mt. Washington Drive and Simpson Avenue? This is a very busy intersection and traffic is increasing due to all the building at Northwest Crossing. Broken Top paid funds (SDCs) to the City of Bend to go towards this roundabout years ago. What is the status of the roundabout and the funds?
- Q#2: Recently the City of Bend Planning Department approved a subdivision called Sagewood II (File No. PZ 05-727). When the Associate Planner, Amy Barry, sent the application out for public comment approximately 50 local homeowners in West Ridge, First-on-the-Hill, Sagewood as well as Century West Neighborhood Association responded objecting to provisions in the project for a single common driveway ingress and egress to the proposed subdivision. The objections were almost 100% having to do with safety; safety to vehicles, pedestrians, bikes and children in the neighborhood. Specifically, the common driveway emptied onto East Campbell R across from two side streets, West Ridge and Elder Ridge, with East Campbell Road at a 12-degree slope at that point and curving around a turn. The Planner was asked, "How will it be possible to install crosswalks for the children who live in Sagewood II at the intersections of West Ridge and Elder Ridge without putting them in danger which is compounded by slope, curve, limited line of sight compounded by winter conditions of ice, snow and rain and dim light? The COB Engineering Division on 01-06-06 responded to the planner and mentioned line of site concerns and conditions but not a word about safety. Likewise, COB Traffic Engineering mentioned compliance with clear vision ordinance but nary a word about safety--safety to pedestrians, children, bikes or vehicles. Nowhere did the word SAFETY appear in the Engineering Division comments. Could all the 50 residents who expressed safety concerns be wrong? Where and when does safety enter into your deliberations and decisions on proposed projects in the City?
- Q#3: I am very concerned about the CHDR (Cascade Highlands Destination Resort) and its impact on my neighborhood. I live in The Parks and I have been told that Metolius Drive will be one of three roads accessing the CHDR, the other two being Century Drive and Skyliners Drive. Metolius is the only entrance into The Parks, so any increase, obstruction or delay in traffic will greatly impact the roughly 400 residences, not to mention catastrophic in an emergency. To what degree has the City of Bend been involved and what are the plans to alter the existing width of Metolius Drive to accommodate construction traffic going through our neighborhood for the 4-5 years or more this project will take to complete. While we realize the CHDR is in the County we believe the County must be coordinating with the City on this development. Please tell us what is going on.
- Q#4: We have an excessive speeding problem on Century Drive between the City Limits and Mammoth Drive. As vehicles come down from Mt. Bachelor there is not a single speed calming sign between the turnoff to Sunriver and just before you approach Mammoth Drive, well within the city limits. The result is the same vehicles are being driven by the same skiers who just finished going "all out" on the slopes but are now in a hurry to get home to warmth and nourishment and are in a hurry to do so. As they approach the City Limits just the other side of the Entrada Lodge there is nothing to slow them down from 55 mph as they pass the entrance/exit to the Entrada Lodge, then Bachelor View Road ¼ mile further down the road, then Braeburn ¼ mile further down the road. Not until another ¼ mile is there a speed calming sign indicating "Do Not Pass Speed Zone Ahead". At each of these side streets, an accident is waiting to happen as cars attempt to enter and exit their homes. Going the other direction (toward the Mountain), approximately across from Mammoth Drive, after a posted 45 mph stretch, the sign says "End Speed Zone", i.e. 55 mph if you live in Oregon but much of the traffic is from out of state so they don't know what "End Speed Zone" means 55 mph? ... 65 mph? ... or higher? ... and they are in a hurry to get on or off the mountain.

On Saturday, April 22, 2006 at around 3:30 pm, there was three-car accident at the intersection of Bachelor View Road and Century Drive. A car was waiting to make a left turn onto Bachelor View Road, at a full stop with turn signal on waiting for a break in the traffic returning from the Mountain, when she was rear-ended and launched into the oncoming traffic. Two cars totaled lots of trauma (blood, injury, broken bones, etc) but no fatalities this time. While driver error was the main problem excessive speed was a contributor

What do we need to do to get a speed sign posted as a vehicle enters the City Limits and move the “End Speed Zone” sign to where a vehicle leaves the City Limits? Someone is going to be killed if nothing is done. We don’t want to hear about the 85% rule. We live here and deal with this every day. On weekends, the situation is even worse.

- Q#5: I think a #1 issue is noise from small aircraft circling above our neighborhoods. This past weekend during breakfast, and continuing all day ... small, loud aircraft passed over. There are times when the rumble in the air is just a constant hum from engines. This intrusive impact of sound inside our homes, outside in our gardens and in our thoughts while enjoying dinner, trying to read (or doing taxes in my case) will only grow worse over time if something isn’t done soon. A few bad pilots can make it uncomfortable for an entire community, create stress and generally degrade the quality of life in town. Is there anything you can do about this?
- Q#6: Please tell us about the planned roundabout at the intersection of Mt Washington Drive and Simpson Ave that we have heard about. Has a schedule for the project been determined? Is it possible that Art in Public Places will be locating a sculpture there?
- Q#7: Cascade Highlands Destination Resort will most likely have the single biggest impact on the West Side relative to traffic (construction and post construction), strain on infrastructure (water, sewer, fire, police, road maintenance) and safety (pedestrian, vehicular, biking, children) than any other development including Northwest Crossing. To what degree is the City of Bend involved in the approval process for this development? Has the City of Bend made any agreements in writing or on a handshake basis with the developer relative to annexation, water, sewer, roads and taxes? What might the nature be of any agreements as these will have a huge impact on those of us who live on the west side? What plans does the City have relative to getting ready for this development? Has the City taken into account the impact this development will have on roads well beyond the immediate perimeter of Cascade Highlands; this development will have a huge impact on Reed Market Road all the way from the Parkway to the entrance as there is no other logical way to get there?
- Q#8: We have heard an agreement has been made between the City of Bend and the developer of Cascade Highlands which will result in a roundabout being created at the Century Drive entrance to Cascade Highlands. Is there any truth to this rumor? If so, please share the details with us.
- Q#9: Whose jurisdiction does Century Drive come under, City of Bend, Deschutes County or ODOT relative to road signage, speed signage, road maintenance, speed control, etc?
- Q#10: I understand the City of Bend prides itself in having “concurrency planning” which means that as development takes place the infrastructure (roads, sewer, water, etc) is funded simultaneously. I don’t understand why the city can have the infrastructure problems it has (Reed Market Road, Hwy 97/Hwy 20 and the list goes on and on) if the funding is in place and already collected from development? Could you please shed some light on this situation?

Brell re-introduced Magee and Hogan, and shared with the attendees the issue of the Mt. Washington/ Century Drive Roundabout. Brell stated that he asked the Public Works Department to speak with CWNA about any plans or thoughts they may have regarding the gridlock at the Mt. Washington Drive/Century Drive Roundabout, which is caused by the situation at Mountaineer Way during school openings and closings. The schools in question are Cascade Middle School and Seven Peaks School. The issue includes the inconvenience due to the grid lock that traffic causes during those times, but more importantly is the issue of roundabout lock-ups that cannot allow emergency vehicles to get through, putting all people and homes in those areas at risk.

Magee and Hogan expressed the importance of receiving input from citizens, NAs and communities in order to do their job best. Magee and Hogan commented on Questions 1, 2, 3 and 6. After approximately 35 minutes, Fuller then asked to have the remaining questions be addressed outside the General Meeting so that his staff can end their long work day and allow the rest of the CWNA General Meeting continue in a timely manner for all attendees. They each encouraged all attendees to fill out comment cards available at their website.

5. Land Use Development - Bob Brell, CWNA Head

Brell acknowledged that the largest issue noted on Membership Applications is “Land-Use Development”, and therefore, CWNA takes this matter very seriously. Brell described the process: the City requires the developer to arrange a Public Meeting before an application is submitted to the Community Development Department—this is for the purpose of seeking and receiving input from interested individuals to include the NAs. The developer is not required to agree to any requests, but is required to listen and take note. Next, the developer submits the application to the Community Developer Department. The respective NA receives a copy of each and every permit application, in our case, within the boundaries of CWNA, at the same time it is sent to the City staff for review and comment. CWNA has the opportunity to weigh in early in the process, and we do so where appropriate. Brell explained that during the last six months, we have received and reviewed dozens of applications ranging from simple partitions of property along Century Drive, to commercial buildings on Century Drive, to a cell-tower approval, to re-platting in Broken Top, to build-out in Mt. Bachelor Village and to re-platting a subdivision. In only one case, did CWNA feel there was an issue of substance: the re-platting of Sagewood II. Brell expressed that CWNA felt there was significant issues dealing with safety, but subsequently was told that the application met the City’s Development Code for RS Zone.

Brell further discussed the current revision of the City of Bend’s Development Code, a process that has been underway for perhaps a year and a half and looks like it is nearing completion. CWNA has been represented at the City Council Meetings dealing with Code revision and spoken up regarding building heights and lack of concurrent planning and funding. Brell pointed out the last City Council meeting on May 3rd dealt with the residential section of the Code and the following Council meeting on May 17th would deal with the Commercial Convenience section of the Code. Brell reminded all attendees that if they didn’t like what they were hearing and reading about the residential and commercial sections of the Code then they should go to the City Council meetings and let their voices be heard.

6. Finance & Accounting - Denise Gorman, CWNA Secretary/Treasurer

Gorman reported to attendees the funding process from the City of Bend, ONA, the budget (\$1,960) given to CWNA and it’s present and future status. Gorman stated that much of the budget is used for our two annual General Meeting Mailings, with the remaining used for office supplies and services, snacks and drinks during General Meetings, and an annual membership fee to the Bend Chamber of Commerce which was paid this year out of personal funds.. Gorman also confirmed that the next fiscal year budget (July 2006 – June 2007) includes more tax lots to cover, with a slight increase of funds (\$2250).

7. Membership, Judy McKrell, CWNA Head

McKrell reported that CWNA membership totals 252 members as of May 10, 2006, which shows remarkable growth in 18 months since the original 15 founders began developing CWNA in early 2005. McKrell invited all members to come to any of our Board meetings. McKrell is presently reaching more businesses within our boundaries and wishes to represent as many people as possible. McKrell concluded that the recent Meeting and Membership mailing has brought in great results. Brell mentioned that CWNA is the fastest growing NA (Neighborhood Association) in Bend.

8. CWNA Board Election - Bob Brell, Chair

The CWNA Bylaws call for an annual election of Board Members to be held at the Spring General Membership and Election Meeting. Brell asked for all nominations for the term beginning with the June 14, 2006 CWNA Board Meeting. Bill Raleigh, CWNA member, placed the following names in nomination from the floor: Brell, Moyer, Gorman, Morrison, McKrell, Evert, Ray and Light. Brell moved to accept these nominations. Padgham seconded. Motion passed.

Brell mentioned that CWNA has open Board seats and asked of any members to consider getting more involved with the Board in some capacity. Particularly, Brell stated that CWNA was in need of one individual to back up Gorman in taking meeting minutes when she is unable to attend a Board Meeting.

9. Other Business - All

a. Community-wide Clean Up Campaign, a SOLV, Down-by-the-River Campaign.

Brell explained the campaign, taking place on Saturday, May 13, 2006, in which all NAs have stepped up and are supporting the campaign, Brell invited and encouraged all attendees and their neighbors to give back to the community by spending one or more hours picking up debris along Century Drive or Mt. Washington Drive, or in their individual neighborhoods by walking the block. Brell told those interested to convene at the meeting site at Cascade Middle School at 9:00am or anytime thereafter to sign up, get gloves, bags and instructions. He recognized Rich Ray, CWNA Board Member, as heading up the CWNA team with Carol Ray, Writ Ross, Ron Webber and Bob and Dellie Brell rounding out the team.

Flyers displaying the event were available at the meeting for all attendees.

b. Let's Pull Together" Tri-County Noxious Weed Eradication Event.

Brell recognized CWNA members Bill Padgham and David Light as heading up the CWNA Team.

Padgham explained the campaign, taking place on Saturday, June 10, 2006, in which all NAs have stepped up and are supporting the campaign. Seven Peaks School is partnering with CWNA for this event. He invited and encouraged all attendees and their neighbors to give back to the community by spending one or more hours pulling noxious weeds. He also mentioned that following the weed pull, all participants were welcome to a BBQ with festivities and entertainment planned, as well as raffle prizes and a special weed-pull t-shirt.

Flyers displaying the event were available at the meeting for all attendees.

c. Other

Diane Ross, Chair, Southern Crossing NA, and Development Coordinator, ONA, commented positively on CWNA's progress and huge success.

Eloisa Chavez, Coordinator, City of Bend, ONA, joined the meeting late and was introduced by Brell to attendees and explained her role.

10. Motion to Adjourn.

Moyer motioned. Seconded by Gorman. Motion passed.

Next CWNA Board Meeting

Wednesday, June 14, 2006, 7:00 pm, Fireside Room, Mt. Bachelor Village.

Future Meetings

Second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm