

Mountain View Neighborhood Association

Board Meeting – June 18, 2007

6:30 pm – Real Life Christian Church

MINUTES

- Jeanne welcomed Joseph Brinkley as a Board member. He grew up in Fossil and has been in Bend for 12 years. He worked in California building jets for Rockwell and McDonald Douglas. His family owns the "In and Out Burger" franchise in California so he worked there for a year before returning to Bend. In Bend, he worked for Dave Holt and spent the last 7 years at Carrerra Motors as finance manager. Last fall he opened an Allstate insurance office. He and his wife Wendy have been married 25 years and have a 9 year old daughter who nominated him for the Board.
- I. Approval of Minutes from 5/21//07 meeting – Jeanne**
Deb moved, Wayne seconded that the minutes be accepted as written.
- II. Land Use Applications/Meetings – Jeanne**
- 07-247: Chris Cochran; request to partition property at Conners & 27th into 3 parcels; City has approved the partition and per the City planner it will take a short time before the first segment can be transferred to a new owner.
 - 07-281: St. Francis Church – request to extend approval of church building plans; smaller footprint than original plan; same height for the steeple.
- III. Let's Pull Together Community Weed Pull – Saturday, June 9 – Alan**
- Allan reported MVNA, Larkspur, and Orchard worked together. It was difficult to estimate how many bags of weeds were picked up since the group worked various sites.
 - The St. Charles Medical Center site where we worked last year is almost completely covered again. Alan's mom suggested that hikers pick weeds whenever they walk.
- IV. Bite of Bend**
- Jeanne, Joseph and Wendy Brinkley and Maxine worked the event. Jeanne gave out a lot of brochures, not many people wanted to stop and fill out applications for membership. Joseph's daughter was able to get 15 or 20 people to sign up. Maxine was there with two other people and they were able to get 30 or so people to sign up.
 - MVNA yielded 11 new members from the event.
- IV. Bend Metro Parks & Recreation District**
- NA Liaison to Parks; Deb Kraus; she will attend their Board meetings.
- VII. Budget**
- 2006-2007: \$4720: balance left is \$293.92
 - Jeanne obtained a quote from Minuteman Press on decals for windows with our logo on them (100 for \$75), logo gift to business members--no great ideas from Minuteman Press (could go with letter openers). She received a quote for lettering for our safety vests (so people don't think we are convicts on a work crew). It was suggested that the word VOLUNTEER should be larger than the other words.
 - Alan suggested windbreaker jackets embroidered with our logo. He gave Jeanne some suggestions with price quotes. Frank also looked into vests that are machine embroidered (Alliance Supply). Jeanne was also thinking the windbreakers might have to be done on next year's fiscal budget. She would like for the board to have name badges so she will look into that. Bend Awards does that. There is also an awards place in our neighborhood area.
 - NA Association budgets approved for 2007-2009
 - 2007-2008: 4218 tax lots @ \$1.25 = \$5273. (increase of \$553.)
 - 2008-2009: 3% increase of \$158. to \$5431.
- VII. Annual Report to City Council**
- During her remarks to the City Council on June 6, Jeanne made the following remarks;
 - she attends 8 or 9 meetings a month on behalf of MVNA
 - MVNAs current membership is 354
 - MVNA is bisected by 27th Street; the City's only major arterial flanked by 3 schools, 3 churches, largest number of medical offices, low-income and 10 senior housing complexes
 - She reviewed the various Transportation meetings; TSAC, MPO, COACT, ODOT CAC
 - She listed the following concerns:
 - City support for Neighborhood Associations
 - tax lot funding increased - 1st increase since 2001
 - continuing delta between tax lots and mailing addresses; 30% for MVNA
 - development position eliminated
 - significant learning curve from Resident to NA Chair

- half-time City staff person expected to develop new NAs; train new Chairs and Boards; conduct recruiting sessions at City-wide events like Summerfest, Bite of Bend
- Neighborhood Associations still viewed as “outsiders” by some City staff; prefer role of advocate vs. opponent
- Impacts on 27th Street
 - Empire Extension; ROB at Butler Market – earlier communication with residents
 - Juniper Ridge traffic – eastside north-south route plans need to include NAs
 - Increased Truck traffic on 27th; health impacts on residents; noise; air quality from diesel emissions; City staff to respond to MVNA on what other cities do
 - Widening of 27th from Neff to Butler Market; installation of sewer line; more clarity on when and how – keep MVNA informed

VIII. Updates

1. Transportation Engineering responses (Nick Arness) : Jeanne provided the following response from the City regarding typical noise decibel levels for an arterial:

What are typical noise decibel levels for an arterial street?

The Federal Highway Administration does not state a 'typical' noise decibel level for an arterial street; however, if noise levels are LEQ 65 dBA or above for a one hour time period, mitigation must be considered. After a project is considered, noise must be reduced by a minimum of 5 decibels for a project to be funded. Depending on when the project was built and if federal funds were used it is possible to use state and federal funds. For City sound mitigation projects it is very unlikely that state or federal funds could be used for studies or construction.

Noise along arterial roadways varies with:

- pavement design
- volume
- mix of vehicles
- speed
- proximity to noise source

While there are no City standards for roadway noise, each of these variables are consistent across arterials: the same pavement design is used for all arterial roadways; typical major arterial volumes are 10,000 to 30,000 ADT; arterials have similar truck percentages; posted speeds on Bend arterials are typically 35 to 45 mph; and finally building set backs to roadways are consistent for all arterials and zoning throughout the City.

Volume projections for the Butler Market corridor are approximately 15,000 ADT for Butler Market with an estimated 1.3 percent trucks. The speed, volume, and vehicle type mix of the Butler Market corridor will not lead to noise levels that are beyond typical minor arterial urban levels.

Volume projections for 27th Street and Empire Boulevard are just under 30,000 ADT with an estimated 2.9 percent trucks. The speed, volume, and vehicle type mix of the Empire/27th Street corridor will not lead to noise levels that are beyond typical major arterial urban levels.

Typical noise levels measured for other noise sources include: sound studio (20 dB), quiet office (40 dB), conversation (60 dB), noisy restaurant (75 dB), chain saw (120 dB), and a jet plane (148 dB).

2. Responses to other questions are as follows:
 1. fences along an arterial can only be 3 ft. high: front yard setback fence can only be 3.5 feet
 2. adding a protected left turn south onto 27th from Butler Market; will be evaluated; response within 3 mos.
 3. parking against traffic flow: see response; Jeanne to get photos from resident on Lynda Lane (off Purcell); we should talk to the city police about courtesy notices being put on cars that are improperly parked; citizen cadre to work with the police

Is there a City ordinance that restricts parking against the traffic flow? If not, how can an ordinance be created to restrict this type of parking?

The Bend Code, in chapter 6.150, Method of Parking, states that “where parking spaces are designated on a street, no person shall stand or park a vehicle other than in the direction of the street traffic and within a single marked space, unless the size or shape of the vehicle makes compliance impossible.” The code is currently written in such a way that parking against the flow of traffic is only enforceable if a parking space is designated. A person interested in making a change to the Bend Code can do so by approaching the council (during a visitor section or by e-mail or mail). If council is interested in making a change, they will direct staff to bring an ordinance forward presenting the change.

3. Boyd Acres NA – Juniper Ridge Meeting – 6/13

- Jerry Mitchell and Jim Clinton attended
- ODOT requiring the City to improve local street connectivity prior to agreeing to a new interchange for 97
- the City is willing to fund a new Cooley road **intersection**
- Juniper Ridge master developer willing to fund a new 97 **interchange**
- Cooley to be extended east to Hamehook/Hamby
- Deschutes Market Road will be the east side entrance to Juniper Ridge; it will be re-classified as an urban arterial
- Public Works to do a NE Bend transportation study to look at connectivity and do traffic counts; will be proposed to Council on 6/18
- Deb asked about Yeoman and Deschutes Market Road
- UGB Expansion – sent to the DLCD on 6/11 (HANDOUT)
 - includes an updated TSP (transportation system plan)
 - includes a draft Framework Plan
 - draft updates to the Bend General Plan – on City Website; click on Proposed UGB Maps on home page
 - Chapter 1 (new concept): Plan Management & Citizen Involvement: designating small commercial centers to offer convenient shopping and services within walking or short driving distance
 - one at Butler Market and Hamehook/Hamby
 - one at Hamby near Buckingham Elementary and Big Sky Park
 - Chapter 5: Housing and Residential Lands
 - median family income for Deschutes County is \$57,800; describes evolution of housing; households, cost of housing
 - lists transportation connectivity policies
 - Chapter 6: the Economy and Lands for Economic Growth
 - more detail on commercial centers

Community transportation also included on website--no overarching coordination or plan across the tri-county area. Jeanne will bring survey results from late May-early June: willingness on part of people to pay additional taxes to have a tri-county transportation service.

IX. Business Member Recruiting - Deb

- Deb's edits to the draft have made a significant improvement. Joseph indicated his wife is willing to donate time to help the Association with streamlining our business membership recruiting presentation. Jeanne will contact her to get her input and a quote on re-doing our brochure.

X. Next Board Meeting – July 23, 6:30

- Deb asked about capacity in Bend to serve animal control. She believes it should not be under the control of the sheriff's office. There are enough issues with crime that getting a sheriff's officer to respond to a dog complaint is an issue. Jeanne has not heard anything about it at city council meetings.
- Joseph reported that there was an event at Cascade Village that his wife was at Friday night. The Humane Society was there with adoptable animals. They have 115 cats up for adoption right now, however they are not advocating pet neutering.
- Jeanne commented that there was a very good Meth workshop in Bend.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:19.