

SOUTHERN CROSSING NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION  
Board Meeting Minutes  
March 13, 2008 7:00 PM  
Home of Barry & Cathy Smith

Board Meeting was called to order. Present were board members Diane Ross, Debbi Graves, Dave Thompson, Brett Caldwell, Orville Sauerbrey, Alby Dean, Cathy Smith and Member Barry Smith

**Secretary Report:** A motion was made by Debbi Graves and seconded by Brett Caldwell, that the minutes from January and February be approved. Motion passed.

**Treasurers Report:** We still have \$533.23. Diane verified that this was the accurate amount.

**Old Business**

**Membership Data Base Review & Update – Elaine Sauerbrey:** Elaine was not present at the meeting.

**E-Mail Data Base Update – Dave Thompson:** There have been a few rejections, but Dave was able to fix them.

**Business Membership:** SCNA has a larger percentage of business addresses within the association than most of the other NA's. That makes it even more challenging to acquire new members. Diane asked that all board members carry membership applications with them to give to businesses that they visit.

**Website – Cathy:** The website is up to date with all of the approved minutes. The new board members and their email addresses have been added. In addition, any of the tabs that do not have content have been made inactive so they are not visible to visitors on the site.

Some of the other associations are having business sponsors on their website for a fee. It might be something for our association to take a look at. We just need to make sure that their sponsorship corresponds to an activity or event since they can't actually give us a check.

**Train Shack:** Diane called and left a voice message with the rail master explaining that we are working with the architect and the developer for the property adjacent to the scale shack and are anxious to move ahead in our efforts to preserve the building. She also called the engineering firm and let them know we are still working on this. Debbi called the Redmond office of Burlington Northern and got some phone numbers for the Bend office. She is supposed to

call between the hours of 8:00 am and 3:00 pm. She will see if she can get a hold of anyone else who might be able to assist us.

**Park District SCNA Rep – Brett Caldwell:** Brett attended another liaison meeting concerning Riverbend Park since there has been so much publicity about their plans for building the Administration offices there but not having the funding for the ball fields at the former Deschutes Pine Nursery site. They explained that SDC fees are used to pay for new development of parks in new areas. All of the money for the Riverbend project will come from the general fund. They discussed the advantages of having all of their offices in one location instead of the 5 buildings plus trailers that they have now. Only 2% of Riverbend Park will be the building. The other 98% will be the park.

They also gave information about how their funds are received and how they are spent. Input was requested concerning SDC waivers for certain types of building, such as low income housing.

Park liaisons were sent an email that listed parks that were available for the Adopt a Park program. Brett didn't immediately recognize any of those listed. He will check into where they are located. They were hoping to stir up additional interest in the program. Debbi suggested that we bring up the program at the spring general membership meeting to see if there is anyone interested.

The Parks District has plans to set up a ranger station at Farewell Bend Park this summer on a trial basis. They are looking for volunteers for that program as well. They will volunteer for 3 hour shifts for 8 weeks this summer.

**Street light at Chamberlain & Silverlake:** Brett called the person at the City and left a message explaining that we felt this was a safety issue, but she was on vacation. He has not heard back from her so he will now contact Eric King.

Diane has observed that there is a lot of on street parking in the area of the Habitat Homes on Silverlake. During busy times of the day it has created a hazard. It will probably get worse this summer when children are not in school. Further up the street are some condos that do have no parking signs in front of them. Diane felt that we should contact Habitat for Humanity to let them know that there is an issue that we plan to present to the City.

**Chamber Dues:** The bill for the dues is \$48.00 and we should be receiving it soon.

**Chairs Round Table Agreement:** Diane presented an agreement that was prepared by the Chairs and Officers for their round table discussions.

**Other Old Business:** Diane contacted Patty Stelle to see who our contact person is at the City that oversees the Neighborhood Associations now that

Andrea McCullough is gone. Patty Stelle is currently overseeing the Neighborhood Association program. The City plans to hire someone to replace Andrea.

### **New Business**

**Weed Pull:** Diane received an email from Cheryl Howard, Chairman of Orchard District NA, who is the chairman of the Weed Pull. There is not an exact date yet, but it is in June. This event is a county wide event that focuses on the removal of noxious weeds. They would like to try and get youth groups and businesses involved. Diane would like to get a list of organizations or businesses for us to send a letter to inviting them to participate once we know when the official date is. Cathy will contact the Boy & Girl Scouts and Campfire to get a contact address to send the information to.

**Spring Meeting- May 8<sup>th</sup> - Speaker, Brochure Sponsor, Survey:** The speakers from Bend Metro Parks & Recreation are set. The agenda was discussed. Bill Smith Properties will be sponsoring the mailing for \$400.00. The color brochure we used for the November meeting is more expensive to produce. It was suggested that we use the same photograph but in black & white to hold down the cost. Diane will see if she can get an additional sponsor.

**Spring Home & Garden Show May 2-4, 2008:** Diane sent an email to Eloisa asking if the NA's were still going to participate. She said they were because the City had already paid for it. There are very few volunteers signed up at this time.

**Land Use updates – Debbi – 500 Bond, etc:** The meeting scheduled for March 10<sup>th</sup> before the Planning Commission to decide whether their changes were to be considered major or minor was cancelled. A new neighborhood meeting was held by this developer and several neighbors and board members were present to hear about the proposed "minor" changes to their original plan. The result of the meeting was that those present felt that the developers needed to mitigate the concerns of those neighborhoods adjacent to the development before proceeding with their submittal to the City. The developer agreed. A major point of contention was the location of the above ground parking structure and the lack of "public" amenities that were originally in the plan.

Debbi has heard that the 3 new houses that were built at the corner of McClellan and Sunny Breeze Ln. are now owned by the bank.

When tree trimming was made along McClellan recently, the trimmers came on to the Graves' property to trim a tree that they assumed was in the right of way for the street and removed 2 large limbs. The Graves' had already been notified that the tree in question needed to be trimmed back, which they did. A representative from Public Works did confirm that the tree in question is 3 ft

inside the property line. The street is incorrectly located and the Graves' are concerned that there will continue to be issues due to that fact.

**Other New Business:** Anything emailed to the membership needs to be approved by the board beforehand. Everyone present liked the idea of some sort of calendar with dates and times for meetings and events to be sent at regular intervals to the membership.

A motion was made by Cathy and seconded by Orville that the meeting be adjourned at 8:32 P.M. Motion passed.

The next board meeting will be held on April 10, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. at the home of Barry & Cathy Smith.

Respectfully submitted by Cathy Smith, Secretary