

OFDNA General Membership Meeting

April 28, 2011

Bend Senior Center

Board Members Present: Sandra Turek, Henry Louke, Kent Garliepp

Members present: 65-70

Chair Sandra Turek welcomed members to the meeting then introduced the Board members who were present. She thanked departing Board member Laura McCoy for her service.

Elections: Kent Garliepp, James Dorofi, and Jim Griffith introduced themselves and put their names forward for election. Sandra announced that the two people with the most votes would be on the Board with the third as an alternate. Kent Garliepp and James Dorofi were elected with Jim Griffith as the alternate.

Reed Market Road and the G. O. Bond: Sandra introduced Tom Hickman, Bend's Assistant Director of Public Works, who introduced Nick Arnis, Transportation Engineering Manager.

Arnis spoke about various aspects of the proposed General Obligation Bond including the expiring Downtown Improvement Levy that the G.O. Bond would replace and the deteriorating conditions of Bend's roads. He said that Reed Market Rd. is at 100% design between 27th St. and 15th St. and includes sidewalks, bike paths, and storm drainage. In addition, the proposed 27th St to Butler Market portion of the bond measure would coordinate with the building of the sewer interceptor.

There was a great deal of discussion concerning the 15th Street roundabout and train traffic. Arnis said that a warning signal was a possibility at that intersection to prevent traffic backup. Arnis stated that studies show roundabouts are safer and that a multi-lane roundabout would accommodate truck traffic.

There were also questions about an overpass for the railroad, but that project alone will cost anywhere from \$25-30 million.

Southeast Sewer Interceptor: Tom Hickman introduced Jim Woodrich, project manager, and Brady Fuller, consultant from CH2MHill. Woodrich thanked OFDNA members for their patience with the Murphy Road sewer, water, and road improvements and stated that section of Murphy would be finished in May.

Fuller gave a brief history of the Sewer Master Plan that was developed between 2005 and 2007 and the Conceptual/Final Design completion during 2007-2008. Bend's sewer

system is over capacity in some areas and new plans will take homes off septic systems and remove many of Bend's current pump stations.

The area between Reed Market/27th to Ferguson is Segment 4 in the Master Plan and will be finished in year 4 (2015) of the current plans. The City will soon begin work on segment 1 which is the segment farthest north.

The first week in May the King's Forest Area Gravity Sewer Study will be available on-line. This study details the sewer interceptor's ability to provide the most access to homes in the King's Forest area by gravity feed. It will also eliminate 6 pump stations.

There were questions about why the interceptor was not constructed in the COID canal. However, the City does not own this land which would impede not only construction but also maintenance.

Questions also addressed failing septic systems. Fuller stated that if a home with a failing system is within 300 feet of a sewer line, then the house would have to connect.

LIDs, Limited Improvement Districts, would be formed by neighbors after the sewer interceptor is built. The above-mentioned King's Forest Study shows many individual basins that would form the basis for LIDs. 50% of the basin or neighborhood would have to agree to form the LID. The City has LID information for those interested in learning more about the subject.

Questions concerning blasting/property damage, tree damage, claims against the City/construction company, and the structural integrity of the canal were also answered by Fuller.

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