

General Membership Meeting Minutes

Southern Crossing Neighborhood Association

Thursday, February 8, 2018

5 pm to 8 pm

Riverbend Conference Room, Bend Parks & Rec District Office

Volunteers met at Valerie's at 4 pm (at 61470 Duncan Lane) or Riverbend Conference Room at 4:20 pm to help set up

5:00 to 5:30 pm

Eat, drank, socialized, and voted on logo. Logo number three took the most votes.

5:30 pm 5:50 pm

Valerie kicked off meeting with Year in Review

Tomorrow is the anniversary of one year.

MailChimp email campaigns reaching member who have signed up as this is the most efficient way to reach people.

Logo competition please vote.

Board Member Acknowledgement

Co - chair Aaron Jones

Secretary Jake Slodki

Land Use Jim Larson

Member At large Keith Scott

Interim Safety coordinator Keith Pharr

Position available

Safety coordinator - works with local law enforcement to enhance the safety of the NA. Works with public safety. An example included taking a public survey as to where to position speed monitoring signs.

Keith Pharr interim safety coordinator. - crime is low for parked cars on the NA currently. Board has looked at the data and the police department confirms we have a safe place to live.

Jim Brown ran for Public Safety Chair

Live on Blakely off the Brookwood and Reed Market roundabout. A lawyer by training, when in Corvallis in the DA's office and the DA for Benton County. Working relationships with local, county and state police departments. Chair of the police training programs at that time. The position fits with knowledge base of police departments fits with the position.

Alice McCullough, ran for co-chair

Statement: Lived on Blakey Road since 1954 near the canal. Development has taken place however traffic is still an issue.

One thing that is important is with the construction that is going on; there are no street lights between silver lake and powers along Blakely. There are no stripes on the roads. Also people are parking where they want and if people don't like the signage the signs get torn down. The concern is that at night, in weather there are issues with safety. I am a very willing helper.

Valerie motions to elect Jim Brown as Co - Chair - Second Keith Scott, Unanimous decision

Alice McCullough Co-Chair by unanimous decision

Program Coordinator-

Keith Pharr wants to contribute and follow Valerie's lead

Valerie motioned to choose Keith - Keith Scott Motions - unanimous decision

NA description and update

See attachment

5:50 pm to 6:30 pm

Keynote speaker: Bend City Manager, Eric King including Q&A

Development and Transportation

5th fastest growing city in the US

Development Process:

Developer initiated project - land use approval - permitting - construction - final approval

Early dialogue is encouraged

Development is driven by a comprehensive plan. Cities are to have a 20 year plan for development.

Master plan= plus infrastructure capacity plus city of Bend development code

Project requirements= site design plus land use process plus impacts on road and sewers

Questions on housing prices, sewer being more expensive than water, UGB and the cost of infrastructure and the inaccuracy of home prices on the Visitbend.com website

Transportation System Plan

The plan of development vs transportation

20 year of how to improve transportation plan

See handout for CIP and how roadways are being improved

Citizen advisory committee has been developed to develop a comprehensive transportation plan

Street Maintenance see handout of maintenance projects

Question - Any plans for light rail or transit. Funding has increased for the regional transit system. Light rail there is low ridership. Conceptual ideas are a backbone system with feeder lines into the main system.

6:30 to 7:10 pm

Bill Smith, local developer, future of Southern Crossing including Q&A

Provide history of the culture of Bend, Brooks Scanlon came from Minnesota and brought the philosophy of being nice to Bend. This causes growth and the growth adds to the quality of life in Bend. Quality of goods and services has also increased.

Bend is an attitude and everyone has a place in Bend.

270 acres on the river bought along the Deschutes from Georgia Pacific paper company.

Mill site is in the middle of town and the original "walk to work" site. The concept is to do something nice with the river site.

The Les Schwab Amphitheater makes no money on tickets all the money goes to the bands.

Old Mill is dependent on tourism 50 % local shoppers 50%, because people feel welcome.

Economic Development Council (EDCO) measures the amount of development and encourages business to come to bend and develop business in Bend.

Paths that run toward Wilson from the Bluffs will be put back in after the hotels have been put back in.

Southern Crossing NA name history - from the footbridge that exists along the southern crossing of the river trail.

Houses on Roosevelt - the plans change all the time however there is difficulty with a planned road that is to run down to Bond street.

7:10 pm to 7:40 pm

Sgt. Mike Landolt, annual crime report including Q&A

Current placement is to lead a team to be proactive and use intelligence to solve issue before they take place.

Stats for the year in SCNA

Total Calls 2,116

Top Crimes - Including the Old Mill

34 - theft calls

27 - traffic - hit and run - DUI

25 - shoplifting - out of cars - off porches

21 - vandalism

19 - fugitive

The largest problem are opportunity crimes and to protect yourself. Lock the car doors; check the door and window locks every day.

Use motion lights and when lights are on, also dogs that bark also keeps people away.

Community Enhancement Project:

Conducted downtown individuals were asked if they were able to drive and then asked if they would take a voluntary breathalyzer. Many people were over the .08 level.

The push is on education and deterrence.

School resource officers patrol the downtown areas when school is not in session.

To slow people down during peak times, let the police department know, also the speed monitoring signs monitor, collect the data and then act to send out a traffic patrol.

Officer Landolt answered many questions in regards to traffic and pedestrians.

Bicycle theft is an issue and the police department has worked to reduce theft by sting operations and by encouraging bike shops to get customers to register purchases on Bike index.

Body cameras are a cost issue and possible legal issue

7:40 pm to 8 pm

Breakdown of meeting