

Meeting Summary for SCNA May Board Meeting

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Quick recap

The Southern Crossing Neighborhood Association conducted a survey on the Reed Market roundabout expansion project, gathering 160 responses and planning to share the results with other neighborhood districts. The board also discussed the placement of speed radar signs in the neighborhood, upcoming events, and simplifying their election process. Additionally, they discussed changes to the development code in Bend, an upcoming fuel reduction project on COID property, and various administrative and financial matters related to their events.

Next steps

- Todd: Survey and identify suitable locations for speed radar placement near Wood River village park and provide documentation/photos to the city
- Todd: Contact Deschutes Brewery to inquire about booking the Mountain Room for October general membership meeting
- Todd: Reach out to Ryan about speaking at the October general membership meeting regarding traffic and roundabout updates
- Robbie: Draft and send postcard content to Lowell for the summer block party
- Board: Review bylaws regarding election process at next board meeting
- Robbie: Look into the Firewise program requirements and evaluate presenting it to the neighborhood
- Lowell: Submit speed radar location requests to Makayla
- Todd: Create and print materials for businesses to promote the neighborhood survey
- Lowell: Submit any remaining receipts to the city a week before the end of June
- Robbie: Create postcard concept design for team review
- Robbie: Send block party yard sign design to team for review
- Robbie: Order block party yard signs for delivery next week
- Robbie: Coordinate with Todd on news release
- Robbie: Reach out to land use chair networking group
- Robbie: Contact Jack Straw to check their occupancy date
- Lowell: Send meetup reminder email on Monday
- Lowell: Process annual state corporation registration renewal
- Lowell: Arrange postcard mailing for block party
- Lowell: Process payment for Taco del Mar invoice
- Todd: Work with committee member to put up yard signs one week before the event

Summary

Southern Crossing Neighborhood Association Survey

The Southern Crossing Neighborhood Association has launched a survey about the Reed Market roundabout expansion project. The survey, which has already received 160 responses, aims to gauge public opinion on the project's timing, design, and impact. Key findings so far include strong support for expanding the roundabout to two lanes and a desire for construction to start as soon as possible or within two years. The association plans to share the survey with other neighborhood districts to gather more responses before presenting results to the city council. They are being cautious to focus on gathering data rather than advocating for specific positions at this stage.

Speed Radar Sign Placement Discussion

The board discusses the placement of speed radar signs in the neighborhood. Todd expresses interest in placing a sign near Wood River Village Park to monitor cut-through traffic. Robbie suggests locations on Reed Market Road and Bond Street near crosswalks. Lowell provides information about past deployments and data collection. The group agrees on three potential locations: near Wood River Village Park, on Reed Market Road, and on Bond Street near the theaters. Todd will survey and photograph the area near the park, while Lowell will communicate the requests to Makayla or the appropriate city contact.

Upcoming Events and Roundabout Project

The board discusses plans for upcoming events, including a summer block party on June 21st at Blakely Park and monthly meetups at Crux brewery. They are working on organizing the annual general membership meeting, tentatively scheduled for October. The main topic for the meeting is likely to be the roundabout project, with potential speakers including their city council liaison Gina and possibly the city engineer Ryan. They also consider including a brief update on development in Southern Crossing. Todd agrees to reach out to Deschutes Brewery to secure the Mountain Room as a venue for the meeting.

Simplifying Election Process and Outreach

The board discusses simplifying their election process, inspired by the less formal approach of the Old Farm district. They consider using a show of hands or voice vote for unopposed candidates instead of paper ballots. Lowell suggests updating the bylaws, and the group agrees to review this at the next board meeting. Mike, a potential new member, recommends improving outreach to new residents and businesses in the area. The board approves the April minutes and begins reviewing Robbie's May report, noting an upcoming public hearing on June 4th.

Bend Development Code Changes Discussed

Robbie discusses upcoming changes to the development code in Bend, including allowing second kitchens in dwelling units and up to two accessory dwelling units (ADUs) per lot. The group expresses concerns about the potential for these ADUs to be used as short-term rentals,

which would not address the long-term housing problem. They also discuss new housing options like row houses and the challenges of balancing development with neighborhood character. The conversation concludes with mention of an upcoming hearing on the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) and the need for more affordable housing options in proposed developments.

Fuel Reduction Project and Fire Safety

Robbie discusses the upcoming fuel reduction project on COID property, which involves creating a fuel break by removing underbrush and limbing up trees. The project aims to reduce fire risk, particularly for houses adjacent to the property. Robbie also reports on a recent wildfire meeting, highlighting Bend's limited fire-fighting resources for urban wildfires. The board considers promoting the Firewise program to the neighborhood and potentially organizing themed meetups with guest speakers to educate residents about fire safety measures.

Administrative and Financial Matters Discussed

The group discusses various administrative and financial matters related to their upcoming events. Robbie will bring more "Slowdown" signs to the next meeting. Lowell reports that there is \$648 in the budget that must be used by the end of next month, which can be allocated to block party items and other expenses. They plan to rent an additional pop-up tent for \$150. The group also discusses mailing strategies for their events, deciding to include the Current apartments but exclude businesses in their mailing list for the block party. Robbie will reach out to Jack Straw to check on their occupancy date. Various action items are assigned, including designing postcards, ordering yard signs, finding a location for a radar sign, and coordinating a news release.

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