

Meeting Summary for SCNA February Board Meeting

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Quick recap

The Southern Crossing Neighborhood Association board meeting focused on transportation improvements, with discussion of a planned roundabout at Reed Market / Bond / Brookwood, and Christian Williams from the City of Bend presented updates on the 2026 Neighborhood Street Safety Program projects, including Chamberlain Crossing and Silver Lake intersection improvements. The board approved initiatives for a public survey and roundtable transportation meeting with neighboring districts. The group also discussed the Sunny Breeze subdivision application concerns, particularly regarding wildfire safety and emergency access, and Robbie reported on the FERC decision regarding the COID property canopy trail. The conversation ended with planning for the summer block party, tentatively scheduled for July 11th, and discussion of a new welcome postcard design for neighborhood outreach.

Next steps

- Todd: Start contacting the city to set up a public meeting (roundtable/survey) regarding Reed Market and Bond Brookwood roundabouts, representing the board's consensus.
- Robbie: Review the revised Timber Yards application to ensure no concerning changes or negative impacts, especially regarding parking and open space.
- Robbie and Todd: Meet with City Council liaison Gina Franzosa to brief her on the Sunny Breeze subdivision application issues and request for Type III process.
- Robbie: Organize and host a kickoff meeting for the Summer Block Party/Barbecue event committee at her house; recruit board members and community volunteers.
- All interested board members: Indicate to Robbie if they wish to serve on the Summer Block Party/Barbecue event committee.
- Todd: Submit formal request to reserve the trailer and coordinate with Bend Parks and Rec to confirm July 11th as the event date for the Summer Block Party/Barbecue.
- Lowell: Update the website to list July 11th as the tentative date for the Summer Block Party/Barbecue.
- Robbie: Finalize the welcome postcard design based on board feedback and proceed with printing and distribution to new residents (e.g., at Jackstraw, The Current, etc.).
- Todd: Follow up with Christian Williams regarding details and timing for the NSSP open house and consider pairing with a neighborhood meetup.
- Robbie: Add agenda item for next meeting to discuss the city's offer to highlight neighborhood residents/organizations on city social media.

- Todd: Share results of discussion with René (city staff) regarding insurance and other issues via email with the board.
- Todd: Send plans for NSSP projects to interested board members after the meeting (per Christian's commitment).
- Todd: Look into the status of the stop sign at the corner of Silver Lake and Blakely (per Christian's note to check into it).
- Robbie: Respond to Bend Parks and Rec regarding collaboration on the Coulter Park open house and determine if board participation is feasible.
- Robbie: Begin process of seeking corporate sponsorships for the Summer Block Party/Barbecue.
- Lowell: Send comments on the welcome postcard to Robbie for finalization.
- Todd: Bring up insurance replacement needs with René at breakfast meeting.

Summary

Transportation Safety and Evacuation Improvements

The board approved two initiatives for transportation improvements: conducting a collaborative survey with the city and organizing a roundtable meeting with Southwest neighborhoods. The board's goal is to improve the roundabout at Reed Market / Bond / Brookwood, with a focus on both traffic management and wildfire evacuation. Christian Williams, the city's project engineer for the Neighborhood Street Safety Program, was invited to present on planned projects for 2026 and 2027.

Southern Crossing Safety Projects Update

Christian presented updates on the Neighborhood Street Safety Program (NSSP) for 2026 and 2027 in Southern Crossing. He discussed three main projects: Chamberlain Crossing, intersection improvements at Silver Lake and Chamberlain, and traffic calming along the Silver Lake and Blakely corridor. Christian explained that these projects were community-selected and part of NSSP Phase 2. He provided details on timelines, design plans, and potential improvements like rapid rectangular flashing beacons and sidewalk infill. For 2027, Christian outlined plans for strategic speed hump locations along Blakely Road. He addressed questions about parking impacts, stop signs, and emergency response times, and mentioned a pedestrian bridge at Reed Lane.

Christian explained that the NSSP is unlikely to build a bridge due to budget constraints, but noted that stranger things have happened. Todd raised concerns about the crosswalk position at the Chamberlain and Silver Lake intersection, suggesting it be moved further from the intersection to provide more reaction time for drivers. Christian clarified that the crosswalk location was chosen to avoid conflicts with existing driveways. Todd also proposed separating Chamberlain St car lanes with a median island to improve safety for both bikes and cars, but Christian noted that lane striping was

already planned to keep vehicles closer to the side of the road. Eric mentioned the challenge of balancing safety for pedestrians with accommodating larger vehicles and emergency response considerations.

Street Project Design Review

Christian discussed plans for a street project, addressing questions about parking loss and speed humps. Todd expressed satisfaction with the design but proposed an alternative crossing location at Silver Lake instead of Chamberlain, citing safety and traffic flow concerns. He suggested creating a center turn lane from Chamberlain to US 97 and installing a crosswalk on the west side of Silver Lake. Christian agreed to share his contact information for further questions and concerns. Christian and Eric said that Todd's proposal for a center lane on Reed Market falls outside their typical scope, encouraging Southern Crossing to engage their council liaison for further discussion.

Sunny Breeze Application Concerns

Robbie reported on the Sunny Breeze subdivision application, noting over 40 community comments raising concerns about wildfire safety, transportation impacts, and tree protection, with public agencies also submitting critical comments. The board agreed to meet with council liaison Gina Franzosa to brief her on the application's issues and request her intervention. Robbie also shared that Save Bend Greenspace, after receiving a FERC decision approving the amended license agreement for the COID property, decided not to pursue a rehearing and is preparing to announce Pahlisch's commitment to preserve the Canopy Trail until 2030.

Budget and IT Report

The board discussed the status of the annual city engagement grant, with Lowell reporting they are likely to spend the entire \$4,200 budget by June 30th, including potential new expenses for liability insurance and handout cards. Todd mentioned he would follow up with René about insurance coverage during their breakfast meeting, as the city's previous insurance for neighborhood districts was discovered to be unavailable. Lowell also said that their newsletter service provider MailChimp would no longer be suitable due to reduced functionality on the free plan, and a new provider called Sender would be implemented for the March newsletter.

The board discussed insurance coverage for board members, noting that they will consult with the city regarding other options.

Community Events Planning

Robbie reported on plans for a Spring Fling event at Coulter Park, though Parks and Rec suggested Blakely Park instead, which Robbie declined. The board agreed to have Robbie represent them regarding Bend Parks and Rec's request for a representative to participate in planning to extend the Deschutes River Trail.

Todd proposed July 11 for the Summer Block Party, aiming to fund it through grants and donations. The board agreed to hold the event on Saturday, July 11th. Robbie will lead the event committee to organize a kickoff meeting in about two weeks and coordinate corporate sponsorships. They decided to call the event a "picnic" instead of a "block party" to save on insurance costs, and Lowell will update the website with the tentative date. The board also reviewed and provided feedback on a new welcome postcard design, with the third font option receiving the most positive response.

Board Budget and Event Planning

The board discussed the remaining budget allocation and plans for additional events, including a potential meetup in May or June. They agreed to move the next board meeting to 5:30 PM on March 19th, with the newsletter deadline set for March 11th. The group also discussed including information about NSSP projects in the next newsletter and potentially highlighting community members or organizations on the city's social media.

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