Meeting Summary for SCNA October Board Meeting

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Quick recap

(A Special Membership Meeting was held prior to this board meeting.)

The board discussions included plans to promote Firewise certification in the neighborhood, with a subcommittee formed to organize efforts. Updates were given on the city's mailing list, the potential for a 501(c)(3) umbrella organization, and parking issues. The board planned to attend and engage with the city regarding the proposed roundabout at Bond & Reed Market. Other topics included land use updates, committee vacancies, and the need to organize the next general meeting.

Next steps

Caitlin

- Attend the city's open house on October 29th regarding the Bond & Reed Market roundabout.

Leslie

- Join the committee to help organize the next general meeting (location, timing, etc.), along with Susan and Caitlin.

Lowell

- Send Leslie an email in the next couple of days about the board's shared Google Drive and group email.
- Add Leslie to the board email group.
- Work with Caitlin to discuss and potentially obtain a mailing list for Southern Crossing.

Robbie

- Attend the Save Bend Greenspace open house on November 5th and inform the board.
- Apply again for the Environment and Climate Committee.

Todd

- Send Kyle the talking points for the roundabout meeting with the city engineer.
- Set up a meeting in early November with the city engineer regarding the Bond & Reed Market roundabout, and coordinate with other neighborhood districts.
- Aim to assemble and send out a special newsletter about the roundabout open house before October 23rd.
- Attend the Transportation Standards Public Review meetings as a representative.

Collaboration

- Robbie, Susan, Todd, Cat: Form a subcommittee to structure the Firewise effort and have an offline meeting to discuss.

Summary

Firewise Certification

The group discussed implementing Firewise certification in Southern Crossing neighborhoods, with plans to organize micro-neighborhoods and seek expressions of interest through the next newsletter. A subcommittee consisting of Todd, Robbie, and Susan will meet offline to further develop the Firewise strategy, including how to structure neighborhood participation and address grant requirements for property cleanup.

Budget and Mailing List Updates

Lowell updated the budget with $1,250 for the General Meeting and $1,500 for postcard mailing. He discussed issues with the city-provided postal mailing list format and reported that City IT staff agreed to modify it to make it more useful for sorting and maintaining the mailing list. The group also discussed the possibility of using alternative mailing lists, with Caitlin offering to help with address lists for the Southern Crossing neighborhood. The group discussed cross-referencing resident and tenant lists for Southern Crossing, which comprises approximately 1850 residences, not including recent additions from Jackstraw.

Neighborhood Districts Planning Meeting

Todd announced plans to explore creating an umbrella organization over neighborhood districts to pursue 501(c)(3) designation and other benefits, with the city attorney Ian Lighthouser scheduled to discuss this at the next chair meeting. Caitlin raised concerns about residents not being able to reach Eric King directly, with Robbie suggesting this issue should be brought up at an upcoming meeting to investigate whether residents are receiving any responses at all.

Old Mill and Timber Yards Updates

Todd reported that the city has started early discussions with the Old Mill District regarding parking capacity rather than just regulations, though these conversations are still in initial stages. Robbie provided an update on the Timber Yards neighborhood meeting, confirming that Phase 1 will include a required roundabout at Bond Street and Industrial Way, with construction expected to begin in 2027. Robbie also announced an upcoming Save Bend Greenspace open house on November 5th regarding the Deschutes South Canyon Greenspace report.

Southern Crossing Roundabout Project Meeting

The group discussed a meeting about the City roundabout project. Todd mentioned that Ryan Oster, the City Engineer, offered to have a separate meeting with the Southern Crossing Board after the official open house. The team agreed to attend the open house on October 29th, with presentations at 5:10 and 6:10 PM at the Hilton Garden Inn. They also discussed sending out a special newsletter

to residents about the project, with Todd planning to set up a follow-up meeting in early November after returning from being out of town.

Roundabout Project Open House

The group discussed plans for a newsletter about a City roundabout project open house, with Lowell suggesting it should be assembled before October 23rd or 24th. Todd shared that he had been working with the city engineer to advocate for a better traffic study and potentially a two-lane roundabout design, rather than the initially proposed single-lane design. The group also discussed potentially creating t-shirts with messages to show support at future city council meetings where additional funding might be needed.

November Meeting Planning Updates

The board discussed scheduling their November meeting for November 19th, with Todd agreeing to arrange a meeting with the city engineer about the roundabout project. Robbie announced she would be out of the country that week and shared updates about various city committee openings, including the Transportation and Mobility Advisory Committee and Planning Commission positions. The conversation ended with Lowell informing the group that Leslie would be added to the board email list and would be joining a committee to help organize the upcoming general meeting.

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