

DRAFT - Southwest Bend Neighborhood Association - SBNA
Fall General Membership Meeting
Pine Ridge Elementary School, C-Wing
Thursday, October 27, 2012; 7:00 pm
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Board Members Present: Mike Lovely, Pam Nettleton, Gene Duncan,
Kevin Desrosiers, Joe Barry, Matt Kittelson
Guest: Cricket Kadoch

Board Members Absent: Martie King

Meeting called to order: 7:00 pm

Total attendance: 30 people

Secretary's Report: Approval of Spring General Meeting minutes, motion made by Robert Tyler, second by Cricket Kadoch, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: \$1769.67 in the SBNA General Fund; Mike explained the communication funds from the city can be used for communication with members. The general fund (\$1,769.67) in the Southwest Neighborhood bank account can be used at the board's discretion. \$600 was recently spent to buy 15 vests and several road signs for the road cleanup crew.

Good Sam Program: Sign-ups are available to adopt a fire hydrant or mail box cluster to keep clear of snow during the winter. In addition, you can volunteer to keep sidewalks clear or run errands for "shut ins" during inclement weather.

Board Vacancies: Pam Nettleton volunteered to be vice president of the board. We are still looking for a secretary. Please sign up!

Neighborhood Updates: Brookswood was recently paved. Next spring there will be a final paving to finish the job. SBNA mailing list – we keep a list of members and distribute relevant information via email. We are on Facebook and Nextdoor.com, check us out! We are considering advertisements on our biannual mailer to offset distribution costs. Consider advertising or refer someone to us who might be interested.

Remember: keep the area between your property and the sidewalk clear!

Fire Free Program: October 29th-November 10th. Half-price sale at Knott Landfill!
Keep your yard clear before winter!

Speaker #1: Mel Oberst – City of Bend Community Development Director – Mirror Pond Issue

- Mel is the City rep on the Mirror Pond steering committee

- Pond created in early 1900's to generate electricity.
- It was not authorized to pool water for any reason, it just happened to occur by its construction.
- The Bend Company platted the area around the pond, but not the pond itself. That was left as a tract.
 - The Bend Company retained ownership.
- The Bend Company has gone through transitions and is now in a McKay family trust. As such, the bottom of the lake is owned by the trust.
- The City dredged Mirror Pond in 1984 without input or contact from the McKay Family.
- Today, the McKay family is engaged and part of the process as to what to do with Mirror Pond.
- A lot of opinions exist as to what to do with Mirror Pond:
 - Dredge it again
 - Do nothing
 - Remove the dam
- Mirror Pond is again in need of maintenance as it was in 1984.
- Cat tails have started to grow as an emerging wetlands. If this continues the aesthetics of the pond will change.
- The property owners around the pond are concerned about the long term condition of the pond
- City, Bend Parks, Bend 2030, William Smith Properties have formed a steering committee about what to do.
- Regulations put in place between 1984 and now make the solution more difficult than it was in 1984.
 - A permit is needed to dredge the pond that would come with many stipulations.
- The current dam creates enough power to power ~500 homes. Pacific Power has no intentions to remove the dam.
 - If it is no longer generating power, the Fish & Wildlife department would have jurisdiction over the dam.
- Dredging would likely cost \$2-\$5 million. Funding would likely come from Bend residents via a public vote.
- The City and the Parks Department have each agreed to contribute \$100,000 to engage the public about the issues facing the pond. Public perception of the issue has, in general, not understood the significance and magnitude of the challenges facing the pond.
- The public will be engaged prior to any decision being made. The City Council & Park Board would need to approve in addition to the property owners who own the area under the pond.
- An evaluation of alternatives would be required prior to any alternative being implemented. Consultants submitted bids, both in excess of \$500,000, to complete such a study.
- Studies have shown that water quality in Mirror Pond is good and the sediments within the pond are clean.

- Several citizens have come forward with a number of ideas.
- The steering committee proposed an idea to develop a Mirror Pond district with a relatively cheap assessment to help pay for the necessary improvements.

Speaker #2: – Deschutes County Sheriff Office – Jail Update

- A sheriff representative was unable to attend.
- A jail bond was not passed several years ago that would have doubled the amount of jail capacity.
- Today, the jails are nearing capacity.
- Several options are being explored to find ways to increase capacity.
- The solutions are difficult with many challenges, both seen and unseen.

Brookwood/Powers Roundabout: The roundabout is now scheduled to be opened around November 19th. A celebration will be hosted by the City to celebrate the opening of the roundabout when it is completed. Pam is heading up an effort to explore possibilities for roundabout art to be placed in the roundabout. No funds currently exist for the art so funds would need to be raised.

Future roundabout: Murphy's Crossings/Brookwood: Would be completed as part of the Murphy's Crossing Project.

Meeting adjourned: 8:24 pm