

# **OLD BEND NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

## **Board meeting MINUTES October 12th, 2020**

Board members present: Chris Freiss, Ward Tonsfeldt, Richard Ross, Mark Weers

1. It is with regret that I accepted Kathy Nagel Hood's request to resign as she is overcommitted in the rest of her life activities and we had not moved to zoom. She had been most helpful to our Neighborhood.
2. Our board is down 8 members and our bylaws allow up to 11 members. We discussed individuals that we would recruit to enter the election for those three positions. Richard, Chris, and Hildur will speak with and encourage candidates. We are emphasizing residents in the Eastern half of Old Bend, keeping in mind gender, age and ethnicity in those we recruit in effort to have more diversity in our board. Nominations are open and all may nominate, just notify Chris Freiss with the names.
3. Bend council has passed the pilot parking plan for at least the Western half of Old Bend. Our board is appreciative and expects that other neighborhoods may come to desire a district on their streets if it performs as we expect. Some concern was raised that business parking for Jackson's Corner and Active culture might be confusing for patrons. This is a pilot and changes can occur if needed in the future.
4. Sisemore street is now experiencing very heavy passthrough traffic [2000 cars daily measured] between Franklin and Colorado and will only worsen when ODOT closes the Hawthorne South bound access to the Parkway. We await completion of the transportation plan which will give direction to mitigation of cut through on multiple residential streets throughout Bend.
5. Future OBNA board to meet virtually on 2<sup>nd</sup> Mondays to accommodate chairman's obligation to another 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday meeting that also recurs.
6. Report from Chris about NLA meeting on 10/14/2020. Most of the other neighborhoods have moved to zoom. We have resisted as we have preferred person to person face covered meetings in Drake park. OBNA will be moving to virtual next month as we are frozen out of Drake Park

7. At NLA I (Chris) have been added to the working group that decides upon the boundaries. I believe our board is very satisfied with the obvious geographic boundaries of OBNA now in place. The current 13 neighborhoods each have a representative at the NLA. As you might expect, Old Bend has far fewer homes than the other 12 neighborhoods and they are experiencing rapid growth and some might say Old bend residents are over represented with fewer homes per representative. Our working group will work towards resolution.
8. Matt from Bend transportation has been collecting data from mobile radar units that track the high and low speeds that cars are traveling on residential streets to see where high speed mitigation is needed. He is asking that each neighborhood pick the 5 streets that have high speed issues that he could track and accumulate data. We will need to provide him our opinion as to our high speed streets next month.
9. The NLA land use working group on improving notification to the neighborhood of type 2 and 3 conditional use permits. Greater notification will provide more input to surrounding homes but add an additional \$150 to the permitting process.
10. The land use group is also working with council and developers about how Bend will deal with micro-units that have been mandated by the state to go into residential zones. The working group was not very successful at regulating them. They will not be permitted in RS zones [i.e. the smallest lots]; but will be in RM and RL zones [larger lots]. They cannot be converted to short term rentals. Up to 10 bedroom units will require only one shared kitchen. No laundry facilities are required nor will there be on site management. The number of tenants in each micro-unit is not limited. Obviously, not all is settled, I (Chris) will be working to keep up with these issues.

Next OBNA board on Monday Nov. 9, 2020 at 7:00 pm via zoom

For the betterment of our neighborhood. Chris Friess Chair OBNA  
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