

OBNA Board meeting April 7, 2022

Present: Chris, John, Conor, Nunzie, Richard, Mark, Kathy, Karen and Councilmember Kebler.
Public link available via oldbend.org website, agenda posted.

A. Riverfront Trail Status - John and Richard

Gap between Galveston and Miller's Landing along Riverfront.

1. Park district began developing designs back in 2015 with 2 alternatives.
 - Shared street similar to a greenway.
 - Replacing eastern sidewalk with 10 ft. Wide trail - because of street deterioration and utilities this alternative was too expensive.
2. Renewed energy happening now - district and city restarting as collaborative effort and joint project. Design has changed since 2015, as has leadership.
 - City to contribute \$340,000 from Bend MPO.
 - Park District - \$703,604 in SDC funding allocated in CIP for project.
3. Plans: intergovernmental agreement to design and provide outreach.
 - Yet despite appropriated funding it may not be enough money for what it will cost.
 - Especially since they may want to do underground utility work simultaneously. Sewer work unknown?
4. Progress: intergovernmental agreement signed.
 - They are moving forward with Design
 - Determine Cost
 - Where are gaps in funding - how to fill gaps?
5. Possibilities:
 - Utilize \$ from Neighborhood Street Safety Project - started 5 yrs ago with each NA prioritizing options for street safety.
 - Previously OBNA submitted 2 projects
 - a. Sizemore - 200 ft of sidewalk was completed but they omitted addressing cut through traffic which remains an ongoing problem.
 - b. Amity school - sidewalk crossing made safer.
6. Discussion:
 - This may not be a neighborhood Safety Project?
 - What is the most cost effective option for multi modal use?
 - Why not put simple striping and reroute traffic? Greenway?
 - Other funding sources;
 - OR parks grant,
 - Visit Bend allocation (hard to justify under sustainability fund).
 - Grants related to lottery revenues which increased due to pandemic.
 - Pacific Power may have grant possibilities for underground placement power poles.
 - Has the city applied for sources of funding through MPO?
 - Depend on Park district to pursue funding?
 - Role of OBNA and input? OBNA needs to give input.
7. Riverfront/Gilchrist project - asking for variance to omit sidewalk obligation and to reduce garage setback.
 - Discussion about coordination of sidewalks with livable streets.
 - Don't want developer to build something that doesn't fit with eventual design
 - City has a responsibility to neighborhood to figure out how projects dovetail into long term vision.
 - How to proceed because the city is addressing the project's request for a variance?
 - Jayson B., who lives on Riverfront, has been OBNA rep for River Trail project, and thinks the sidewalk there doesn't add to the functionality and design.

B. Recruitment and New Board member -

1. Board welcomes **Conor Carlson** (vote of approval during meeting)
Longtime Bend resident, since 1981. Wants to work toward positive impact. Thinks he and OBNA can be community stewards.
2. Recruitment - we still needed to fill 2 more positions.
Chris and Richard to meet with Nick Murray of Boneyard beer - which is in Old Bend.
Board would benefit from representation from local businesses.

C. Traffic Team update by Richard and John

- Sisemore cut through traffic - ongoing issue with exponential increase in traffic volumes.
Concerns about development South of Arizona to KorPine area - Sisemore will be used as a collector as SW Bend develops. KorPine master plan will develop 30+ acres which will determine the Sisemore alignment. Currently it is piecemeal development.
 - John met with Robin Lewis to discuss and get updates. She encourages more ideas and input by OBNA. Pending master plan of KorPine how do we get the city to consider the longterm implications?
1. Discussion
 - Difficulty with railroad and the bottleneck it presents in dev East West corridor.
 - Transportation technology is available, how to interface with Railline.
 - Could the city use rail money to bridge the bottleneck? Federal and lengthy process.
 2. Action - Traffic Team will continue to share ideas and keep communicating with the city emphasizing importance of avoiding cut through traffic. Our streets can't sustain the volume.

D. NART updates by Karen

1. Houselessness - no info yet on the proposed public forum spearheaded by Lisa Mushel.
 - City Counsel is proceeding with the draft submitted by the planning commission.
2. Short Term Rentals
 - continue to be an issue with growing applications in parts of the city that previously weren't saturated.
 - Other neighborhoods are not as dense so the 250 ft limit may not be sufficient to avoid multiple adjacent STRs.
 - ABNA (Awbrey Butte NA) sent a survey to its neighborhood. That survey template is available to other NA's who wish to use it. Still uncertainty whether it takes away from middle housing.
 - See bendnaforums.org for more info.
3. Save Bend Green space - <https://savebendgreenspace.org>.
 - movement to preserve COID property from development.
 - Goal: Protect the land between Brookwood and the Deschutes River as a natural urban green space with access for all.
 - Currently; project is supported by Southwest Bend NA, Southern Crossing NA and Century West NA. Goal is to have all 13 NA's publicly support the project.

E. Staat St. Childrens Garden - John

- proposed interactive garden on Bend Methodist Church Property, co sponsored by the Environmental Center and Sunnyside Montessori School.
 - Earth Day event on 4/23/22 will offer a chance to learn more by visiting their booth.
1. Discussion - excellent chance for OBNA to affiliate and support this kind of project.
 2. Action - John to post on OBNA website.

F. Worrel Park - currently Deschutes County plans to construct a parking lot.

- Community action happening to retain and improve it as a park.
1. Action - OBNA supports keeping it as a park, will continue to keep abreast of developments.

G. **May is Historic Preservation Month** - OBNA has 2 historic districts.

1. Action - Please send Nunzie ideas for featuring something in our neighborhood that features historic preservation.