

OBNA Board meeting minutes August 4, 2022 6:30-8pm

Present: John Fischer, Richard Ross, Karen Harding, Chris Friess, Conor Carlsen, Nick Murray, Councilor Melanie Kebler

Absent: Kathy Nagel-Hood, Travis Abele, Nunzie Gould, Mark Weers

Neighbors/Guests Attending: Neighbor David Funcheon

Discussion Items

I. Board Nominee: Nick Murray

Introduction: Nick is a neighbor since 2016 and business owner of Boneyard Brewing in Old Bend. Currently serving on the OBNA Traffic Team. He grew up in Fort Collins, Colorado, where he saw it grow from a town of 8,000 residents to a city which now has 200,000 residents. Similar population interests, climate and politics. He learned to appreciate good city planning and historical roots. Strong interests in developing optimally from the start as once something is developed it is difficult to go back.

Action: unanimous approval.

II. Traffic Team report: Richard and John

A. Riverfront/Riverside/Tumalo Traffic:

Problem: Increasing speed, noise, congestion and accidents

History: Tumalo/Riverside was redeveloped in 2013, previously was a right angle turn. The current design with T intersection was the solution to improve flow and safety. It did help with reducing Tumalo cut through traffic. Yet despite the reconfiguration there continues to be increased congestion, idling, animal (2 geese) and 1 motorcycle fatalities, as well as multiple traffic accidents recently.

Issues:

1. Neighbor Maureen of Riverfront/Galveston/Tumalo reports 3-4 accidents this summer in her front yard. Other neighbors; David and Jenn report accidents and safety concerns have increased as traffic and pedestrian crossing have increased, especially with the volume of river floaters, who exit at Galveston and Riverfront.
2. Cars speeding down Galveston after picking up speed in the commercial corridor, and cars picking up speed as they traverse west on Riverfront. Cars traveling on Riverfront often have rear end collisions.
3. Increased speeding and unmuffled engine braking.

Actions taken:

1. Jason B. emailed Robin Lewis with the City.
2. In the past the City has suggested problem be addressed as a NSSP (Neighborhood Street Safety Program). Traffic Team has identified this as inappropriate as it is a larger regional safety problem that needs prompt attention.
3. City did an investigation of the motorcycle fatality in June 2022 - results pending.
4. Maureen called Commissioner Patty Adair, who f/u with John Fischer. Adair is committed to helping. Suggests a flashing light sign as a visual indicator.

B. Deschutes River Trail completion - still in progress

- Robin Lewis walked with the traffic team down Riverfront.
- Melanie Kebler suggests the possibility of raised cross walks.
- Focus should include the number of people crossing there.

C. Sisemore Extension and cut through traffic:

Developments:

- John F. authored letter on behalf of OBNA regarding the Killian Pacific project that emphasized support for the project but not the extension of Sisemore to Industrial without a traffic count/study.
- Richard advocates for a broader conversation with the City.
- advocates for a modal filter and R turn only, reduces cut through traffic on Sisemore.
- Nick has compiled info about the bigger picture; inclusive of the Black Diamond and Killian developments that will make Sisemore a collector. Without a master plan Kor Pine will build on Sisemore as a collector and further encourage cut through traffic.

Goal - meaningful discussion with the City regarding the evolving problems that will emerge with future development of Killian and Kor Pine developments.

- Sisemore; how it is developed can prioritize how residents can move without a car. An example of how we develop as a City in the future.

Action Plan: what's next for OBNA? We would like to be part of the solution.

1. Can we petition for a meeting with planner Karen Swenson (Killian project)?
2. ODOT - do they have funds to deal with streets adjacent to the Parkway?
 - revamping the parkway with extension of Aune.
 - problems getting to Third street from Hwy 97
3. How do we apply for funds? Melanie joined MPO and thinks there is 1.5 million in unrestricted funds?
4. MPO money for traffic safety on streets with regional implications - fit?
5. Traffic Team to f/u with report from June 2022 investigation of motorcycle fatality
6. Traffic Team to f/u with police and streets department regarding other accidents.

III. Parking District Update:

- City is stalled on decided specifics because they are awaiting the States mandate on Climate Friendly Rules, which will interact with the City plans.
- Toby Marx suggests making a few more hourly parking.

Issues:

- East side of Old Bend previously opted out of the parking district. Now, some residents have asked to be included.
- With more development, especially the southern developments (Black Diamond, Killian, Kor Pine), there is going to be overflow parking in East Old Bend.
- Anecdotally we have noticed that MOC employees are parking on Colorado. And that ADU's are being built with less off-street parking. Old Bend has high percentage of STRs that often have multiple vehicles utilizing street parking.

Potential Action:

Consider including all of East Old Bend in Parking District? May need to await final decision by the City.

IV. Annual Meeting Plans:

Discussion:

- May be better to do in Fall before the weather changes, facilitates outdoors and unperson.
- Preference of most is to do in person to meet neighbors.
- If in person possibility of doing a hybrid meeting may bring too many technical difficulties.
- Possible location: Boneyard Brewing on a Wednesday?
- Other possibility: Old taco shop - currently being renovated.

Action Plan: Nick will look into dates for the fall.

V. Other Neighborhood Projects Suggestions:

A. **Neighborhood Yard Sale** - would be a way to meet neighbors. Possible dates and location?

B. **Neighborhood beautification** - Currently there are ongoing projects that groups or individuals have facilitated independently (Staats St. garden, area on Colorado)

Ideas:

- NA could advocate for improving spaces in our neighborhood - volunteer to plant and care for spaces that need beautification.
- Site on Colorado and Harriman is the gateway to Old Bend and could use beautification.
- City is moving towards xeriscaping and drought tolerant.
- NA could possibly do something like Worthy Brewing has done with their garden club.

VI. Developments:

- McCann Project: planner is Karen Swenson. Neighbors still advocating for a meeting. Developer has been slow to respond.