

Minutes

OBNA Board meeting September 1, 2022 @6:30-8pm - hybrid meeting

Present: Nick Murray, John Fischer, Conor Carlson, Kathy Nagel-Hood, Karen Harding, Mark Weers, Council member Melanie Kebler.

Absent: Travis Abele, Chris Friess, Nunzie Gould, Richard Ross

Discussion Items:

- A. **Unsanctioned Camping at Troy Field.** Neighborhood difficulties and challenges.
- Was a meeting at the site with City officials and interested parties to discuss possible solutions, including Mike Riley of the Environmental Center. Though John was informed of the meeting, an OBNA rep was not present.
 - In future OBNA would like to be included in discussions.
 - City Council is currently working on a unsanctioned camping code - may clarify.
 - Bend Police are amenable to helping, suggest calling non emergent line.
 - Kathy H had an experience with unsanctioned camping near the Library with disturbances - response by police was positive with increased patrols.
 - Pastor Jenn at the Methodist Church recommends engaging unruly campers in the AM as they are more amenable to suggestions.
 - John discussed ways to engage, as neighbors, when campers are in public right of way.
 - Discussion on ways to engage with compassionate boundaries when neighbors encounter unsanctioned campers.
 - **Action Plan:** OBNA will be more engaged and involved by asking to be included in the loop when the City encounters concerns within our neighborhood.
 - Because we have the lowest % owner occupied homes in the City, behooves us to be proactive and alert to potential challenges.
- B. **Fall Annual neighborhood meeting** - plan for an in-person event.
- **Event location and date**
 - Date: Wednesday October 12, 2022
 - Time: 5:30-7:30 pm
 - Place: Boneyard Brewing - thank you Nick Murray
 - Theme: Neighborhood Connectivity - goal is to improve connection with neighbors.
 - **Agenda:** TBD but will prioritize concerns of neighbors.
 - **Ideas:** online survey ahead of time to elucidate neighbors interests and concerns.
 - Survey accessed via QR code in the invitational flyer.
 - **Notification:** instead of postcard like last year, we will distribute door to door and use the email subscribers at oldbend.org.
 - **Action Plan:**
 - Conor agrees to spearhead the tech work of QR code and survey.
 - John and Karen will work on flyer.
 - Board members will assist with distribution of flyers.
 - Logistics - will need to be determined over the next few weeks via email threads.
- C. **Development Updates** - John
1. **McCann Riverside project:** concerns over the alley and accessibility.
 - Developer has not wanted to meet with neighbors. If he agrees OBNA will help facilitate.
 - City has appointed a planner, Karen Swenson, but no plans have been submitted.

- Unless there is a variance the developer is entitled to build this due to recent code changes, even if the neighbors don't feel it fits surrounding character.
- Neighbors suspect the developer is planning 2 - 3 story buildings with 4 condos each = 8 units.

2. **Jefferson Property development** - Karen

- It is a quadplex on 5000+ sq. ft lot. Asking for a waiver to standard setback of 60 ft to middle of the street, instead they want 40 ft.
- Concerns that the City is allocating waivers in the same piecemeal way it decides other developments - without concern for the bigger picture or master plan of the community.
- HB 2001 was intended to build middle housing but now we see developers building high density that is not affordable.

3. **Killian Project** was approved.

- They continue to plan for Sisemore extension.
- Letters by OBNA were submitted to the City.
- **Action Plan:**
 - Continue to educate neighbors about land use and how to comment when variances or waivers are presented.
 - Continue to work with developers and the City in the preplanning phases.

D. **Traffic Team Updates** - John

- Monthly meeting is not until next Tuesday therefore few updates.
- 1. **Sisemore** is still a concern due to potential connection with Kor Pine development.
 - Concerns that the planner Rory is moving and replacement is unknown.
- 2. **Broadway** continues to be a concern for speeding.
 - Ideas:
 - Speed bumps.
 - Calming islands.
 - In Oahu - raised crosswalks, similar to those in Old Mill.
 - City tends to put in Greenways as an alternative - concerns this wouldn't slow traffic.
- 3. **Riverfront** concerns, especially from neighbor Maureen.
 - Staff is aware but it is a broader issue
 - **Action Plan:**
 - Traffic team will continue to discuss strategies and ways to work with the City.

E. **Landmarks Commission**

- Congratulations to Kathy Hood for her recent appointment to the Commission.
- Kathy - hopes to bring a humanistic approach to historic development.
- All agree she will be a great addition to the commission.
- No meeting this month.

F. **NART Update** - Karen

- Collaborative effort with NA's, possibly the City Club and League of Women Voters to put on a local candidate debate that would enable free public accessibility.
- They may ask for financial support from NA's.
- Plans are evolving.

G. **Organizational Needs** - Karen

- We need to standardize some of our communication tools so they can be transferred to Board members as they change. Currently new members have to learn and recreate.
- Challenges with tech and social media.

- Our recent web site update was good but we need to be updating it more frequently.
- Facebook page needs updating.
- City doesn't have tech support for these kinds of issues.
- Challenges: do we pay for someone or get volunteers?
- **Action Plan:** explore possible paid assistance or other alternatives.

H. **Miscellaneous** - Melanie

- Recent shooting incident and impact on the community - Melanie spoke to the City's response and the local police, emergency, and crisis response teams. Community effort to heal.