

OBNA Board Meeting Minutes

April 6, 2023 6:30-8pm

Hybrid meeting @ <https://meet.google.com/ecq-czer-ohi?authuser=0>

Board Attendees: John Fischer, Conor Carlsen, Mark Weers, Chris Friess, Nick Murray, Karen Harding

Board Absent: Kathy Nagal-Hood, Nunzie Gould, Richard Ross, Travis Abele

Guests presenters/Attendees: James Teeter - Ashley Vance Eng., Daniel Paz - Fire Engineer COB & neighbor, Henry Stroud - BPRD Planner & neighbor, Ian Isacson - BPRD Landscape architect, Brad Tower - COB Civil Engineer Riverfront reconstruction, Vince Rowley - neighbor, Frances Zars - neighbor, Jen Howard - neighbor

Bend Fire Dept Bond update from Daniel Paz - Fire Engineer City of Bend

1. May Special election for Fire Levy
 - Will increase taxes but the 2014 Levy expires in 2024
2. Reasons needed:
 - Bend Fire & Rescue relies on levy revenue to sustain staffing and expenses related to emergency operations.
 - Call volumes have increased 60%
 - Previous Levy allowed for temporary approval of 9 staff members and staffing of Fire Station 306 at foot of Pilot Butte
 - Currently the response time is 6 min within the City and 9 min in the Rural district.
 - Without the Levy response times would increase.
 - More info on the City web site: bendoregon.gov/fire-levy

BPRD Updates

Riverfront Trail Design - Updates by Henry Stroud BPRD Planner; conceptual design and lead on the Riverfront portion of the River Trail.

1. Background info:
 - River trail is the most utilized trail with approximately 1200 users per day.
 - Riverfront Street is a part of the River Trail whereas Gilchrist is a public right of way.
 - Riverfront portion is one of 2 gaps between Drake and Pacific Parks.
 - Riverfront is high priority
 - Is part of low stress network which focuses on nonvehicular travel
 - Project started in 2014 then stopped in 2017 due to complexity and funding.
 - Funding:
 - \$700,000 reserved from BPRD system dev fees
 - \$350,000 COB grant from MPO

2. Existing conditions:

- Sidewalk on L side only and is 3-4 ft wide, which is narrow by current COB 6 ft standard.
- Utilities run beneath; sewer, fresh water, storm sewers that currently flow directly into the River, and 13 utility poles.

3. Project Scope and Intergovernmental Aspects

- Rebuild Riverfront multi use trail.
- Rebuild within COB design standards.
- Upgrade and relocate utilities; upgrade water drain and pretreatment stormwater.
- Maintain private driveway access
- Provide parking on one side of street
- Multiple challenges due to restrictions and city utility partnerships

4. Public Outreach by both BPRD and COB

- There will be trade offs due to complexity and unique site characteristics
- BPRD is open to ideas and public input.
- Project Funding - 2.5 - 3 Million
- Existing
 - BRRD - 700,000
 - COB - 347,00
- Potential other sources;
 - COB water - 500K
 - COB stormwater 200-250K
 - COB street preservation - unknown
 - Other grants - unknown

5. Next Steps - Brad with City of Bend

- City Council and BPRD have both approved - anticipate late June 2023 design phase kick off
- Anticipate Construction 2025
- Public Involvement:
 - Both formal and informal at least 2-3 times early in the project.
 - Design concepts are put together based on constraints and limitations.

6. Ideas:

- Mark - Pursuing grants from Pacific Power to underground utilities

- When design consultant engaged - will look at higher level and granular level possibilities
- Nick shared a case study in another town that started a long term plan to bury utilities. Also emphasized the need for tree canopy.
- James and John shared a powerpoint that included ideas of an elevated walkway, planter boxes and solar lamps to reduce vehicular traffic and increase safety of peds and bikes.
- James shared an expanded view of Riverfront as a livable street; making neighborhood streets safe for a 2nd/3rd grader to walk safely. If a street has residences on both sides then the safety of the people living there should be prioritized. Riverfront could be a model for all neighborhood streets.

Updates on McKay/Miller/Columbia Developments - Ian Isacson; landscape architect and project manager for River Access Projects.

Background

- 2 yr. Process adopted in 2021 which includes 3 parks with 4 river access locations. There is ¼ mile between each one but they each reflect different uses.

McKay:

- heavily used 4 months of the year for paddle, surf, wave, swimming.
 - Difficult for mobility challenged to access therefore focus is on accessibility.

Millers Landing:

- Access #1 - boardwalk area
 - Location chosen to enhance river access with watercraft launching.
- Access #2 - currently there is a user created area which needs redevelopment to prevent further erosion.
 - Plan is to provide access for wading and swimming

Columbia:

- Originally intended for small watercraft use.
 - Closed in 2020 due to erosion.
 - Final design focus is wading and swimming, neighborhood watercraft access.

Design options were chosen from public input (1200 responses)

- Late 2023 - final preferred concepts will be presented, and will have more public outreach.

- Website: [McKay, Miller's Landing and Columbia Parks \(MMC\) River Access Project - Bend Park and Recreation District](#)

Garage Sale Updates and Discussion- (due to meeting running late further discussion will proceed via email thread)

Details:

- Theme: Neighborhood Connectivity
- Date: 4/29/23
- Place Boneyard Brew Pub and adjacent public area
- Time: 9-4pm
- Need a permit? - per John; the City doesn't offer these types of permits.

Discussion:

- Neighbors who are selling will attend to their own merchandise.
- Unattended or donated items will need a volunteer cashier.
- OBNA doesn't have a non profit designation or treasurer.
 - Discussion about possibly attaining 501(c)(3) non profit status to be discussed in the future.
 - Will have to partner with another non profit and donate proceeds to them.
 - Friends of Amity - John will f/u with Principal
 - Environmental Center - possibility?

Food and Beverage vendors:

- Autobahn Coffee
- Food Truck - breakfast burritos

Advertising and signage:

- Nick to make flyers - available for Board members and others to distribute.
- John - volunteered 3rd grade daughter and friends to make signs.
- John - has tables available to borrow for set up.
- Need to advertise on Facebook website and Marketplace, Nextdoor, Old Bend Website, Instagram - (newly set up)

Other ideas?