

**River Road Community Organization (RRCO) Executive Board Meeting
July 20, 2009; 7:00 p.m.**

Board Members Present:

Carleen Reilly, Jan Spencer, Eileen Nittler, Becky Riley

Board Members Absent:

Kate Kelly, Jolene Siemsen, Beth Parsons, Marilyn Mohr

Other attendees:

Pat Reilly, Jackie Hallett (City of Eugene Parks and Open Space), Peter James, Jen Hornaday, Bruce Eveland

Carleen called the meeting to order with introductions and questions about interest in local topics.

Public Comment:

Jen Hornaday brought in a land use application (Conditional Use Permit) and asked RRCO to consider making comments to the City. The Adventist church is looking to develop a four acre parcel north of Dari-Mart on E. Maynard. Jen's concerns, as a property owner adjacent to the parcel, are as follows:

- North Lanson St., which currently is an 18' wide unpaved road, would potentially be widened to 45', taking 15' of her property as well as her neighbors. There is not already a right of way.
- The parking lot is large and unnecessary, as they could share with the church across River Road.
- The plans include lighting that would be glaring and intrusive.
- The church wants to use the building as a homeless shelter ten weeks per year. Jen wants clarification on this, as well as pointing out the homeless encampments along the river may make for a large number of homeless people in the neighborhood.

The city has given two comment dates—July 22 for RRCO to weigh in, August 11 for the general public. RRCO cannot take official action tonight, as there is no quorum of board members. Becky noted that the July deadline was a special opportunity for the neighborhood group to weigh in early, but we could still submit comments up until the close of the public record in August.

Jackie Hallett stated that Parks and Open Space should see it, as it affects Codojen Park, and that Gary McNeill—the transportation guy at Public Works—should be contacted as well.

Jan Spencer announced the Rosetta Park open house on July 23, Bike Tour on July 25.

Eileen Nittler announced the Beltline Plan open house at NEHS on July 29.

Carleen Reilly announced the LRAPA hearing on the Senecea Biomass Plant on July 30.

Carleen Reilly announced a discussion about EPD Taser use at the City Club on July 31.

Jan Spencer announced Perma-Jam V on August 1.

Jackie Hallett announced the Filbert Meadows open house on September 9.

There was discussion about National Night Out on August 4. It would require some planning by RRCO to put together an event at which EPD could speak about safety. There was no quorum for official action, nor energy for individual work on such short notice.

Jan, Jen and Carleen talked about the River Path Promenade yesterday. It was a nice event with information distributed along the length of the bike path and tables set up. There were people in period costumes at Skinner's Butte cabin.

Approval of minutes from March to June were tabled, as there was no quorum.

Board Planning:

The four board members discussed upcoming meeting topics. Tentatively, August will be city manager John Ruiz, and the Neighborhood Assessment Survey. September could be on the Neighborhood Action Plan or the Beltline improvement plan, or a board work session, or charter amendment work. Jan would like to convene a panel in October on public safety, permaculture and emergency preparedness. December will be the annual dessert potluck.

Jan will write an article for the parks catalog. Carleen will edit.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40

Minutes submitted by Eileen Nittler