

The meeting of the Neighborhood Leadership Alliance was called to order at 4:01 p.m. on Tuesday, January 12, 2021, online and by phone.

1. **Roll Call:** Hans Jorgensen (Chair), Lisa Mushel (Vice-chair), Karen Bergsvik, Jim Christo, Chris Friess, Cassie Giddings, Peter Holter, Dave Johnson, Steve Pine, Elizabeth Rhodes, Kathy Roche, Summer Sears

2. Approve Minutes

Changes to minutes:

Member Rhodes presented the following changes for the minutes:

- Member Roche is listed as seconding the motion to approve the previous minutes, Member Mushel seconded the motion
- In the section dealing with the proposed Juniper Ridge homeless camp, there was concern about the proximity of “Juniper Ridge Elementary School”, the school of concern is Lava Ridge Elementary
- In the section concerning the Neighborhood Street Safety Program Working Group, at the end, it says “Member Roche and Member Sears volunteered through chat.” Member Rhodes volunteered as well

Member Roche presented the following changes to the minutes:

- On page 7, paragraph 6, the sentence “Roche said the NLA needs to propose something that they would like to see done and do it as soon as possible.” NLA needs to be replaced with Neighborhood Association.

Member Johnson moved to approve the December 8, 2020 meeting minutes. Member Mushel seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously (12-0).

3. Public Comments (10 minutes)

No public comments.

4. Affordable Housing – Lynne McConnell & Cindy King

Lynne McConnell, Affordable Housing Manager, and Cindy King, Affordable Housing Chair, presented the following slides on Affordable Housing

- Definitions
- Bend AMI and Housing Affordability
- Bend’s Current Need
- Since 2010 Oregon Produced a Lower Ratio than the United States
- OED Data
- Rent Burden

- Rent Strongest Predictor of Metro Homelessness Rate
- Affordable Housing Advisory Committee
- Surplus Property
- Missing Middle Housing Picture
- Production
- Questions
- Additional Resources

Member Holter asked how the housing deficit numbers were determined. McConnell said it is through American Community Survey (ACS) data which is primarily census data. Echo Northwest, consultant, did a matchup of what home prices were in the area in 2015 with who was in the area.

Member Giddings asked how short term rentals have impacted rental availability in Bend. McConnell said there have been strong feelings amongst certain members of the community that they should have control of the property they own and if the City of Bend takes certain privileges away that may have existed before, the City can have takings issues that mean the City would be liable to the homeowner for what was taken from them. McConnell said on the other side of that is the need for housing production and whether or not those homes would have fallen anywhere near affordable. McConnell said only three licensed rentals out of over 700 could have been sold in an affordable range at the time that they were sold.

King said there is a percentage of short term rental properties that are not just for vacationers, they provide housing for nursing staff who are here for three months at a time or people who are between homes if they get a job relocation.

Member Mushel asked what the plan is to provide better bus routes, sidewalks, and safe bike paths to ensure fewer cars on already stressed roads. McConnell said a Transportation Bond was moved forward by the voters where there is money focused on connections east-west and alternative transportation. McConnell explained there is a multiple prong approach which includes improving what Bend already has, creating what Bend does not have, and ensuring the City works towards complete communities.

Member Mushel asked what efforts are being made to support livability for those who came before us and what are the plans so all the new housing does not harm or even kill the community's local wildlife populations. McConnell said the way cities have been built over the last 30 years has not been working. McConnell said vehicle miles have been increasing, substantial portions of the population are being left out and there needs to be a massive shake up in how the City is looking at development to overcome this problem.

Member Bergsvik asked how to balance the parking needs and with lowering the cost of the housing by not having parking available. McConnell said the shots are being called by the state who has said that parking is a barrier to development needed, housing needs to be developed in neighborhoods, and therefore should be very little parking if any required. McConnell said affordable housing follows the development code, there is a reduction in parking and there is more research coming out on how over parked things

are. McConnell said that most people build out to the market rate code but not the affordable code.

5. Working Group Updates

a. Land Use Working Group

- i. NLA Code Change Recommendations Update**
- ii. HB 2001 Report**

Member Mushel presented the following slides:

- NLA Code Change Recommendations
 - Focus Areas
 - Education Resource Overview
 - Project Timeline
- House Bill 2001 Stakeholder Group
 - House Bill 2001 Overview
- Land Use Notification Process
 - Mailed Notifications – approved by Planning Commission 1/11/2021
 - Notification Signs – approved by Planning Commission 1/11/2021
 - Neighborhood Public Meetings – On Hold
 - Mailed Notifications – On Hold
 - Neighborhood Public Meetings – redefined process

Member Jorgensen stated there are only two members on the Land Use Working Group and asked for volunteers. Members Rhodes and Christo volunteered to join the Land Use Working Group.

b. Neighborhood Boundaries Working Group

- i. Working Group Chair**
- ii. Council Goal Setting Presentation**

Member Bergsvik presented the following updates for the Neighborhood Boundaries Working Group:

- Working Group met January 5, 2021 –
 - Set meetings to the first Thursday every month - next meeting February 4, 2020 – time to be determined
- All thirteen neighborhoods responded to prompt questions
 - Ten neighborhoods will look at changing boundaries
 - Three themes identified in relation to boundaries
 - Size varies greatly between the current 13 Neighborhood Associations – Neighborhood Associations have grown organically as the City has grown and has become a burden to the Neighborhood Associations that are on the perimeter to the City to grow as the City grows
 - Neighborhood Associations that has 800 tax lots get the same vote as one that has 5,000 tax lots – not equitable and harder for the larger Neighborhood Associations to feel like they are adequately representing everyone

- Representation of newly annexation areas – code does not define how newly annexed areas are included in Neighborhood Associations and without clarification in the code people that live there or own a business in one of the areas will not be represented by a Neighborhood Association
- Cohesiveness of neighborhoods – it is important to look at natural barriers as well as demographics and zoning – they all play a part in how cohesive a neighborhood feels
- Requested from Council to look at Neighborhood Association boundaries in their two-year work plan
- City Council Goal Setting will be January 20, 2021, and January 21, 2021
- If NA boundaries are included on Councils work plan, the Boundaries Working Group will need to develop a work plan, actions, and who is going to do what – happen at the February meeting

c. Neighborhood Safety Working Group

i. Review of Neighborhood Street Safety Program Project List

Makayla Oliver, Community Relations Manager asked for Neighborhood Association responses on the Neighborhood Street Safety Program Project List by January 22, 2021.

6. Outstanding Topics

a. Managed Camps

Member Jorgensen asked for the managed camp prompt questions from the Neighborhood Associations by February 3, 2021.

Oliver shared that Carolyn Eagan, Economic Development Director, offered to speak with the Neighborhood Leadership Alliance on managed camps and get someone from the Homeless Leadership Coalition to speak on the topic as well.

b. Election of Officers

Member Sears moved for Member Jorgensen to continue as Chair and Member Mushel to continue as Vice-chair. Member Johnson seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously (12-0).

7. NLA Representative Reports

Member Jorgensen presented the following updates for the Awbrey Butte Neighborhood Association:

- Board submission to Council was on fire safety and fire risk
- Presented for the Neighborhood Leadership Alliance at January 11, 2021 Council Listening Session and asked Council for the following:
 - Council to continue funding of the Neighborhood Associations at the current level to increase participation in the community and connect with underrepresented groups

- Continued funding of the Neighborhood Street Safety Program
- Consider using the Neighborhood Leadership Alliance as a resource in a greater way and consider as much as including that as part of the strategy of the goals
- Consider using the Neighborhood Leadership Alliance as a contributor to things up to and including policy changes at the City and Council level
- Consider a formal process for community committees input specifically targeting widespread participation and greater than a limited number of stakeholder groups

Member Mushel presented the following updates for the Century West Neighborhood Association:

- Board took December off to celebrate holidays
- Board has fewer Land Use Notices
- Sign code amendment changes – sent an email to staff to request the City allow Neighborhood Associations to legally use the boundary post to advertise Neighborhood Association meetings
- Annual meeting in April – plans for Fire Ready Bend – major education effort for Century West residence but will extend invitations to all other Neighborhood Association

Member Bergsvik presented the following updates for the Southern Crossing Neighborhood Association:

- Submitted form to Council at the Listening Session – discussed:
 - Transportation – wants to complete the current Neighborhood Street Safety Program list
 - Asked for a pause at signals for the Reed Market, Brookwood and Bond roundabout - reaching capacity
 - Supports Radar Speed signs and would like more – two locations for two weeks is not enough and asked to extend the program
- Holding two retreats in January – review what worked and did not on the work plan, set goals, objectives and what to work on in the coming year
- Board is continuing work on boundaries – changing bylaws and working with Southwest Neighborhood Association

Member Christo presented the following updates for the Southeast Bend Neighborhood Association:

- Spoke at the Council Listening Session – discussed communications issue with the City
- The Neighborhood Association website is down currently

Member Friess presented the following updates for the Old Bend Neighborhood Association:

- Neighborhoods request for the Neighborhood Street Safety Program is street calming at Amity Creek School and safer pedestrian crossing at Colorado Boulevard to get to Sizemore

- Deschutes River Trail is deficient and blocked between Drake Park and Miller's Landing – war between Bend Parks and Recreation District and the City to put in sidewalks and make the trail complete
- Transportation Plan needs to be completed – the neighborhood is concerned about transportation ideas about cut through traffic in the neighborhood streets and traffic calming to make safer
- Board is in favor of the tree ordinance

Member Giddings presented the following updates for the River West Neighborhood Association:

- Board support the tree ordinance – surveyed members for feedback
- Board meeting Monday, January 18, 2021
 - Will finalize details for the annual meeting which will be late February or early March
 - Focus is on pedestrian traffic safety and parking – will bring in the Police Chief
 - Still trying to figure out the virtual vote
- Updating website
- Working on the newsletter – will send out after postcard
- Board will have a special meeting to work on a strategic plan and do a goal-setting session
- Have a volunteer to join the board that might get to vote at the annual meeting

Member Holter presented the following updates for the Larkspur Neighborhood Association:

- Board supports the tree ordinance
- Board would like the crime stats

Member Johnson presented the following updates for the Old Farm District Neighborhood Association:

- The Chair presented goals at the Monday listening session
 - Implement the enforceable tree code
 - City to provide more robust and consistent communication assets to all the Neighborhood Associations so the equality of outreach communications does not vary based on the skill and availability of the rotating cast of volunteers
 - City making a greater effort by educating members of the community about the resources and opportunities available through their local Neighborhood Associations - promoting diversity among participants and providing neighborhood 101 learning products so that everyone can participate
- Had general meeting Monday, January 11, 2021
 - Approved an update to bylaws – included finding the southern boundary
 - Changed some restrictions on being able to vote

Member Pine presented the following for the Mountain View Neighborhood Association:

- Listening Session – chair presented on:

- Livability
- COVID-19 response
- Letter from a neighbor who discussed speed bumps – board sent a letter sharing support that there is a traffic issue in the neighborhood but are not convinced that speed bumps are the answer – board has invited the City to come to the next board meeting to discuss that in an open forum

Member Rhodes presented the following updates for the Southwest Bend Neighborhood Association:

- Board meeting Monday, January 11, 2021
 - Working on bylaws – will bring to the general meeting in April to get approval from the membership
- Supports the tree ordinance – received input from members with concerns
- Neighborhood Street Safety Program – happy with projects/ready to move forward

Ian Leitheiser, Assistant City Attorney, suggested Neighborhood Associations not change their boundaries until everyone works through the process and come up with a structure on how that is going to happen.

Member Roche presented the following updates for the Boyd Acres Neighborhood Association:

- Meeting next week to look at the new library and changes to highway 97
- Have not looked into tree ordinance with the board
- Could the Boundaries Working Group be assigned or take on the information of possible code change language as a part of what the Neighborhood Leadership Alliance is doing

Member Sears presented the following updates for the Orchard District Neighborhood Association:

- Recruiting
 - Board will be appointing two new members and filling other open positions with six potential candidates at the annual meeting next week
 - Continuing with diversity push in recruiting, not only different members but also reaching out to the membership, Latinx and BIPOC community members to make sure the annual meeting is in Spanish and other communications are translated into Spanish to try and be more inclusive and help them get involved
- Hired consultant with rebranding – updating the Neighborhood Association website and wants to include the good Samaritan projects
- Short term rental concerns

Member Giddings asked who the new Council liaison is for the Neighborhood Leadership Alliance. Oliver said once this will get sent out to the Neighborhood Leadership Alliance once the final Council liaison document is received.

Adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kayla M. Duddy
Deputy City Recorder