

Meeting Minutes

Bend City Council Stewardship Subcommittee

January 28, 2020, 3:00 p.m.

City Council Chambers, Bend City Hall

710 NW Wall, Bend, Oregon



3:00 p.m. Bend City Council Stewardship Subcommittee Meeting

1. Convene Subcommittee Meeting

Councilors Barb Campbell, Bruce Abernethy, Chris Piper

Also Attended: Cassie Lacy, Kayla Duddy, Shelly Smith, Russ Grayson, Ian Leitheiser, Jaime Gomez-Beltran, Elizabeth Oshel

Shelly Smith, Senior Management Analyst, opened the meeting and gave an overview of the agenda.

2. Approval of minutes from the November 26, 2019 meeting

Councilor Campbell made a motion to approve the November 26, 2019 meeting minutes. Councilor Piper seconded, the motion passed unanimously (3-0).

3. Deschutes County Crisis Stabilization Center

Holly Harris, Deschutes County Health Services Program Manager, presented the following slides on the Deschutes County Stabilization Center Project:

- Project Overview
- Goals
- Project Activities to Date
- Building Sketch
- Proposed Floorplan
- Capital and Other Funding Obtained
- Grants Awarded
- Grants Awarded (page 2)
- Funding Unknowns
- Immediate Gaps in Funding
- Additional \$\$ Needed to Operate 24/7
- Timeline & Next Steps
- Questions?

Councilor Abernethy asked what percent of clients are anticipated to be brought in by law enforcement, as opposed to people seeking services independently. Ms. Harris shared that it's hard to determine that percentage at the moment due to not having a building that's been conducive to having law enforcement but, they estimate serving 10 to 13 people a day once open 24/7.

Captain Brian Kindel, Bend Police Department, shared that they had roughly 325 police holds at St. Charles in 2019. Ms. Harris mentioned that of the 325, an

estimated 70% to 80% of the police holds result in immediate releases back to the community without critical referrals or services provided.

Councilor Piper asked if the metric model on the program evaluation data collection are from the 17 sites visited or, from the Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU). Ms. Harris shared that the information from the 17 sites is going to be used and also information from the Deschutes County Health Services Crisis Intervention Steering Committee.

Councilor Abernethy asked what percentage of people released who were at the Stabilization Center for 23 hours or less are likely homeless. Ms. Harris shared that a third are high utilizers of the emergency department and jails and often experience homelessness.

Councilor Abernethy asked if this topic is just informational or if it would be coming back to the Subcommittee, and how the Subcommittee is supposed to interpret and analyze it. Ms. Smith shared that the topic today is an update for the Committee and informational only.

Councilor Piper asked when the Subcommittee will receive follow-up information. Ms. Harris shared that more information on grants will not be received until fall 2020, and mentioned a possible outcome after the opening of the center in spring 2020.

4. Downtown Events

Russ Grayson, Community Services Director, presented the following slides on Events in Downtown Bend permitting process:

- Current Code for Events Downtown
- Historical Data
- 2019 Events Downtown
- Questions & Answers

Mindy Aisling, Downtown Bend Business Association (DBBA) Executive Director, Sam Johnson, DBBA Board President, Aaron Switzer, Lay It Out Events, presented the following slides on Events on Downtown Bend:

- Events in Downtown Bend
- Part #1 – Results
- Purposed Changes – LIOE
- Part #2 – Results
- Part #3 – Future
- Request for City Council

Councilor Abernethy asked how the City is going to weigh the road closures that impact the downtown businesses. Mr. Grayson shared that at the moment it's first come first serve, and if an event meets the City's requirements, then the City normally moves forward.

Ian Leitheiser, Assistant City Attorney, gave a review of the prevision of the current code that talks about event priority.

Councilor Campbell asked why just focus on the downtown economic district and not citywide. Ms. Aisling shared that citywide would be a good conversation to have but, it is not just about the businesses, it's also about the community and if people are willing to have a longer commutes so that an event can take place.

Ms. Aisling share that the DBBA would like to have Council invite them back at the end of next season to report on their 14 purposed changes. She also mentioned that DBBA would like to keep the 14-day cap conversation going.

Councilor Piper mentioned that since he is the liaison to the DBBA, he could bring back updates to Council instead of it happening all at the end of the summer.

Mr. Grayson mentioned that the City is not going to make any code changes until there is a wider discussion between all parties.

5. Juniper Ridge Land Management Policy

Ian Leitheiser, Assistant City Attorney, presented the draft Juniper Ridge Land Management Policy.

Councilor Campbell asked for confirmation on the location that the policy applies to. Mr. Leitheiser shared that the policy is written to apply to Juniper Ridge as a whole.

Elizabeth Oshel, Associate City Attorney, shared that the policy will show the City will have 60 and 30 days of outreach efforts both to to social services agencies and to individuals in Juniper Ridge. She also shared that the intention for the outreach and coordination is to be ongoing and not just on day zero.

Councilor Abernethy asked what currently is in place as far as restrictions on people being in Juniper Ridge. Mr. Leitheiser shared that the City has posted signs with activities that are forbidden in Juniper Ridge.

Jaime Gomez-Beltran, Property Manager, mentioned that there aren't currently "no trespassing signs," but that might change when the construction starts for safety reasons.

Councilor Campbell asked whether people will be removed from the 500 acres of the construction area or the total 1500 acres the City owns. Mr. Leitheiser said the policy applies to the entire 1500 acres, but exactly how it is implemented in the spring is yet to be determined.

Councilor Piper asked if the social services agencies list is going to be used to educate individuals who leave, and have all the agencies on the list been informed and educated on what's going to happen. Mr. Gomez-Beltran explained that he has spoken with many of the individuals at Juniper Ridge, and the City has shared some information with the advocacy groups and nonprofits. Mr. Gomez-Beltran also mentioned that once the policy has been reviewed and adopted,

increased efforts will be made to go through the vetting process and bring everyone to the table.

Councilor Abernethy asked what the arguments, and concerns are from people who are not supportive of the City moving forward. Mr. Leitheiser shared that he has been having questions about what the City's obligations are as a local government to find someone a place after the area closure.

Mr. Leitheiser clarified that on February 5, 2020 this policy will be presented to Council during Work Session. The policy is a City Manager-adopted administrative policy, but, consistent with Council's interest, the Policy is being presented prior to City Manager adoption.

6. Environment and Climate Committee Recommendations

Cassie Lacy, Senior Management Analyst, presented Environment and Climate Committee recommendations for feedback from the subcommittee. Ms. Lacy also shared an example of the ordinance that established Bend Economic Development Advisory Board (BEDAB) to show how the Environment and Climate Committee will be structured.

Ms. Lacy shared that the City hopes to have the committee established sometime in April 2020.

Councilor Piper asked what the recruiting process would be for ex-officio committee members. Mr. Leitheiser shared that the City would let the entity know then they would send over a name to have the City's approval.

Councilor Campbell asked how the Chair would be appointed. Ms. Lacy asked the Committee if they had a preference, and all members agreed that the Committee Chair should be appointed by the Committee.

Councilor Campbell shared that some members of the public are worried that a cost-benefit analysis will not be done before the City makes any investments. She also mentioned that a budget analysis should be mentioned in the ordinance.

Councilor Abernethy asked what other committees have done, and what strategies they have when picking a number of committee members. He also asked how this committee is different from the Climate Action Steering Committee (CASC). Ms. Lacy shared that a lot of communities do it differently because some communities range from whether they use community implementation stakeholders verses resident stakeholders. She also mentioned that this committee would probably be citizen residential stakeholders because it will be more about advising Council on what a community wants to see happen.

Ms. Lacy asked the Subcommittee if they would like to designate any seats, and who would the seats be reserved for. Councilor Piper asked that the Subcommittee decide on the number of seats first.

Councilor Abernethy asked if any feedback has been received from other communities as whether ex-officio works, and do any of the public agencies feel insulted that they are just ex-officio and not a voting member. Ms. Lacy shared that she has not seen any other cities have the integration with other agencies the way the City of Bend has.

Ms. Lacy mentioned the difference in this plan is that it's a community plan, and the intent is to have other agencies partner in implementing a strategy, but that there remains ambiguity about how the City facilitates that. She also shared that the idea of the ex-officio seats is to help to facilitate and shape Committee discussion.

Councilor Piper supports the idea of not having ex-officio seats with public agencies at this time, and instead aim for the coordination with them to happen through the Shared Governance Model.

All Subcommittee members agreed on there being 9 formal open seats plus 3 ex-officio seat. Councilor Piper would like to utilize the Shared Governance Model.

Ms. Lacy asked the Subcommittee what specific agencies to include for the ex-officio seats. Councilor Abernethy would like the Bend La-Pine School District, the Bend Parks and Recreation District, and Deschutes County. Councilors Piper and Campbell agree that Bend La-Pine School District should be included.

Ms. Lacy shared that they are hoping to have the first reading of the Environment and Climate Advisory Committee at the February 19, 2020 Council Meeting, and the second reading the first week of March 2020.

Ms. Smith reviewed possible topics that will be discussed at the next Stewardship Subcommittee Meeting which may include the Shared Governance Model and a DEI update.

Adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kayla M. Duddy
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