

**City of Bend**  
**Neighborhood Leadership Alliance Meeting**  
**December 13, 2021**

The meeting of the Neighborhood Leadership Alliance (NLA) was called to order at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, December 13, 2021, online and by phone.

1. **Roll Call:** Summer Sears (Chair), Dave Johnson (Vice Chair), Karen Bergsvik, Jim Christo, Chris Friess, Cassie Giddings, Shawn McFadden, Lisa Mushel, Chris Pearson, Steve Pine, Elizabeth Rhodes, Kathy Roche, Morgan Schmidt

**Excused:** Steve Pine, Elizabeth Rhodes

## 2. Approve Minutes

Member Bergsvik asked to include a summary of each Neighborhood Association report on future NLA meeting minutes.

Member Sears joined the meeting around 3:05 p.m.

Member Mushel moved to approve the November 9, 2021 NLA meeting minutes. Member McFadden seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously (11-0).

## 3. Public Comments

No public comments.

## 4. NLA Business

- **Transportation Bond Oversight Committee 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan Project Recommendations**
- **Short-Term Rental Data**

Member Giddings presented the following River West Neighborhood Association (NA) Transportation Bond Oversight Committee 5-Year Improvement Plan Project recommendations:

- The synergy of the road projects is not related to safety rather synergy with other infrastructure
- Pedestrians safety is at risk
- The Riverwest NA is asking the City to work on Galveston Avenue – has not shown up on the GO Bond list and is not a priority
- Supports the bicycle and pedestrian safety projects – prefers this to be done sooner because of the potential of positive safety outcomes
- The Portland Avenue GO Bond project has no clear scope – staff is not taking neighborhood feedback into account – like the Newport Avenue, Galveston Avenue and other Neighborhood Street Safety Projects
- The Riverwest NA has a new board member that is on the TBOC as an alternate

- The City should make available all drafts and project plans for the community to review

Member Christo presented the following concerns on the Transportation Bond Oversight Committee 5-Year Improvement Plan Project recommendations:

- Wrote letter to the TBOC - priority ranking of Go Bond projects
- Opportunity to take an early lead on addressing climate change by using that as a factor in ranking the project – Intelligent Traffic Light Scheduling would be a great impact on reducing emissions in the City

Councilor Perkins will present the NLA comments at the City Council public hearing.

Makayla Oliver, Community Relations Manager and Ian Leitheiser presented a staff report on the Short-Term Rental Survey.

## 5. Liaison Updates

- **Sounding Board to House our Neighbors – Shawn McFadden**
- **Neighborhood Association Round Table Update**

Member McFadden presented the following updates from the City Manager’s Sounding Board to House Our Neighbors meeting:

- Recommendations were voted on and passed – McFadden voted against the recommendations due to the survey results

Member Mushel presented the following update on the Neighborhood Association Round Table (NART):

- Had a meeting on November 30, 2021 – it was the most active, constructive and engaged meetings within the last five years
- Discussed the Good Samaritan Program, Climate Friendly and Equitable Communities
- There is a plea for there to be some kind of communication to the neighborhoods to explain what is going on with Code Changes on the Climate Friendly and Equitable Communities bill coming out of the Governor’s Office
- Discussed the large amount of applications that are coming in for some big projects which is causing some tension in the neighborhoods
- There is a Land Use Chair Networking Group that will be involved with creating a presentation related to the Climate Friendly and Equitable Communities Rule Making – see if there is something the NLA can do to help educate people

Member Johnson moved to have the NLA make a statement of support of the Neighborhood Association Round Table in their efforts to encourage communication between City government and the citizens on the topic of Climate Friendly and Equitable Communities Rulemaking. Member Mushel seconded the motion, the motion passed (10-1) (Member Giddings opposed).

## 6. Outstanding Topics

- **Letter from Jim Christo, Southeast Bend NLA Representative**

Not discussed due to time and tabled to the next meeting.

**Adjourned at 3:33 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

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Deputy City Recorder