



# CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

*Information and updates for the Mayor and City Council*

**April 15, 2022**

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

MEETING/EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Council Meeting	April 20	5 p.m. Quarterly Update 6:30 p.m. Work Session 7 p.m. Regular Meeting	Virtual
Council Meeting	May 4	5 p.m. Work Session 7 p.m. Regular Meeting	Virtual

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## PUBLIC AGENCY AND COMMUNITY PARTNER UPDATES

### Bend Vision Project Update from Envision Bend

James Dorofi, Board Chair at Envision Bend, provided an update regarding the progress made with the Bend Vision Project since the last update in January. The Envision Bend board and staff have been busily raising money for the visioning project. The Leadership Alliance partners have stepped up generously to help cover some of the program costs and Envision Bend is grateful for their continued support. To date, Envision Bend has secured more than half the cost of the project with a large and diverse group of investors, with many active funding prospects in progress, including a request to Deschutes County and another anticipated request to the City of Bend this summer.

A few accomplishments from Envision Bend are highlighted below:

- Envision Bend has landed on a final name for the project – **Bend Vision Project**. (Consensus was to go with simplicity, not something cute or clever!) We've created a new project logo and added new pages to the Vision Project section of our website, including publicity for Bend Vision Project investors: <https://envisionbend.org/vision/>
- We've secured project endorsement and support from fifteen key community partner organizations that have broad reach to diverse constituencies such as the Bend Chamber of Commerce, Bend Police Department, Latino Community Association, Council on Aging of Central Oregon, EDCO, NeighborImpact, and more.
- We are well on our way to completing the research for an "environmental scan" and trend analysis that will provide a sense of how external forces of change, as well as the growth of

Bend itself, are driving the future of the area—and some of the strategic issues we may face going forward.

- We also are in the middle of conducting up to 40 interviews to allow our community's leaders and "connectors" to share their insights on Bend's core values, strengths and weaknesses, opportunities and challenges, as well as to elicit early input on big ideas for our future.
- We've begun conducting community listening sessions which will total 16. These sessions are designed to set the stage for a wider community dialogue, with an opportunity for area residents of different backgrounds to simply express where they are in their lives as we look to the end of the pandemic—and the beginning of a "new normal."

**Save the Date!** The next Leadership Alliance gathering is scheduled on **Wednesday, May 11 from 5:30-7:30 pm at Open Space Event Studios** – formal invitations to follow. During this meeting, consultants will share some of the findings from their early research for the vision project.

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