

The meeting of the Neighborhood Leadership Alliance (NLA) was called to order at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 12, 2022, 2022, 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

**Absent:** Summer Sears

## **2. Approve Minutes**

### Changes to Minutes

- Member Bergsvik requested the following changes to the March 8, 2022 minutes:
  - Add a bullet under the Tax Exemption Advisory Board “The committee majority agreed that the NLA should look at changing the code in terms of landscaping and should also include the tree code”
  - Add a sentence under the NLA Representative Reports “The Committee would like to understand what this work will encompass, and how the neighborhoods will be involved”
  - Delete the first paragraph under NLA Representative Reports.

Member Johnson moved to approve the March 8, 2022 meeting minutes as modified. Member Christo seconded the motion, the motion passed (10-0).

## **3. Public Comment**

No public comment.

## **4. NLA Representative Reports**

Member Mushel and Member Friess joined the meeting around 4:06 p.m.

NLA representatives reported on the following:

- Member Roche – Boyd Acres Neighborhood Association
  - Board shared concerns on what the State is doing around land use to the Homeowner Association codes
  - Changes happening to homelessness encampments in the neighborhood
  - Annual picnic in June
- Member Bergsvik – Southern Crossing Neighborhood Association
  - Questions for other Neighborhood Associations
    - How do other Neighborhood Associations decide where to put speed radar signs? Who decides the location?

- What have other entities looked at in terms of signs making a difference in speeding or in fireworks?
      - Central Oregon Irrigation District (COID) Property Survey
- Member Christo – Southeast Bend Neighborhood Association
  - Discussions with the Old Farm Neighborhood Association on an event for the opening of Alpenglow Community Park – Bend Parks and Recreation District to run the event
  - The board is working with the City to delay the annual meeting beyond June 30, 2022
- Member Friess – Old Bend Neighborhood Association
  - City of Bend taking the lead in the completion of the Deschutes River Trail along River Front Avenue
  - The board would like the City to cut back on short term rentals (STR) and is in favor in big housing density development south of Arizona Avenue
- Member Giddings – Rive West Neighborhood Association
  - Annual meeting February 17, 2022 – discussed was houselessness, the code amendments, the GO Bond
  - Board gets input from residents but decides where to put the radar sighs
  - Next board meeting will be Monday, April 18, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.
  - Website Changes – the board has worked with designer
  - Facebook page – businesses have been interested in the neighborhoods Facebook
- Member Johnson – Old Farm Neighborhood Association
  - City Beautification Trash clean up Saturday, April 9, 2022
  - Member Johnson will be stepping down from the NLA – board put out first call for people interested in the board and NLA

Member McFadden – Summit West Neighborhood Association

- Main priority is safety and fire – board is encouraging HOA's to become Firewise certified and creating evacuation routes from the west side of Bend
- Adding more board members

Member Mushel – Century West Neighborhood Association

- Board has booked shelter code event April 20, 2022 and 27, 2022 at Caldera High School to educate the neighbors and dispel some of the fears that people have
- Hearing a lot of comments around STR's – rein them in or create other restrictions
- Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC) residence have listen to their conversations to learn more about Climate Friendly Rule Making
- Board meeting with Makayla Oliver, City of Bend Community Relations Manager

Member Pearson – Awbrey Butte Neighborhood Association

- NLA Meeting last week – sparsely attended due to members being out of town
- New board member
- Surveyed members on where to place mobile speed radars – the Chair and Land Use Chair make the final decision

- Compass Corner Development – board hopes to have an outcome that will influence the developers to make residents happier
- Shelter Code Amendment – confused on how to solicit members' opinions
- Dark Sky's movement – the County is looking to change code

Member Pine – Mountain View Neighborhood Association

- Houseless code amendments
- Traffic speed radar survey
- Annual meeting picnic in June – having elections for new board member and would like to have better diversity

Member Rhodes – Southwest Bend Neighborhood Association

- Spring general meeting - Damian Syrnnyk, City Senior Planner, will speak on the Climate Friendly and Equitable Rulemaking and Todd Heisler, Central Oregon Landwatch Consultant, will speak on the importance of water supply in the Deschutes watershed in a drought
- COID Property Survey
- Concerns on STRs

Morgan Schmidt, Larkspur Neighborhood Association

- Had a Neighborhood clean up Sunday, April 10, 2022
- Wilson Projects – looking for ideas on slowing traffic
- May general meeting – discussing water conservation, fire safety, fire prevention and evacuation routes
- Board is looking to see what other neighborhoods are doing in terms of a fire free event and if there is coordination in various neighborhoods

**5. Shelter Code Areas of Agreement**

- **Neighborhood Association Resources**

Makayla Oliver, reviewed the following recommended themes that were among the committee regarding the proposed code:

- 24-hour on-site management should be required, not just on call
- A buffer between schools and shelters should be considered
- Consider wildfire risk imposed by some shelter types
- Include Neighborhood Associations in the outreach and communications about Good Neighbor Guidelines, not just adjacent neighbors

The committee discussed the following on the recommended themes presented above:

- 24-hour on-site management should be required, not just on call
  - Have a caveat that suggestion should be investigated further – model projects (members voted in support of request)
  - Allow service providers to make their own guidelines – be aware of other 24-hour resources (members voted in support of request)
  - Change to required instead of considered (members voted against request)

- A buffer between schools and shelters should be considered (members voted to keep this request)
  - Notification of neighbors should be required for expansion of existing use (members voted against request)
    - Type I – expansion of existing use – no notice to neighbors
    - Type II – new developments will have notice – 250 ft notice, 500 ft public meeting
- Consider wildfire risk imposed by some shelter types (code already meets this need – members are supportive of not including)
  - Tie the first bullet to wildfire risk
- Include Neighborhood Associations in the outreach and communications about Good Neighbor Guidelines, not just adjacent neighbors (members voted in support)

Member Mushel left the meeting around 5:30 p.m.

Member Johnson moved that the NLA Chairs work with Makayla Oliver to finalize a letter of position to Council that includes the agreed upon points of the NLA. Member Christo seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously (11-0).

## **6. NLA Roadmap and Outstanding Topics**

Makayla presented an update on the NLA roadmap and outstanding topics.

The committee is interested in having a separate, land use meeting on Stevens Road Tract and the Deschutes South Canyon.

The committee is supportive of breaking into working groups for some of the strategic plan actions.

## **7. Liaison Updates**

- **Tax Exemptions Advisory Board**

Member Bergsvik reported on the following:

- The Tax Exemption Work Group had met the last week of March
- The next step is to present to Council at a work session – tentatively scheduled for April 20, 2022 with possible adoption on May 18, 2022
- The group is encouraging the City to focus on two exemptions, the Nonprofit Tax Exemption and the Multiple Unit Property Tax Exemption Program (MUPTE)
- The group made the recommendation to the Council that the MUPTE be for three or more units, be multi story, and cannot be vacation rentals
- Going forward, the recommendation is for it to be one of the options that a developer can choose rather than a priority

- **Neighborhood Association Round Table (NART)**

Members Rhodes and Bergsvik shared the following information from the last NART meeting:

- A presentation was presented on the Deschutes South Canyon and connectivity
- A presentation on an explanation of the Climate Friendly Rulemaking

**8. Important Upcoming Dates (*tentative*):**

Oliver shared that Council will not be discussing the Outdoor Shelter Contracts on April 20, 2022.

**Adjourned at 6:01 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Kayla M. Duddy  
Deputy City Recorder