

City of Bend
Neighborhood Leadership Alliance Meeting
May 10, 2022

The meeting of the Neighborhood Leadership Alliance (NLA) was called to order at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 10, 2022, online and by phone.

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

Excused: Chris Pearson

2. Approve Minutes

Changes to minutes

Member Christo explained that the second bullet in his representative report should read “The board is working with the City to delay the annual meeting beyond June 30, 2022” instead of “Annual board meeting June 30, 2022”.

Member Rhodes moved to approve the April 12, 2022 meeting minutes with the changes. Member Bergsvik seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously (10-0).

3. Public Comments

Morgan Greenwood, Central Oregon Builders Associations Government Affairs, introduced herself to the committee and thanked the committee for their work.

4. NLA Representative Reports

The NLA Representatives reported on the following:

Member Roche, Boyd Acres Neighborhood Association

- Lost a member due to cost of living in Bend
- The Annual Meeting Picnic Party will be June 26, 2022

Member Bergsvik – Southern Crossing Neighborhood Association

- The board will be meeting Thursday, May 12, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. – Marnie Smith from the Amphitheater will join to discuss the changes to the amphitheater and to answer questions about the concerts
- The board is doing a special mailing to encourage people to take the Deschutes South Canyon Survey
- Gilliam Pacific Project applied for a new commercial and residential development

Member Christo – Southeast Bend Neighborhood Association

- Lost a board member and the board is now down to two
- The board is actively working with the Old Farm Neighborhood Association on the Alpenglow Park celebration – currently scheduled for July 15, 2022

Member Giddings, River West Neighborhood Association

- Had a Speed Radar Program request on Facebook – Galveston Avenue is the number one issue
- The board is working on their Neighborhood Association website
- The River West Land Use Representative is stepping down from the Land Use Networking Committee

Member McFadden, Summit West Neighborhood Association

- The next meeting will be June 7, 2022 – the Bend Fire Department and Deschutes County Emergency Services will attend the meeting to help the board understand why there are no evacuation routes and the fire mitigation that is going on in the County and City

Member Mushel, Century West Neighborhood Association

- The neighborhood has started a cleanup event in April – the event will happen every month through September
- The Board sent out a newsletter asking for feedback regarding the Speed Radar Program – received 30 responses and Century Drive continues to be an issue
- The neighborhood is having a cleanup event on May 20, 2022 – annual meeting and social event to follow
- Mushel is working with Nicole of the Summit West Neighborhood Association on having a booth at the NW Crossing Farmers Market

Member Pine, Mountain View Neighborhood Association

- The board had a hybrid meeting – four members were in person and others were online
- The board has been discussing ramifications of the code change amendments
- Speed Radar Survey – the board has sent information to the City
- The neighborhood will have a park event June 16, 2022 which will have music, pizza, and ice cream – guest speaker will be Zavier Borja from the City of Bend

Member Rhodes, Southwest Bend Neighborhood Association

- The board held their Spring general meeting April 28, 2022 where 30 people joined on zoom – speakers were Damian Syrnyk from the City of Bend (spoke on the Climate Friendly and Equitable Communities) and Todd Heisler (spoke on water concerns during a drought)
- The neighborhood is starting a neighborhood cleanup in May
- Deschutes South Canyon Survey – received around 600 responses

Member Schmidt, Larkspur Neighborhood Association

- Spring general meeting will be May 12, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. – guest speaker will be Trish Connolly from the Bend Fire Department to discuss navigating the fire season and fire safety around homes
- The board has been in ongoing conversation about the speed on certain roads – talking with City staff to see if there are other ways to slow down traffic
- Larkspur plans to participate in the Alpenglow Park event – the board is feeling a little strapped and probably will not participate in the planning of the event

Member Sears, Orchard District Neighborhood Association

- The board is sending a newsletter to neighbors asking for feedback on the Speed Radar Program
- The board has concerns with the short-term rentals and how that relates or plays into affordable housing

Member Friess joined the meeting around 4:21 p.m.

Member Friess, Old Bend Neighborhood Association

- The board met three days ago and discussed the shelter code development – there has been no major input
- The board has completed a traffic plan
- Planning for the Deschutes River Trail – beginning to get action

Member Johnson joined the meeting around 4:25 p.m.

Member Johnson, Old Farm Neighborhood Association

- The board is still in the process of planning their general meeting – Larkspur and Southeast Bend will be joining – the meeting will be Friday, July 15, 2022

5. NLA Roadmap and Outstanding Topics

Member Sears announced her resignation as the NLA Chair.

Member Sears suggested there be a review of the appointment process at the next NLA meeting.

Councilor Megan Perkins presented an overview of the May 4, 2022 Shelter Code Public Hearing.

6. Deschutes South Canyon

Robert Anderson Save Green Space Leadership Council, presented the following slides on Deschutes South Canyon Property:

- Save Bend Green Space – Quick Intro
- Deschutes South Canyon – AKA “The Central Oregon Irrigation District (COID) Property”
- Deschutes South Canyon – Context in Parks and Trails

- Deschutes South Canyon – Context in Recreational Cycling
- Deschutes South Canyon – Trails
- Deschutes South Canyon in Detail – Woodlands
- Deschutes South Canyon in Detail – Habitat
- Deschutes South Canyon in Detail – Barriers to Development
- Deschutes South Canyon Land Use Issues – Bend City Plan
- Deschutes South Canyon Land Use Issues – Highest and Best Use
- What Save Bend Green Space is Doing
- Save Bend Green Space

7. Stevens Road Tract Concept Plan

Brian Rankin, Long-range Planning Manager, presented the following slides on the East Stevens Road Concept – from Concept to Community:

- House Bill (HB) 3318
- Local Planning Process
- Concept Plan Contents
- Plan Builds Three Alternatives
- Commonalities Between Land Use Alternatives
- Bill Requirements to Suggested Policies
- Example: Alternative 3
- Equity Focus
- Infrastructure Highlights
- After Concept Plan Approval: Planning Amendments
- Summary and Next Steps

8. Liaison Updates

Member Mushel presented the following updates on the Neighborhood Association Roundtable (NART):

- NART did not meet last month
- The major focus has been on the Shelter Code Town Halls – need venue to accommodate 200 plus people
- Next steps - back to focusing on operational efficiencies

Member Mushel presented the following slides on the Council Goals Quarterly Check-in:

- NLA had nothing to report – the NLA should always prepare to speak to Council even if it is brief
- The City Council is revising their goals

Member Christo presented the following updates on Senate Bill (SB) 458 – Planning Commission Work Session:

- SB 458 would implement HB 2001 – State law requires to be in place by July 1, 2022
- The Planning Commission voted to send to the City Council
- Mortgage companies may not be in favor of this

The committee is supportive of having a special meeting to discuss the SB 458 and to speak with Council.

9. Important Upcoming Dates

- **May 18, 5 p.m. Council Work Session – Short-term Rentals, Stevens Road Tract Concept Plan, Water Resources**
- **May 18, 7 p.m. Council Regular Meeting – Outdoor Shelter Contract, Non-profit Tax Exemption Program - Update: no outdoor shelter contract**
- **June 1, 7 p.m. Council Public Hearing – Stevens Road Tract Concept Plan, Multiple Unit Property Tax Exemption Program (MUPTE)**

Adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kayla M. Duddy
Deputy City Recorder