

City of Bend
Human Rights and Equity Commission
August 31, 2022

The meeting of the Human Rights and Equity Commission (HREC) was called to order at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 31, 2022, at the City Council Chambers, 710 NW Wall Street, and virtually.

- 1. Rollcall:** Manoj Alipuria, Brittany Brown, Cameron Fischer, Cassandra Kehoe, Carolyn Peacock-Biggs, Jody Saffert, Kay Vincent, Jasmine Wilder, Joanne Mina

Absent: Olivia Dudo

Chair Wilder opened the meeting with acknowledging the recent shooting that took place in community. Members shared individual thoughts about how the incident impacted them, their families, their safety, and their communities.

Chair Wilder talked about how this tragedy can also shape HERC work plan and focus. Ian provided brief overview of what Council is discussing around gun violence.

- 2. Approval of minutes from 7/27/2022 meeting**

Member Fischer moved to approve the July, 2022, meeting minutes. Vice Chair Mina seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously (9-0).

- 3. Work Plan Discussion & Community Input Process**

Chair Wilder reminded the group that the Commission is presenting to City Council on September 7, 2022 on the development of the work plan.

Anna Allen, Equity & Inclusion Director, provided an overview of the draft work plan topics and the process to get to the current iteration.

Chair Wilder highlighted the importance of ensuring affordable housing language and ensuring commitment to equity in contracting is woven throughout the plan. Chair Wilder suggested stronger language be considered in the work plan related to equity.

Vice Chair Mina shared information about naturally occurring affordable housing and shared more information about that element of the work plan.

Allen recommended that HREC partner with the City's affordable housing team to better understand what is currently happening and what the City has the ability to do in the future.

Vice Chair Mina talked about the importance of exploring more about short-term rentals.

Councilor Perkins suggested that HREC work closely with the City's housing team.

Vice Chair Mina read item 8 on the work plan to clarify the draft goal.

Ian provided additional context around affordable housing restrictions and how short-term rentals flow into the City's budget. Ian also provided input on rental caps at a state level.

Vice Chair Mina suggested HREC take a position on measures at a State level.

Allen suggested that she would add language to the draft plan around providing input on the City's legislative agenda. The group agreed.

Allen will add an ongoing advice bullet point to the draft work plan as an area of work for HREC. The group agreed.

Allen provided an overview of a draft recommendation around a community input process.

Member Saffert asked that there be a standard data set. That the questions be structured and similar, so we have similar data sets.

Vice Chair Mina shared that she feels the work plan is a reflection of community priorities and asked what the budget is for community input.

Chair Wilder asked that the draft work plan be more accessible in terms of language.

Member Alipuria talked about different outreach audiences and tools that we should use to gain community input. He also shared about an unaided approach.

Vice Chair Mina talked about the need to ensure the community vets what is in the final work plan product.

Allen provided an overview of the feedback heard and next steps.

4. Public Comment

Mike Satcher provided comments on HREC recommendation on the Unsanctioned Camping Code.

Chris Nelson provided comments on HREC recommendation on the Unsanctioned Camping Code.

5. Recommendation: Unsanctioned Camping Code

Member Manoj provided an overview of the process leading up to the current recommendation draft.

Member Saffert talked about wanting to include specificity around a timeline in recommendation #3.

Member Kehoe offered a language revision.

Member Peacock-Biggs moved to approve the recommendation with proposed revisions to point 3. Member Vincent seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 9-0.

6. Envision Bend

Guest Laura Fritz, Executive Director of Envision Bend, provided an overview of the funding request and work to date.

Member Alipuria asked Fritz what unreserved communities have been engaged in the process and asked how that input has impacted the project quantitatively and qualitatively.

Vice Chair Mina asked Councilor Perkins what the City's goal is around investing in the Envision Bends project. Perkins responded.

Chair Wilder asked that members review previously sent materials and directly reach out to Envision Bend with questions and feedback.

Adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Submitted,

Anna Allen
Equity & Inclusion Director



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