



CITY OF BEND

# Minutes

Bend Economic Development Advisory Board (BEDAB) Monday, September 12, 2022

**Hybrid Meeting: Council Chambers or via Zoom**

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## Noon BEDAB Meeting

**Roll Call:** Travis Davis- Chair, Keith Dodge-Vice Chair, Lisa Goodman-Vice Chair, Brenda Speirs, Briana Manfrass, Tierney Booker.

Heather Ficht, Kevney Dugan, Ex Officios.

Councilor Perkins-Council Liaison

### 1. Public Input

Joanne Mina, Bend resident, serves on the Human Rights and Equity Commission for the City of Bend. Shares concerns for the economic development of all, particularly for those that have been historically excluded from economic prosperity in this country and in this State. Joanne's concern is how the boards conversation centers so much around policing to safeguard the business owners on Second Street.

What is the board doing to support the economic development of the unhoused neighbors that are there? Joanne encouraged BEDAB members to reach out to those that are not represented on this board to have a truly collective work to advance economic development.

*Committee comment-This is one of the reasons we have Heather Ficht, ex Officio member. We are interested in work force training, broadly not just for specific sectors of the economy. We would like to see more diversity on this board, but it's a matter of who applies.*

### 2. Review August 1 Meeting Minutes

Minutes approved unanimously.

### 3. Committee Logistics | Ben Hemson

- Stipend process reminders.
- Board members terming out, future discussion on the makeup of future board members.

#### 4. Permit Review Metrics & Dashboard | Colin Stephens

PowerPoint overview of various permit types and how they are sequenced. The permit trends, strategies and initiatives.

*Planning review type* discussion along with the time the State allows to move them through the system.

*Committee comment: In the past we have talked about creating a fast lane or a separate review process for groups. Has this been explored yet?*

Yes, we are internally discussing this type of a scenario.

#### 5. August Advocacy Subcommittee Meeting Debrief | Kevin Cole

- Home Energy Score-Advocacy Subcommittee have some concerns. Scheduled for Council discussion in October or November.
- Short Term Rentals-Code working its way through Council. New broader restrictions on vacation rentals in residential zones. This item comes before Council in October.
- OHSU campus expansion. BEDAB may want to weigh in on future amendment to the Master Plan.

#### 6. BEDAB Sponsorship Allocations | Group

Sponsorship applications can be submitted online [here](#).

The following three applications were discussed:

1. **Bend Chamber of Commerce**. Event name; Economic Impact Conference-Specifically Retail Consultations. Amount requested \$5000. Cyrus Mooney, contact person.
2. **Bend Outdoor Worx**. Event name; Breakout Event. Amount requested \$10,000. Christie Dobson, contact person.
3. **Bend Venture Conference**. Event name; Bend Venture Conference 2022. Amount requested \$8000. Erin Reilly, contact person.

*Committee discussion: If all three applications merit funding do we give to each applicant or if one merits the funds do we give all of the funds to that one event? Committee also discussed how to allocate the funds between either one applicant or multiple applicants.*

#### **Potential Conflict of Interests:**

*Tierney Booker stated potential conflict of interest as she is a member of the chamber, has a retail business and could possibly benefit from one of these events.*

*Brenda Speirs stated potential conflict of interest as she is an EDCO member.*

*Travis Davis stated potential conflict of interest as he is a member of the chamber and an EDCO member.*

**Lisa Goodman made motion to award \$5000 to Bend Outdoor Worx and \$4000 to Bend Venture Conference. Travis Davis seconded. Unanimously in favor.**

## **7. Economic Development Strategy: Next Steps | Travis Davis**

Looking for fellow BEDAB members to serve on a working group to guide the process, to invite and focus the listening sessions, the presentations from experts, state economists and others. This will be 15 to 20 hours over the next three months and will be a working group of at least 3 people to scope out an economic development strategy for the city in concert with council. This group would then present an outline of an economic development strategy with the hope of forming short-term vision of how we execute our work.

Tierney Booker, Keith Dodge voiced an interest in participating in the working group. Ben Hemson mentioned that Kelly Kearsley expressed an interest in serving on this working group.

## **8. Adjourn: 2:04pm**

To view the live recording of this meeting, please visit:

[September 12,2022 recording](#)

### **Upcoming Meetings:**

**September 21:** City Council | Council Chambers, 7 p.m.

**September 26:** BEDAB Advocacy Subcommittee | Hybrid Zoom & Location TBD, Noon

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