

The meeting of the Neighborhood Leadership Alliance (NLA) was called to order at 4:05 p.m. on Wednesday, November 9, 2022, in the Awbrey Butte conference room upstairs at City Hall, 710 NW Wall Street, as well as online.

Roll Call: John Bennett, Karen Bergsvik, Kody Campbell, Jim Christo, Chris Friess, Shannon Mara, Lisa Mushel, Chris Pearson, Elizabeth Rhodes, Ross Tinti

Absent: Morgan Schmidt (excused), Summer Sears (excused), Gina Franzosa (excused)

1. Approve Minutes

Member Rhodes moved to approve the September 13, 2022 and October 11, 2022 meeting Minutes. Member Christo seconded the motion. The motion passed (9-0, Member Tinti abstained).

2. Public Comments

No public comments were submitted.

3. Topics for Discussion

a. Affordable Housing

Vice Chair Mushel reminded members to take the Doodle poll if they were interested in attending the NLA's upcoming affordable housing presentation. There was some discussion of opening the poll to neighborhood association boards.

b. Camping Code

Makayla Oliver, Community Relations Manager, gave an overview of the upcoming public hearing timeline, explained how to attend the public hearing, and noted a quick reference guide was online and shareable with neighborhood association boards.

4. Liaison Opportunity

a. Nov. 14 Planning Commission Work Session

Pauline Hardie, Senior Planner, explained the NLA is invited whenever the City makes changes to the Bend Development Code. Hardie presented the following slides:

- Comprehensive Plan, Transportation System Plan (TSP) & Bend Development Code (BDC) Amendments

- Bend Comprehensive Plan & TSP
- Bend Development Code

Hardie explained the proposed amendments to the development code and invited the NLA to November 14 Planning Commission work session.

Members had questions about design standards on Newport Avenue, bike parking and bike racks, the lack of a low-stress bike network through the River West neighborhood. Hardie stated a pedestrian plan and bike plan are proposed.

Member Pearson asked for clarification of the Planning Commission meeting process. Hardie provided clarification and explained the public hearing timeline.

Member Franzosa volunteered to attend the November 14 Planning Commission meeting.

5. Representative Reports

Member Bennett, Mountain View Neighborhood Association (MVNA), reported on the following:

- October's monthly MVNA meeting.
- MVNA co-sponsored League of Women Voters candidate panels at Larkspur.
- The November MVNA meeting was scheduled to be held at Barnes & Noble, with attendees receiving a discount on coffee during the event.

Member Berksvik, Southern Crossing Neighborhood Association (SCNA), reported on the following:

- Good attendance at the October annual meeting, with over 45 online attendees; presentations on transportation and short-term rentals were of high interest.
- SCNA has received a lot of complaints/concern about the noise level from the Hayden Homes Amphitheater. The association may meet with amphitheater staff to discuss the issues.

Member Campbell, Boyd Acres Neighborhood Association, reported on the following:

- There has been a great deal of road construction.
- The association had some success with online campaigns to expand its board.
- The topic of Costco comes up at every meeting; the neighborhood is fairly evenly split on the issue.

Member Christo, Southeast Bend Neighborhood Association (SEBNA), reported on the following:

- The association's September annual meeting, held at Jewell Elementary, had over 40 people in attendance. It went over well.

- The next board meeting was scheduled at The Pines, which is helping to encourage residents of The Pines to attend meetings. The board hopes to hold future meetings there.
- The association's new board director of communication is updating the website and email list.
- SEBNA has been very involved in the No Gas Station protest movement. Surveys indicate over 80% of area residents oppose the gas station and convenience store. SEBNA was set to present its case at the November hearing about the project.

Member Franzosa, River West Neighborhood Association (RWNA), reported on the following:

- RWNA has been looking at transportation projects they might be able to work on together with Bend Bikes.
- Member Franzosa asked for best practices around annual meetings.

Member Friess, Old Bend Neighborhood Association (OBNA), reported on the following:

- Cut-through traffic is an issue in the neighborhood. OBNA board has done a good job of getting to know City staff and working on the neighborhood street safety program.
- The board has met with the principal of Amity Creek Elementary, which has safety issues around drop-off.
- OBNA annual meeting was held at Boneyard, and it was well attended.
- OBNA may have a neighborhood yard sale in the spring.

Member Mara, Summit West Neighborhood Association (SWNA), reported on the following:

- Blue bikes were at topic at the last SWNA meeting. Residents are saying they're an eyesore and a safety concern.
- There is concern in the neighborhood about minors on eBikes and motorized scooters.
- SWNA is planning an annual meeting.
- The association has one or two potential new board members.

Member Pearson, Awbrey Butte Neighborhood Association (ABNA), reported on the following:

- There was low attendance at the last neighborhood association meeting.
- The ABNA's land use person is becoming more active in fire safety compliance.

Member Rhodes, Southwest Bend Neighborhood Association (SWBNA), reported on the following:

- The association's fall annual meeting was cancelled due to the board being stretched too thin.
- SWBNA is looking forward to a more social spring annual meeting.
- The association encouraged residents to submit comments regarding property line adjustment applications from the Central Oregon Irrigation

District for the property adjoining the Century West, Southwest Crossing, and Southwest Bend neighborhoods; 338 comments were submitted during the comment period.

Member Tinti, Old Farm District Neighborhood Association (OFDNA), reported on the following:

- There were over 300 respondents to a joint SEBNA/OFDNA survey about the gas station, and around 75% of OFDNA residents were against the gas station.
- OFDNA is working on a budget and has reinstated the treasurer's report.
- Speeding has gotten worse over the last couple of years, prompting concerns from residents and the board. Radar "slow down" signs will go up in April and OFDNA is planning to give input to the City regarding placement of those signs.

Vice Chair Mushel, Century West Neighborhood Association (CWNA), reported on the following:

- Vice Chair Mushel was hopeful CWNA would have a quorum at their upcoming meeting.
- Vice Chair Mushel attended the November 2 City Council meeting and heard concerns about the Home Energy Score (HES), including equity, cost, the mandatory nature of the program, and that it could hurt seniors.

6. Home Energy Score Program – Sr. Management Analyst Cassie Lacy

Cassie Lacy, Senior Management Analyst, explained City Council had a first reading of the Home Energy Score (HES) tentatively scheduled for December 7. Lacy presented the following slides:

- Home Energy Score Program
- Home Energy Score
- What's in a Report?
- Home Energy Score Background
- Home Energy Score Programs Demonstrate Positive Outcomes
- Home Energy Score & Equity
- Program Details

Lacy stated the December 7 first reading will allow public input and that the second reading is scheduled for December 21. The program, if approved, would go into effect in July to allow time for public education around the HES and for people to become assessors.

Neil Baungard, Environment and Climate Committee (ECC) Chair, and Peter Grube, ECC Member, joined Lacy and helped answer and address NLA members' questions and concerns. There was extensive discussion around the HES.

Vice-Chair Mushel moved to schedule a special meeting for the purpose of discussing the HES and possibly preparing a statement to submit to City Council. Member Rhodes

seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-2), with members Franzosa and Pearson voting no.

Oliver agreed to send a Doodle poll to members to determine a date for the special meeting. Oliver asked members to go back to their neighborhood associations, present the information provided by Lacy, Baunsgard and Grube, and come to the special meeting ready to engage. Oliver stated members could send any further questions to Lacy.

7. Important Upcoming Dates (*tentative*)

a. November 14, 5:30 p.m.: Planning Commission Work Session.

Development code, comprehensive plan, transportation system plan updates

Member Franzosa volunteered to attend this session.

b. November 16, 5:00 p.m.: City Council Work Session. Climate Friendly

and Equitable Communities (CFEC) – parking, local firearm regulation

c. November 16, 7:00 p.m.: City Council Regular Meeting. Home Energy

Score first reading, public input on camping code

d. First week of December: Special NLA Meeting. Home Energy Score discussion.

e. December 7, 7:00 p.m.: City Council Regular Meeting. Camping code

first reading, CFEC – parking first reading, local firearm regulation first reading, Home Energy Score second reading

f. December 13, 4:00 p.m.: NLA Regular Meeting.

Adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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