

**City of Bend
Neighborhood Leadership Alliance Meeting
September 13, 2022**

The meeting of the Neighborhood Leadership Alliance (NLA) was called to order at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 13, 2022, online and by phone.

Roll Call: John Bennett, Karen Bergsvik, Kody Campbell, Jim Christo, Gina Franzosa, Chris Friess, Shannon Mara, Lisa Mushel, Chris Pearson, Elizabeth Rhodes, Morgan Schmidt, Summer Sears, Ross Tinti

Absent: None

1. Representative Introductions

All representatives introduced themselves noting the Neighborhood Association they represent, why they are serving on the committee, and their favorite thing about their neighborhood.

2. Elections and Meeting Logistics

a. Chair/Vice Chair nominations and vote

Communications Director Anne Aurand led the committee in elections.

For the role of Chair, Morgan Schmidt nominated herself. No other nominations were made. Member Tinti seconded the nomination. The nomination was accepted unanimously by the committee (13-0).

For the role of Vice Chair, Lisa Mushel nominated herself. No other nominations were made. Member Tinti seconded the nomination. The nomination was accepted unanimously (13-0).

b. Meeting time and date

There were no issues with the current date and time of meetings. Meetings will remain the second Tuesday of every month.

3. Approve Minutes

Member Pearson moved to approve the June 14, 2022 meeting Minutes. Member Tinti seconded the motion, the motion passed (12-0, Member Mushel abstained).

4. Public Comments

No public comment.

5. Liaison Updates

a. Short-Term Rental Code update – Chris Pearson

Report:

Member Pearson provided a verbal report to the committee with a review of the Planning Commission work session and public hearing on short-term rental code updates.

Licensing Program Manager Lorelei Williams shared information on the proposed changes, updates on a citywide short-term rental audit that is in progress. She also shared information on the enforcement process for short-term rentals out of compliance.

Williams, Senior Planner Pauline Hardie, and Assistant City Attorney Ian Leitheiser responded to representative questions and shared information process for code updates moving forward.

Housing Director Lynne McConnell shared information on affordable housing and how short-term rentals impact supply.

Discussion:

Member Bergsvik left the meeting at 5 p.m.

Member Mushel made a motion that the NLA submit a letter of position to City Council in support of the proposed code changes. Member Tinti seconded the motion. The motion passed (10-2, Members Mara and Franzosa opposed).

The committee also agreed on the following points to be included, with final review by the Chairs:

- The committee is generally in favor of mechanisms and tools creating more housing supply, all the better if its affordable.
- The committee believes that short-term rentals have had an impact on sense of community.
- The committee is concerned that these changes do not go far enough or won't be effective in increasing housing stock.
- The committee supports concentration limits being extended to apply to Mixed-use and Commercial zones where condominiums can be built or already exist. Condominiums are just as important to retain in the housing stock for workforce housing as single-family homes, which is the stated intent of the code changes.

Member Sears reminded the committee of the tone and format shift of the way that the NLA presents information to Council. Suggested copying the format from the most recent letter submitted on the shelter code development.

b. Unsanctioned Camping Code Development

Report:

Aurand provided a report about the Camping Code process to date and the next steps. She announced a roundtable opportunity on Sept. 27 that the NLA is invited to attend, and requested the committee select a representative to attend.

Discussion:

The committee agreed that Chair Schmidt would attend the roundtable on behalf of the committee and Vice Chair Mushel would be an alternate.

6. Representative Discussion

See item 5. Agenda adapted to discussion after liaison reports.

7. Roadmap and Agenda Requests

Aurand shared a slide with outstanding agenda topics that the committee could select from.

Chair Schmidt asked for other suggestions from the committee.

Member Rhodes suggested outreach and engagement for Neighborhood Associations.

Member Christo suggested a follow-up on the neighborhood assessment project and information on what the next steps are.

Member Mara suggested focusing on upcoming goal setting, both for the committee and City Council.

Member Mushel suggested outreach and communication as critical. Suggested hearing about Alpenglow event.

8. Representative Reports

Member Bennett, Mountain View NA, reported on the following:

- Safeway Shooting Incident impacting sense of safety and community.
- Concerns about Purcell Blvd and impacts on traffic, pedestrian crossings and people that ride bikes.

Member Campbell, Boyd Acres NA, reported on the following:

- Proposed Costco development has had good discussion both for and against.

Member Christo, Southeast Bend NA, reported on the following:

- Struggled to recruit board members. Up to four now.
- Annual meeting next week. First one in a number of years.
- Gas station proposed at Murphy and Brosterhaus causing opposition.

Member Franzosa, River West NA reported on the following:

- Struggling to recruit board members.
- River West has a lot of construction process with more proposed in the future, having a hard time talking to Engineering about safety.
- Pushed on Newport Avenue and was able to get bike racks installed.
- Looking into how to get traction with City staff before decisions are made.
- Interested in Neighborhood Street Safety update.

Member Friess, Old Bend NA, reported on the following:

- Concerns about Killian Pacific proposed project south of Arizona Avenue and its traffic impacts.
- Congestion on the river trail. Board is doing well working with staff on this project.

Member Mara, Summit West NA, reported on the following:

- Concern about big developments that involve street closures and taking out several trees. Wondering who to complain to? Is it the City? Is there a central location for information and complaints?

Vice Chair Mushel, Century West NA, reported on the following:

- A couple of developments that are causing concern. Mostly related to safety and access for emergency vehicles. Also parking. Hopeful developer will take some suggestions.
- Cleanup effort last Friday of each month. 30 bags of garbage, one more cleanup coming up in September and have done it for 6 months.
- Graffiti on utility boxes. Contacted Deschutes County's graffiti program. Low cost or no cost opportunity.

Member Pearson, Awbrey Butte NA reported on the following:

- Firewise meeting with certified homeowners association.
- Development issue on Compass Corner causing concern but more character concern.
- Safeway Shooting Incident – sent out bulletin to members on how to increase safety and how we as a community might reduce these types of tragedies.

Member Rhodes, Southwest Bend NA reported on the following:

- Land Use Chair is recovering from a bad fall injury.
- Continuing to monitor the COID/Deschutes South Canyon property.
- Continuing trash pickup after 14 years! A board member stepped up to help with cleanups.

Member Schmidt, Larkspur NA reported on the following:

- Central Oregon Villages has been working with Larkspur to answer neighborhood concerns and have presence at meetings.
- Hopes there is more opportunity among NLA on what it really looks like for us to lead the way with housing options in our community. How can we listen to

concerns but also how can we be a group that paves the way to more housing in Bend.

Member Sears, Orchard District NA did not have a report.

Member Tinti, Old Farm District NA reported on the following:

- Alpenglow Park opening was a huge success. Got about 40 households registered with the neighborhood.
- Could use more board members.
- Would like to support an east side farmers market. Anything to bring people together to gather.
- Speed radar program – gathering input on where to suggest locations for these.
- Also doing cleanups in their neighborhood. Volunteers fluctuate.

9. Important Upcoming Dates (*tentative*)

- Sept. 21, 5 p.m.: City Council Work Session, Unsanctioned Camping Code Development and Central Oregon Villages Phase I Report**
- Oct. 5, 7 p.m.: City Council Regular Meeting, Short-Term Rental Code Update Public Hearing**

Adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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