

The meeting of the Neighborhood Leadership Alliance (NLA) was called to order at 4:13 p.m. on Tuesday, December 13, 2022, in Council Chambers at City Hall, 710 NW Wall Street, as well as online.

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

Absent: Kody Campbell (excused), Lisa Mushel (excused)

1. Approve Minutes

Member Christo moved to approve the November 9, 2022 meeting Minutes. Member Franzosa seconded the motion. The motion passed (11-0).

2. Public Comments

- Bonnie Redler, Southwest Bend Neighborhood Association, requested an advocate from NLA for the ongoing issues residents are having with the noise level at Hayden Homes Amphitheater. Redler asked for the issue to be included in City Council's goal-setting process and requested an ordinance to regulate a maximum number of concerts at the amphitheater, a maximum decibel level or sound barrier, and maximum bass levels.
- City Councilor Megan Perkins reported Council had met with the amphitheater the week before and detailed some of the work the amphitheater is doing in response to public input. Councilor Perkins stated amphitheater representatives plan to come before Council in early spring to discuss their mitigation efforts.

3. Council Goal Setting Process

Makayla Oliver, Community Relations Manager, shared the following slides:

- Council Goal Setting
- Council Goal Setting Timeline
- Council Inputs
- Equity

Oliver clarified the Council listening session on the 19th is a public meeting. Councilor Perkins explained the listening session process.

4. Neighborhood Assessment Program Recommendations and Discussion

Oliver presented and discussed the following slides:

- Neighborhood Assessment Recommendations
- Neighborhood Assessment: Where are we?
- Neighborhood Assessment Themes & Challenges
- Neighborhood Assessment Inputs
- Program Review: Relevant Inputs
- Neighborhood Association Program Recommendations: Updates Completed or In Progress
- Updates to Neighborhood Association Funding
- New Community Engagement Trailer
- Added City Support
- Neighborhood Association Program Recommendations: Code Changes
- Rebrand Neighborhood Associations
- Add Community Building Requirements
- Resolve Neighborhood Boundary Issues
- Neighborhood Association Program Recommendations: Council Liaison System
- Reimagine Council Liaison System
- Next Steps – Council Goal Setting

Ian Leitheiser, Assistant City Attorney, added clarifying information about neighborhood associations and newly annexed territory as addressed by Bend City Code.

Oliver clarified the code changes presented are her recommendations on which she would like input from NLA members and gave an overview of the timeline for when those recommendations might be accomplished.

5. Liaison Updates

a. Nov. 14 Planning Commission Work Session – Gina Franzosa

Member Franzosa attended the November 14 Planning Commission Work Session and reported on development code changes addressing electric bikes, private streets, and street standards.

b. Neighborhood Association Roundtable (NART)

Member Bennett reported Beth Hubler is representing the Mountain View Neighborhood Association (MVNA) at NART now, and NART is encouraging neighborhood associations to sign onto a letter about the Community Climate Action Plan (CCAP) prior to Council goal setting. Member Christo reported the Southeast Bend Neighborhood Association (SEBNA) NART representative reported NART may have some concerns with the NLA; Member Christo reported he would be meeting with NART to get more information.

6. Representative Reports

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

- For November's monthly MVNA meeting, the Association found a new space to meet at Deschutes Children's Foundation.
- At that meeting, MVNA met with Drew Wells, Project Engineer, about the Neff-Purcell intersection and the extension of Purcell Blvd.
- Neighborhood concerns about the project include increased speeding and traffic on Purcell; loss of on-street parking causing increased traffic speeds; and closure of that busy intersection for multiple months.

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

- SCNA surveyed its members about priorities; the Association is trying to do a survey each month as part of its monthly newsletter.
- SCNA had its first public meeting for Timber Yards, the development on the former KorPine site currently planning 1,600 residential units; SCNA supports the development, but they want a master transportation plan for that area.

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

- Over 80 people attended the November public hearing for the gas station proposed near the Murphy and Brosterhous roundabout.

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

- RWNA is having a leadership transition.
- Oliver organized a presentation from Lynne McConnell, Housing Director, on the housing crisis in Bend; Member Franzosa reported being impressed by the discussion at that meeting and encouraged the group to view the recording.

Member Friess left the meeting before this agenda item.

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

- Thanked McConnell for the affordable housing presentation and pointed out the difference between affordable housing and housing affordability.
- SWNA has three board members retiring without replacements, but Mara hopes the trailer will help with community building.

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

- ABNA has lost two board members; as a result, they were not planning to meet in December and were trying to figure out ways to increase membership on the board.
- ABNA will be working hard on making meetings more social in the new year.
- Member Pearson also commended McConnell's affordable housing presentation.

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

- The Murphy Crossing land owner applied to build an RV park; the plan was approved. SWBNA has concerns over the owner clear-cutting a large area mature pines. Neighbors are seeing a disconnect between the need for affordable housing and a clear-cut to house RVs.

Chair Schmidt, Larkspur Neighborhood Association (LNA), reported on the following:

- A new board member is joining LNA; the Association has had similar turnover to the other Neighborhood Associations.
- The January board meeting will focus on goal setting for 2023.
- LNA has been pleased to have consistent feedback and community outreach from Central Oregon Villages.
- There is an ongoing conversation around bicycle and pedestrian safety on Pettigrew.

Member Sears, Orchard District Neighborhood Association (ODNA), reported on the following:

- ODNA is having trouble coordinating diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) training; if other districts were interested in the training, Member Sears proposed putting something together through the City.
- Similarly, it might be helpful to have a joint resource around the Good Samaritan program.

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

- Reminder to help neighbors shovel show with the Good Samaritan program.
- OFDNA did not have a board meeting in December but will reconvene in January.
- Development is continuing around Stevens Ranch and near Jewell Elementary.
- Neighbors have concerns about needing new tree codes.
- Ferguson Road will have one lane shut down for the next eight to ten months for sewer improvement, which will increase traffic on Reed Market.
- Members are looking for ways to get connected with programs to help with homelessness and panhandling in neighborhoods.
- Ideas around getting new residents connected with NAs.

Oliver informed members there was a mailing list tool available to help reach new residents.

Leitheiser provided correction and clarity on the RV park in southwest Bend and the zoning of the property.

7. Important Upcoming Dates (*tentative*)

- a. **January 4, 7:00 p.m.:** City Council Annual Meeting: New Councilors take Oath, Selection of Mayor Pro Tem
- b. **January 18, 5:00 p.m.:** City Council Work Session: Community Survey Results Presentation
- c. **January 18, 7:00 p.m.:** City Council Regular Session: Amendments to Bend Development Code, Comprehensive Plan and Transportation System Plan
- d. **January 19, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.:** Council Goals Listening Session

8. Adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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