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City of Bend Accessibility Advisory Committee

October 27, 2022

City Council Chambers, Bend City Hall
710 NW Wall, Bend, Oregon

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Chair Radon called the October 27, 2022, City of Bend Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting to order at 12:14 PM.

1. Roll Call: Chair Nick Radon He, Him, His; Vice Chair John Heylin, Aaron Rivers He, Him; Amanda Hamer; Carl Burnett He, Him; Kori Sparks She, Her.

Absent: Whitney Bennett She, Her; Ashley Schahfer She, Her.

Staff:

- Eric King He, Him | City Manager
- Stephanie Betteridge She, Her | Chief Innovation Officer
- Barbara Campbell She, Her | COBAAC Councilmember Liaison
- Lisa Larsen She, Her | Administrative Support Specialist

Staff Absent:

Cherissa Alldredge She, Her; Accessibility and Equity Manager

2. Approval of September 22, 2022, Meeting Minutes

Motion: Member Hamer approved the September 22, 2022, meeting minutes as read. Vice-Chair Heylin seconded the minutes. This motion was approved unanimously by all that attended the October meeting.

3. Public Comments

No public in attendance



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4. Land Acknowledgement

Vice-Chair John Heylin

City of Bend Land Acknowledgement:

We would like to acknowledge that the beautiful land, known as Bend, Oregon north of the Columbia River is the original homelands of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. The Confederated Tribes ceded this land in the Treaty of 1855 while retaining regular and customary hunting, fishing, and gathering rights. The Wana Łama ([Warm Springs](#)), Wasq'ú (Wasco), and Northern Paiute people inhabited this area in certain seasonal times that clearly established their presence. It is also important to note that the Klamath Trail ran north through this region to the great Celilo Falls trading grounds. This trade route expanded the impact of commerce between Tribal nations. We acknowledge and thank the original stewards of this land. It is our hope that guests continue to honor and care for this land.

5. COBAAC Strategic Plan Discussion Continued

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COBAAC members discussed and updated the language of the COBAAC 2022 - 2023 Strategic draft Plan and moved to approve the updated language.

The language/ text additions are as followed:

1. *“on demand”*:

To improve transportation accessibility, COBAAC members will advocate for the use of APRA funds to incentivize local, ***on-demand*** transportation providers to include more accessible vehicles in their fleets. Page two paragraph one of the COBAAC 2022 – 2023 Strategic Plan Draft.

2. *“and accessible connectivity within the city”*:

To support their ARPA fund advocacy, COBAAC will invite representatives from local transportation providers to learn more about their efforts to provide accessible, ADA compliant transportation services and ***accessible connectivity within the city***. Page two, paragraph three of the COBAAC 2022 – 2023 Strategic Plan Draft.

Motion: Member Hamer approved the motion and Vice-Chair Heylin seconded the updates and modifications in the language to the COBAAC 2022 – 2023 Strategic Plan as discussed during this meeting. This motion was unanimously approved by all that attended the October meeting.



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The COBAAC memberships moved to elevate the COBAAC 2022 – 2023 Strategic Plan Draft to City Manager King for his approval and to move the COBAAC 2022 -2022 Strategic Plan from a Draft to a Final document.

Motion: Member Hamer approved the motion and Vice-Chair Heylin seconded to elevate the COBAAC Strategic Plan Draft to City Manager King for approval and move it from a draft to a final.

3. Columbia Park Bridge Access Improvements Letter of Support

City of Bend Accessibility Advisory Committee Membership

COBAAC members discussed whether they should write a Columbia Park Bridge Access Improvement letter of support to the City of Bend.

City Manager King will talk with the Transportation and & Mobility Director David Abbas about any updates on paving the approach to the Columbia Park Bridge Access Improvements.

Member Burnett will draft a letter of support for future use if the improvements are delayed or stopped because of the winter months/ weather.

4. City Manager Update

Eric King He, Him; City Manager

City Manager King updated the committee members on the ongoing recruitment of an Accessibility and Equity Manager with the opportunity from COBAAC in the selection process.

There was a discussion about COBAACs first Strategic plan and the addition of an Accessibility and Equity Manager to help assist in the development of a work plan and the needed resources to meet the goals outlined in the plan.

5. COBAAC Business

- A request was submitted to the committee for a COBAAC member volunteer: Member Burnett volunteered to represent COBAAC to be an accessibility representative on the ODOT/Bend Stakeholder Advisory Committee re: US 97 & Reed Market Operational and Safety Study Project.
- Accepting Chair and Vice-Chair Nominations and Vote and start the new positions on November 17, 2022.

Motion: Member Hamer approved the motion to approve Vice-Chair Heylin to advance to the COBAAC Chair position. Member Burnett seconded the motion.



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This motion was approved unanimously by all that attended the October meeting.

Motion: Member Hamer approved the motion to advance Member Burnett to the Vice-Chair position.

Vice-Chair Heylin seconded the motion. This motion was unanimously approved by all that attended the October meeting.

- Member Peskin resigned her COBAAC membership on October 22, 2022, via email.

6. Accessibility and Equity Manager Update

Cherissa Alldredge She, Her; Accessibility and Equity Manager

The Accessibility and Equity Manager was not able to attend her last COBAAC meeting.

7. COBAAC Council Liaison

Barbara Campbell She, Her; Councilmember

COBAAC Council Liaison mentioned that Metropolitan Planning Organization (Bend MPO) is a public agency, and any individual is welcome to write to Bend MPO or share a comment at the beginning or the end of their meetings. Bend MPO has funding every year, but the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds that are currently being distributed are unusual.

8. Adjourn

Chair Radon adjourned the October 2022 COBAAC meeting at 1:22 PM, Thursday, October 27, 2022.

Submitted by,

Lisa Larsen
Administrative Support Specialist



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