



## Minutes

### City of Bend Accessibility Advisory Committee

Thursday, September 22, 2022, 1:00 to 2:30 PM

#### City Hall - Council Chambers

710 NW Wall Street, Bend, Oregon 97703

YouTube Live Stream: [COBAAC September 22, 2022, meeting](#)

#### Hybrid Meeting Notice:

The City of Bend Accessibility Advisory Committee will conduct its meetings virtually through Zoom and in person at City Hall, in Council Chambers.

#### 1. Call to Order

Nick Radon (He/Him)

Chair Radon called the City of Bend Accessibility Advisory Committee, on September 22, 2022, meeting to order at 1:05 PM.

**Members Present:** Chair Radon He, Him; Vice-Chair John Heylin; Aaron Rivers He, Him; Amanda Hamer; Ashley Schahfer She, Her, Hers; Carl Burnett He, Him; Kori Sparks She, Her

**Members Absent:** Whitney Bennett She, Her; Jenni Peskin She, Her

#### City Staff:

- Cherissa Alldredge She, Her, Hers; Accessibility & Equity Manager
- Barbara Campbell She, Her, Hers; COBAAC Councilperson Liaison
- Lisa Larsen She, Her, Her; Administrative Support Specialist

#### 2. Land Acknowledgement

Lisa Larsen She, Her, Hers | Accessibility & Equity Administrative Support Specialist

##### ***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.



**3. Approval of Minutes from the September 22, 2022, COBAAC Meeting**

Vice Chair John Heylin moved to approve September 22, 2022; meeting minutes as is. Member Schahfer seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously by the members present.

**4. Public Comment**

No public in attendance

**5. COBAAC Business**

Chair Nick Radon (He/Him) and/ or Vice-Chair John Heylin

- October 27, 2022, COBAAC Meeting Time 12:00 PM to 1:30 PM due to the lack of hybrid room availability, instead of the regular time of 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM.
- COBAAC will meet on November 17, 2022, from 12:00 PM to 1:30 PM due to Thanksgiving falling on the regular day and time, the fourth Thursday of the month.
- December 24, 2022, no meeting COBAAC will take a winter break.
- Leadership Positions: Nominations and vote in October for Chair and Vice-Chair

**6. Pedestrian Master Plan Update**

Karen Swirsky (She/Her) | Associate Planner | Kittelson & Associates

Karen was unable to present today due to last-minute unforeseen obligations. She sends her apologies to the committee.

**7. COBAAC Strategic Plan Discussion**

COBAAC Membership

COBAAC members continued their discussion about the COBAAC 2022 – 2023 Strategic Plan. Working on defining and streamlining the categories of their first strategic plan, and which projects they want to work on first. This discussion will continue and be added to the October 27, 2022, COBAAC meeting.

COBAAC will discuss different projects they would like to put their advocacy toward the Bend MPO funding

**8. Equity Department Update**

Anna Allen She, Her, Hers; Equity and Inclusion Director

Due to scheduling conflicts, the Equity and Inclusion Director was not able to attend.



## 9. Accessibility & Equity Manager Recruitment Update

Cherissa Alldredge She, Her, Hers | Accessibility & Equity Manager

- Manager Alldredge thanked those COBAAC members that participated in welcoming week.
- City Quest: this is the first year this event will take place post-COVID. This event is not going to be as large as it has been in the past so there is not necessarily an opportunity for COBBAC to have a stand-alone table in the tent. Members can participate and come back and report.
- Manager Alldredge will email COBAAC members the recruitment information about her position when it is posted. Once we finalize the interview plans, the city will reach out and ask for a COBAAC volunteer to participate in the interviews.
- Accessibility and Equity Manager Alldredge's last day will be the end of October.

## 10. Round Table

COBAAC Membership

Members brought up different information that is not specifically directed to the City of Bend.

- Vice-Chair Heylin: Mentioned he talked with Numotion who makes motorized wheelchairs and has a division in Bend, they are recruiting for robotics positions to repair wheelchairs.
- Chair Radon: Will attend the Camping code roundtable on COBAAC's behalf.
- Member Schahfer: Oasis Village contacted her to help with accessibility for the tiny home pods.

## 11. COBAAC Councilmember Liaison Comments

Barbara Campbell (She/Her/Hers) | City of Bend Councilperson

Councilmember Campbell has been in meetings around the core area, talking about a potential Hawthorne crossing. She mentioned COBAAC members' concerns about the accessibility issues that an electric elevator may cause a wheelchair user and the obstacle if the power was to go out.

Councilperson Campbell talked to David Abbas about the Columbia Bridge. David Abbas mentioned someone went out to look at the accessibility issues and they anticipate some of the accessibility issues by the time the asphalt plant closes before the winter.

## 12. Adjourn

Chair Radon adjourned the COBAAC meeting at 2:20 PM



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**13. The next COBAAC meeting is on October 27, 2022, with a special time from noon to 1:30 PM**

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Larsen She, Her  
Administrative Supports Specialist – Accessibility & Inclusion Program



### **Accessible Meeting Information**

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