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## Minutes

### City of Bend Accessibility Advisory Committee

Thursday, August 25, 2022, 1:00 to 2:30 PM

City Hall | Council Chambers

710 NW Wall Street, Bend, Oregon 97703

Live Stream: [COBAAC August Meeting](#)

#### 1. Call to Order

Nick Radon (He, Him, His)

COBAAC Chair Radon called the Thursday, August 25, 2022, City of Bend Accessibility Committee meeting to order at 1:05 PM.

**Members Present:** Chair Nick Radon (He, Him, His), Vice Chair John Heylin, Aaron Rivers (He, Him), Ashley Schahfer (She, Her), Carl Burnett (He, Him), Kori Sparks (She, Her), Whitney Bennett (She, Her)

**Members Absent:** Amanda Hamer, Jenni Peskin (She, Her)

**Public Attendees:** No public attendees

#### City of Bend Staff:

- Cherissa Alldredge (She, Her, Hers), Accessibility and Equity Manager
- Barbara Campbell (She, Her, Hers), COBAAC Councilperson Liaison
- Allison Platt (She/Her) | Core Area Project Manager | Economic & Development Dept.
- Garrett Sabourin | Principal Engineer | Engineering & Infrastructure Planning Dept.
- Ryan Oster | Engineering & Infrastructure Planning Director | EIPD
- Lisa Larsen (She, Her) | Administrative Support Special

#### 2. Land Acknowledgement

Read by: Cherissa Alldredge (She/Her/Hers) | Accessibility and Equity Manager

##### ***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 June 23, 2022, Meeting**

Member Sparks moved to approve June 23, 2022; meeting minutes as is. Vice Chair member Heylin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by the members present.

### **4. Public Comment:** No public attendees

### **5. COBAAC Business**

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

- Stipend Debit Cards: COBACC members need to mail in or bring in their signed Stipend forms. You need to choose to accept or opt-out of the stipend.
- Accepting nominations and voting for the Chair and Vice-Chair positions at the October COBAAC meeting.

### **6. Columbia Park Improvements – Bridge Access**

Ashley Schahfer She/Her | COBAAC Member

Ashley Schahfer, owner of Empower Access and a member of COBAAC is here to ask and discuss if COBAC would like to advocate for an accessible bridge that connects to Columbia Park and get the city more involved in investing.

#### **[Columbia Park Improvements - Bridge Access Presentation](#)**

### **7. Midtown Crossings**

- Allison Platt (She/Her) | Core Area Project Manager | Economic & Development Dept.
- Garrett Sabourin | Principal Engineer | Engineering & Infrastructure Planning Dept.
- Ryan Oster | Engineering & Infrastructure Planning Director | EIPD

Allison, Garret, and Ryan are here to discuss the midtown pedestrian and bicycle crossings feasibility plan study. Points discussed:

1. Project Background
2. Study of Work
3. Project Cost Information
4. Project Schedule
5. Alternatives
6. Greenwood Avenue – Concept 1
7. Greenwood Avenue – Concept 2
8. Seeking Specific Input from COBAAC on Hawthorne and Franklin
9. Hawthorne Concept 1: Straight Bridge & Approach Ramps
10. Hawthorne Concept 2: Switchback Ramps / Maintain 4.5% slope
11. Hawthorne Concept 3: Stair and Elevator Bridge Access / No Ramp
12. Franklin Concept 1: Widen and Level East Access – Plaza
13. Franklin Concept 2: Fell Rebuild / Widen Undercrossing Opening
14. Public Outreach and Participation
15. Public Feedback for Greenwood, Hawthorne, and Franklin
16. Public Feedback – Corridor Priority
17. Modifications to Alternatives to Greenwood, Hawthorn, and Franklin
18. Evaluation Criteria Overview
19. Midtown Coordination & Next Steps

#### **[Midtown Pedestrian and Bicycle Crossings | City of Bend](#)**



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## **8. COBAAC Strategic Plan Discussion**

The City of Bend Accessibility Advisory Committee Membership

COBAAC members discussed the next steps for their first strategic plan and narrow it down.

- Creating a culture of accessibility within the City of Bend
- Creating an accessible community
- Transportation and infrastructure and COBAAC involvement in the overall budget development within the City of Bend.
- Have someone from COBAAC attend Affordable Housing Advisory Committee meetings.
- Have COBAAC involvement with budget development for transportation
- Proactively letting the community know more about COBAAC and what they do.
- Hand out and put business cards on windshields about COBAAC and ADA laws.
- Public outreach: set up booths at some local events or partner up with local accessibility groups.

## **9. Participation in Community Events (5 minutes)**

Cherissa Alldredge (She/Her) | Accessibility and Equity Manager

Due to time constraints, the Accessibility and Equity Manager Alldredge will send COBAAC members information on upcoming events can attend to represent COBAAC.

## **10. Accessibility and Equity Manager Update**

Cherissa Alldredge (She/Her) | Accessibility and Equity Manager

Due to time constraints, the Accessibility and Equity Manager said that her update can wait until next month.

## **11. COBAAC Member Roundtable**

COBAAC Membership

Due to time constraints, this will be on the next agenda and future agendas.

## **12. COBAAC Councilmember Liaison Comments**

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

Councilmember Campbell commended member Schahfer for bringing attention to the accessibility issues on the bridge that connects to Columbia Park. She also commended the Accessibility and Equity Manager Alldredge on the positive change she has brought to COBAAC and the City of Bend as a whole. With much appreciation but hoping she can find her way back to the City of Bend.

## **13. Chair Radon adjourned the meeting at 2:41 PM**

**The next COBAAC meeting is September 22, 2022, from 1:00 to 2:30 PM**

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Larsen  
Administrative Support Specialist



**Accessible Meeting Information**

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