

City of Bend
Neighborhood Leadership Alliance Meeting
January 10, 2023

The meeting of the Neighborhood Leadership Alliance (NLA) was called to order at 4:02 p.m. on Tuesday, January 10, 2023, in Council Chambers at City Hall, 710 NW Wall Street, as well as online.

- 1. Roll Call:** John Bennett, Kody Campbell, Jim Christo, Gina Franzosa, Shannon Mara, Lisa Mushel, Chris Pearson, Elizabeth Rhodes, Summer Sears, Ross Tinti, Morgan Schmidt

Absent: Chris Friess (excused)

Makayla Oliver, Community Relations Manager, noted Karen Bergsvik, Southern Crossing Neighborhood Association (SCNA) representative, had resigned from the NLA in December. Oliver added SCNA was trying to find someone to serve in the NLA role.

- 2. Approve Minutes**

Member Bennett moved to approve the December 5 special meeting Minutes. Member Tinti seconded the motion. The motion passed (11-0).

Member Mara moved to approve the December 13, 2022 meeting Minutes. Member Bennett seconded the motion. The motion passed (10-0, with member Mushel abstaining).

- 3. Public Comments**

There were no public comments submitted.

- 4. Council Goal Setting Input Form and Discussion**

Oliver presented and explained the following slides:

- Council Goal Setting Timeline
- 2023-2025 Goal Setting
- Neighborhood Assessment Recommendations
- Rebrand Neighborhood Associations
- Add Community Building Requirements
- Resolve Neighborhood Boundary Issues

Members asked clarifying questions around City Code, community building, funding, direct mail costs, and the equity aspect of neighborhood boundaries.

Lynne McConnell, Housing Director, gave an overview of the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC), its top requests of Council related to affordable housing in Bend, and the existing work AHAC expects to continue. Members asked questions around surplus land, taxes, growth management, and system development charges (SDCs); Ian Leitheiser, Assistant City Attorney, added clarification around members' questions related to transfer tax, and McConnell provided additional information about SDCs. McConnell also explained the City's goals around deed-restricted units and answered Members' questions around the difference between affordable and attainable housing.

Oliver captured Members' and Neighborhood Associations' (NAs') suggestions input on areas to include in the Council Goal Setting Input Form. Those included the following:

- **John Bennett, Mountain View Neighborhood Association (MVNA):** Traffic concerns, Neighborhood Street Safety Program (NSSP), equity in the east/west divide (development, redrawing boundaries, divided socioeconomic status), gun violence and safety, and increasing mental health services
- **Kody Campbell, Boyd Acres Neighborhood Association (BANA):** BANA had not yet had its January meeting at the time of the NLA meeting so could not provide input.
- **Jim Christo, Southeast Bend Neighborhood Association (SEBNA):** Communications tracking for the City, inequity and cost associated with the appeal process for the Bend Development Code, more notice for events and decisions Council is making, improvements to the Council tracking dashboard, and the east/west divide related to Climate Friendly Area (CFA) concentration.
- **Gina Franzosa, River West Neighborhood Association (RWNA):** Environment and Climate (dark sky, trees, public projects), neighborhood livability (pedestrian and bicycle safety, safe routes to school, efficiencies in homes and businesses), a nimbler version of the NSSP (more funding, more opportunities to vote on projects), communications tracking for the City to track responses from staff to residents and promote open and transparent communication.
- **Shannon Mara, Summit West Neighborhood Association (SWNA):** Livability in terms of speeding and enforcement of speed limits, gun violence and safety, and housing affordability (ability to retain workforce, generational residents).
- **Lisa Mushel, Century West Neighborhood Association (CWNA):** Street safety (Century Drive in particular), illegal short-term rentals (STRs), tree ordinance, and graffiti programs/enforcement.
- **Chris Pearson, Awbrey Butte Neighborhood Association (ABNA):** Tree ordinance, affordable housing, wildfire prevention, and strengthening the electrical grid to support more electric vehicles (EVs).
- **Elizabeth Rhodes, Southwest Bend Neighborhood Association (SWBNA):** Climate change concerns, tree ordinance, protecting green space within City limits, equitable access to outdoor green space and recreation opportunities, concern about reducing parking requirements for new development (mobility needs and accessibility, transportation system), striking a balance between the need for affordable housing

and maintaining some green space and trees to mitigate climate change, and wildfire prevention.

- **Morgan Schmidt, Larkspur Neighborhood Association (LNA):** Affordable housing (potential for tiny home allowances), NSSP, multi-modal transportation projects, and environment and climate (dark sky, trees, public projects)
- **Ross Tinti, Old Farm District Neighborhood Association (OFDNA):** Tree ordinance, community engagement and increasing community involvement, and NSSP.

Member Sears had to leave early but submitted the Orchard District Neighborhood Association's (ODNA's) strategic plan to Oliver and Chair Schmidt prior to the meeting for consideration in the Council goal setting process.

Following further discussion, Members determined the top three Council goal recommendations from the NLA were communication, transportation, and environment and climate, with climate being the NLA's top priority for Council goals. Members agreed Chair Schmidt would attend the affordable housing roundtable to provide verbal support for the work that is being done.

5. **Committee Elections**

Chair Schmidt provided a brief overview of the elections timeline and process.

Chair Schmidt nominated herself for the role of Chair. **Voice vote** – Chair Schmidt, Vice Chair Mushel, Members Bennett, Campbell, Christo, Franzosa, Mara, Pearson, Rhodes, Tinti (10-0).

Vice Chair Mushel nominated herself for the role of Vice Chair. **Voice vote** - Chair Schmidt, Vice Chair Mushel, Members Bennett, Campbell, Christo, Franzosa, Mara, Pearson, Rhodes, Tinti (10-0).

6. **Important Upcoming Dates (tentative)**

- a. January 19, 2023: Equity, Accessibility, and Engagement Roundtable
Oliver agreed to send the request via email.

7. **Adjourned at 6:04 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

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