

# 5 Things to Know

## Neighborhood Leadership Alliance Going Inactive

1. The Bend City Council has announced that their advisory body, the **Neighborhood Leadership Alliance**, will be going inactive at the end of June 2023.

On Wednesday, May 17, 2023, Council held a **work session on community engagement around the 2023-25 Council Goals**. Part of this session included how to utilize existing advisory bodies to help accomplish this work. Part of this session included how to utilize existing advisory boards, committees and commissions to help accomplish the work set out in these goals. During the discussion, Council gave unanimous direction to pause the Neighborhood Leadership Alliance (NLA) indefinitely to support and focus on more direct engagement opportunities between Council, the Neighborhood Associations – now being referred to as Neighborhood Districts – and the broader community.

2. **The last meeting of the Neighborhood Leadership Alliance will be held on Tuesday, June 13, 2023, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers and online using Zoom.**

This meeting will be an opportunity for the committee to celebrate accomplishments, discuss the decision of the committee going inactive with Mayor Melanie Kebler and Community Relations Manager Makayla Oliver and learn about the new opportunities for engagement that will be launched in place of the Neighborhood Leadership Alliance. **Register to attend here** or at **[bendoregon.gov/NLA](https://bendoregon.gov/NLA)**.

3. **The Neighborhood Leadership Alliance will still have a representative on the newly established Tree Regulation Update Advisory Committee.**

While the Neighborhood Leadership Alliance will not be meeting, there will still be a seat on the Tree Regulation Update Advisory Committee for current NLA member. The TRUAC will also have seats available for at large members of the community, which could include other Neighborhood Association Board members. Selections are currently being made and will be communicated to the public at a Council meeting in June.



**4. The Neighborhood Leadership Alliance will remain in the City of Bend Municipal Code.**

While the Neighborhood Leadership Alliance will not be meeting, the committee will remain in **Bend Code Chapter 1.20 Advisory Boards, Committees and Commissions**. This Council or future Councils could choose to reactivate the committee.

**5. The City is committed to continuing neighborhood relationships in new ways.**

Council made the decision to deactivate the Neighborhood Leadership Alliance to increase access between community members and decision-makers through new opportunities. In the coming months there will be several new engagement opportunities launching, including a new **Block Party Trailer program**, quarterly community gatherings, and bi-annual listening session and roundtable meetings with neighborhoods and underrepresented groups. The City is also looking into the possibility of having more accessible Council meetings in different venues around town.

For comments or questions about the decision to deactivate the Neighborhood Leadership Alliance, please contact Bend City Council at [council@bendoregon.gov](mailto:council@bendoregon.gov).

For questions from current neighborhood leaders or representatives about next steps or about the upcoming new engagement opportunities, please contact Community Relations Manager Makayla Oliver at [moliver@bendoregon.gov](mailto:moliver@bendoregon.gov).



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