

The meeting of the City Council Stewardship Subcommittee was called to order at 11:33 am on Monday, November 27, 2023, in the City Council Chambers, 710 NW Wall Street, and online.

1. Roll Call: Mayor Pro Tem Melanie Perkins, Councilor Barbra Campbell, Councilor Mike Riley

2. Approval of Minutes

Councilor Campbell moved to approve the September 25, 2023, meeting minutes. Councilor Riley seconded the motion. **Voice Vote** – Mayor Pro Tem Perkins, Councilor Campbell and Councilor Riley Yes 3 No 0

City Manager Eric King noted that today’s meeting is in a work session format; no decisions will be made.

3. Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) to the City of Bend Council

Councilor Campbell introduced Maddie Burge, Co-Founder of YAC and student at Bend Senior High School, Pippa Souza, Co-founder and student at Summit High School, Zafiro D. Larsen, Program Manager at Camp Fire Central Oregon and potential partner/sponsor, and Maxum Ranzuglia, Representative of Camp Fire Central Oregon and student at Bend Senior High School

Burge and Souza presented the following slides:

- Youth Advisory Council in Bend Oregon
- Youth Advisory Council (YAC)
- The Problem
- The Purpose of the Project
- Desired Outcome
- How the YAC will work
- The Role of the YAC
- Core Components of the YAC
- Camp Fire Central Oregon
- Options
 - City of Bend (COB) facilitates
 - Camp Fire Oregon facilities
 - COB & Camp Fire partner to facilitate
- Next Steps
- Questions

Mayor Pro Tem Perkins asked how students would be chosen to be on the YAC, how leadership would ensure it was an equitable representative of the population, and who would decide what issues the YAC would take on?

The students answered that there would be an application process with caps on the number of members from each high school. The YAC would include home school and alternative school students as well. To select issues, there would be a two-way relationship between YAC and COB Council. COB Council can recommend issues for YAC to work on, and YAC can look to their community of youth for other issues and present those to Council.

Mayor Pro Tem Perkins and King explained that there is a long process to set up a COB committee, which takes about a year. King noted that the City wouldn't want to set up a committee unless it is sure that the committee has a future. King also noted that a YAC is not in the current Council Goals. City Council would need to approve re-allocating funding and resources from a current Council Goals priority strategy/action with community and staff input. There is not guarantee Council will approve such a request.

Councilor Campbell asked if there are any issues with folks under 18 serving on Committees. City Attorney Mary Winters said there is not an issue.

Winters explained that if the YAC was a COB committee, it would be subject to Open Meetings Act under Oregon Law, but it would not if it was organized by Camp Fire. The hybrid model would be subject to both COB and Camp Fire regulations and would be the most complicated option as it would be subject to both organizations' regulations. Winters recommended the YAC being run either by COB or Camp Fire, but not a hybrid. She suggested being organized by Camp Fire if they wanted to move faster.

Ranzuglia suggested starting a pilot program with Camp Fire and bring back to Council when they are working on their next set of goals.

Councilor Riley suggested starting with a pilot with Camp Fire and proposed convening a roundtable to start to engage about the YAC framework and topics.

Mayor Pro Tem Perkins brought up the option of establishing the YAC as a standing subcommittee of the Human Rights and Equity Commission. Councilor Campbell suggested putting it under Sustainability.

Councilor Campbell suggested a partnership in the creation of the pilot program. She requested the students keep COB involved along the way to ensure the YAC will work for COB.

King recommended moving forward with one of the YAC proposed options that Ranzuglia reiterated, to pilot a YAC with Camp Fire. He suggested having the students put shape to their idea and meet with the full Council in a roundtable with a little bit more detail and scoping and have Camp Fire be a bridge to prepare for that meeting in three months or so.

Larsen stated that Camp Fire has applied for a grant, has a network for outreach, and has the capacity to support the youth. She thinks the most important thing to understand is how Council would expect the YAC to advise. She supported the idea of not rushing the creation of the YAC and establish it as a long-term sustainable project.

Burge will share the information they have gathered from other YACs.

For the proposed roundtable, King requested that the students present best practices from other cities and present a case-study of how they would work through an example issue.

Ranzuglia noted that they can survey the entire student bodies of their schools to understand issues and priorities among youth.

Burge noted that YAC leaders can run student clubs to give voice to more students.

King suggested using pre-existing networks in schools to deliver information in an efficient way and to look for synergies with youth advisory at Bend La Pine school district ensuring not to create duplication and using student's time efficiently.

King offered to present a Bend 101 at an upcoming student meeting to give an in-depth understanding of City of Bend.

Mayor Pro Tem Perkins stressed the importance of equitable representation in the YAC.

Larsen responded that Camp Fire will help facilitating outreach to make sure YAC represents as many people as possible.

Larsen summarized the next steps; students will meet, summarize how the YAC will work, and present to Council in approximately three months at a round-table meeting.

4. Community Crisis Response Team (CCRT) Update

King provided a summary of CCRT – funded by American Rescue Plan Act Funds, in partnership with Deschutes County, CCRT has changed how mental health crisis calls are responded to. Rather than have law enforcement be the first point of contact, a crisis response team is the first point of contact. CCRT was launched in May 2023.

King introduced Chief Mike Krantz, City of Bend Police Chief, to provide an update on CCRT.

Chief Krantz introduced CCRT and cited the 2021-2023 Council Goals that led to its development. One goal was to invest in community based public safety response systems for crises that don't

require a traditional law enforcement approach with an action being to specifically partner with Deschutes County stakeholders to fund a mobile crisis team.

2023-2025 Public Safety Council Goal is to reduce service demands through partnerships, technology, alternative response, and community education with a specific action to identify and implement partnerships for alternative responses to ensure the right response for the right situation.

Chief Krantz stated that there are approximately 2,000 mental health crisis calls for service each year. Calls take an average of 45 minutes, but complex mental health crises calls can take to 1-2 hours, which has a financial and staffing impact for the police department. Law enforcement officers, though well trained, are not the most qualified to support mental health crises when no crime has been committed. Shifting these calls from law enforcement to the CCRT has had a huge, positive impact on the Bend Police Department and those being served.

Chief Krantz introduced Adam Goggins, Deschutes County Program Manager.

Goggins presented the following slides:

- Community Crisis Response Team (CCRT)
- Acknowledgements
- Historical Model in Deschutes
- New CCRT Model
- Calls from 911 to CCRT
- Resolving Calls in the Field
- Community Crisis Response Team (CCRT)
- Data for City of Bend
- Data from Grand Total CCRT
- Financials for CCRT
- Thank You

Councilor Riley asked about the status of funding for CCRT, and what is needed from Council to help advocate for CCRT in the next legislative session.

Goggins responded that CCRT doesn't have much sustainable funding, and that sustainable funding would be very valuable in keeping the project going.

King suggested coordinating with County Commission on legislative advocacy and will bring this up in an upcoming meeting.

Councilor Campbell asked if CCRT brings people to the Stabilization Center.

Goggins replied that they do.

King said we are looking at use of opiate settlement dollars to see if it can be used to support this project and are looking at a partnership with the hospital.

Chief Krantz added that not only does CCRT have a positive impact on police response, but also on Fire response.

Krantz feels that we are on the leading edge of innovation. Many law enforcement agencies are finding success in training officers in crisis response, and that is a model we had a while back. We have now moved to the next step, by putting the responsible people who respond to mental health crises for a living on the front end, Krantz feels this is the future of law enforcement agencies.

On November 28, 2023, Adam Goggins emailed the City Council Stewardship Subcommittee and staff the following correction: "Oregon Health Authority (OHA) does provide funding for 2.0 FTEs through our standard service elements but one of these FTEs will be expiring in 2025."

5. Adjourned at 12:43 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

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