

City of Bend
Council Community Building Subcommittee
December 13, 2023

The meeting of the Bend City Council Community Building Subcommittee was called to order at 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 13, 2023, in the Board Room at City Hall, 710 NW Wall Street, as well as online.

1. **Roll Call:** Councilors Anthony Broadman, Ariel Mendez
Arriving Late: Councilor Megan Norris was expected to arrive late.

2. **Welcome and Introductions**

3. **Approve Minutes:**

Councilor Broadman moved to approve the September 25 Community Building Subcommittee Meeting Minutes. Councilor Mendez seconded the motion. **Voice Vote** Councilor Broadman, Councilor Mendez Yes 2 No 0

4. **Public Comment**

Jim Elliot discussed speeding on NW Galveston Ave despite a blinking sign.

David Green discussed improving public involvement. The public is provided with alternatives to solve a design issue instead of asking questions prior the start of development.

Staff present: Russ Grayson, Ryan Oster, Janet Hruby

5. **Councilor Norris Arrived at 12:07 p.m.**

6. **Safe Streets for All**

Chief Operations Officer Russell Grayson, Assistant City Engineer Janet Hruby, and Engineering and Infrastructure Planning Department Director/City Engineer Ryan Oster, presented the following slides on the Safe Streets for All Workshop:

Grayson presented on the following slides:

- Agenda
- Objectives
- Creating a Connected, Separated, Safe Street System
- Comprehensive Plan and Transportation System Plan (TSP) Direction for Multi-Modal Streets – Goals
- Comprehensive Plan and Transportation System Plan (TSP) Direction for Multi-Modal Streets – Policies
- Implementation: Standards and Specifications

- Project Design and Public Engagement
- Impacts on Project Schedule and Budgets

Councilor Mendez noted the presentation should spend most of the time on the implementation and design topics.

Councilor Broadman agreed that implementation is important, and councilors are always considering what projects aren't getting funded instead. Councilor Norris agreed.

Grayson noted staff always wants to be aligned with the Council.

Councilor Mendez noted the implementation stage to be the most challenging.

Hruby presented the following slides on the Safe Streets for All Workshop:

- Safe Streets Workshop with Haskoning DHV
- Opening Presentation – Key Dutch Design Tools
- Workshop – 2nd Street Ideas
- Workshop - 6th Street Ideas
- Closing Presentation – Opportunities for Bend
- What did participants take away?
- Recommendations for Bend

Councilor Norris inquired how the potential plan of turning Hawthorne into a walk/bike only street would impact business. Hruby explained that access through 3rd Street would need be more accessible.

Councilor Norris stated that Hawthorne sounds like it would be a good location for an experimental area for a walk/bike street.

Hruby presented the following slides on how are we applying what we learned?

- Recognized what we are already doing
- Recognized what we are already doing – Updated Standards and Specifications
- Checked in on Recommendations

Oster presented on the following slides:

- Applying a Workshop – 2nd Street Vision
- Applying Workshop – 6th Street

Councilor Mendez inquired if staff can see changing the development code as a comprehensive plan/THP conversation. Oster agreed it is. Grayson provided further insight.

Oster presented the following slides on the Opportunities with GO Bond / CIP Projects:

- Wilson Corridor
- Butler Market
- Bear Creek

- Go Bond / CIP Funding

Grayson presented the following slides on next steps with the following slides:

- Where we are at
- Where do we go from here?
- Thoughts/Questions for Council

Councilors and staff discussed current concerns from the public regarding already built streets and possible resolutions. The Safe Streets for All Workshop provided dynamic feedback. Staff explained the complex nature of addressing driver's speeds due to State statutes and rules as well as community input.

Councilor Broadman stated that the Bike Way is still the number one project due to the Council's goals. This project and other primary project goals were further discussed by Council and staff.

The CIP meeting will take place on January 17th, 2023.

7. Adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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