

City of Bend
City Council Stewardship Subcommittee
September 9, 2024

The meeting of the City Council Stewardship Subcommittee was called to order at 2:33 p.m. on Monday, September 9, 2024, in the City Council Chambers, 710 NW Wall Street, and online.

1. Roll Call: Mayor Pro Tem Megan Perkins, Councilor Mike Riley. Councilor Barb Campbell arrived at 2:50 p.m. online.

2. Approval of Minutes

Councilor Riley moved to approve the July 19, 2024, meeting minutes. Mayor Pro Tem Perkins seconded the motion.

Voice Vote – Mayor Pro Tem Perkins and Councilor Riley Yes 2 No 0. Councilor Campbell was excused.

3. Deschutes County Deflection Program – Briefing (30mins)

Presentation by City of Bend Police Chief Mike Krantz, Deschutes County Sheriff's Office Captain Michael Shults, and Deschutes County District Attorney Stephen Gunnels.

Slides included:

- Deschutes County Law Enforcement Assisted Deflection
- HB4002
 - Recriminalization:
 - Certain possession of controlled substances recriminalized to Drug Enforcement Misdemeanors (DEM) - an unclassified misdemeanor - must be filed in Circuit Court.
 - Created an option to offer deflection services for those criminal charges.
 - Counties were allowed to create programs that worked for their communities.
 - Grant Details:
 - State of Oregon offered some initial grant money to kick off these programs, Counties were required to be the grant administrators.
 - Deschutes Sheriff's Office applied for and received just over \$840K in grant money.
 - There are not enough funds to cover all the requirements for creating, offering, and maintaining a deflection program.
 - Funds used to cover FTE costs for the Program Coordinator at DCSO and four Navigators at Best Care and Ideal Options
 - Will look for ongoing or additional future State of Oregon grant funds to cover ongoing program costs.

- HB4002 – What else did this bill do
 - Boyd/Hubble fix, April 1, 2024:
 - Adds “possession with intent to transfer” to the definition of Delivery of a Controlled Substance.
 - Possession of trafficking amounts of drugs will constitute delivery.
 - No physical delivery of drugs must take place for delivery crime.
 - Location-based Criminal Enforcement, April 1, 2024:
 - Enhanced crime category for delivery of controlled substances within:
 - 500’ of a treatment facility.
 - 500’ of a temporary residence shelter
 - 30’ of a public park
- Deflection Program Overview
 - Program Coordinator:
 - DCSO Deputy Neil Marchington
 - Program Details:
 - Objective: Offer an alternative to jail for minor possession offenses by deflecting defendants to treatment for people suffering from addiction through the use of navigators.
 - Navigator Operation Hours: 7 days a week, 0800-1830 (working towards on-call availability).
 - Deflection Process:
 - Officers have the discretion to cite and refer defendants to Peer Navigators for voluntary treatment.
 - If defendants engage in treatment and make progress, charges will not be filed.
 - Non-engagement will be reported to the District Attorney’s Office.
- Eligibility and Ineligibility Criteria
- Process
- Oregon Drug Intervention Plan [flowchart]

Councilor Riley asked about plans for funding in future years.

Captain Shults stated that future funding is a concern, but that their partners believe this program will continue to receive State funding.

District Attorney Gunnels added that Deschutes County, and other Counties around the state, will need to display success in order to maintain funding from the State Legislature.

Captain Krantz stated that the funding was not enough to cover the first year of costs, and that the program will need to seek additional funding in the future.

4. Growth Plan Governance / Engagement – Receive Feedback and Preferences (30mins)

Presentation by City of Bend Long Range Planning Manager Brian T. Rankin, Associate Planner Elyse Vukelich, and Communications & Engagement Director René Mitchell.

Slides included:

- Community Engagement, Communications & Project Guidance for Growth Plan
- The Growth Plan
- 1. Community Engagement - How we inform, involve, and collaborate with the community in the project through an equitable process.
- 2. Communications - How we message the project to the community and the media.
- 3. Project Guidance - Defines who will be charged with reviewing and vetting materials to inform decisions. How decisions are made during the project.
- Community Engagement Strategy for Growth Plan
- Two-Pronged Approach
- Equity Based Engagement
- Education of the General Public
- The Process
- Communications for the Growth Plan
- Communications Roadmap
- Communication Goals
- Communication Process [graphic]
- Project Guidance for Growth Plan
- City Council and Subcommittees
 - Benefits
 - Full oversight of the project
 - Deep involvement in the details
 - Multiple touchpoints
 - Challenges:
 - Volume of information
 - Time
 - Competition with Council's other objectives
- Existing Boards and Commissions
 - Benefits:
 - Already formed and existing resource
 - Specialization of feedback
 - Provides a variety of opinions
 - Challenges:
 - Requires management for individual liaisons
 - Absorbs some capacity of each commission
 - Less freedom to form new representation
- Committee of Committees
 - Benefits:
 - Diversity of opinion in the same room
 - Streamlined version of working with existing committees

- Can be managed by Growth Management Department (GMD) staff
 - Challenges:
 - Resources and time to form a new committee
 - Taxing and fatiguing existing committee members
 - Composition is limited to members of current committees
- New Committee of Stakeholder Group
 - Benefits:
 - Customization of group
 - Opportunity to engage with a wider variety of groups
 - Flexibility in structure and process
 - Challenges:
 - The formation and support of a new committee can be expensive & resource intensive
 - Ensuring equitable representation
- Key Takeaways from Community Building Subcommittee
 - Interest in regular Council check-ins and using council liaisons to the project
 - Support for using existing structures –
 - Council subcommittees for guidance
 - Existing committees on subject specific materials
 - Form a new committee of committee members to avoid capacity limits of existing committees
 - Strong support for a focus on staff-led equitable engagement that informs the project
 - Interest in experimenting with new formats like a civic assembly
 - Concern about workload and capacity of both committees and Council

Councilor Riley expressed support for leveling the voices of those who have traditionally held power in Bend with those who haven't and requested that this idea be reminded to Council throughout the process.

Staff and Council discussed governance and project guidance.

Councilor Riley did not support the idea of Council/Subcommittee project governance as the workload would be too much.

Mayor Pro Tem Perkins voiced concern over the Committee of Committees idea, as the demographics of current committees do not represent those who are traditionally under-engaged or those who have not traditionally held power. Mayor Pro Tem Perkins would like to hear from a new group of people, and supported the idea of a civic assembly, town halls, or round tables.

Councilor Campbell agreed with Mayor Pro Tem Perkins and supported the idea of a civic assembly of randomly selected members of all neighborhoods.

Councilor Riley supported a Committee of Committees as it relies on existing structures and includes individuals with technical knowledge but felt that they would need additional methods to engage new voices. Councilor Riley supported a combination of the Committee of Committees and a new committee.

Councilor Campbell suggested subcommittees within the overall oversight committee to make the work more manageable. Councilor Campbell suggested providing stipends for the oversight committee.

5. City of Bend American Rescue Plan Act – Update and Guidance (15mins)

Presentation by City of Bend Accounting and Financial Reporting Manager Kymala Lutz.

Slides included:

- Stewardship Subcommittee American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding Update
- American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding [timeline]
- American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding [chart]
 - Amount remaining to be obligated by December 2024 – \$0.49M
- Potential Uses of Available ARPA Funds
- Staff Recommendations & Next Steps
 - Staff Recommendation
 - Reallocate remaining funds to Managed Camp partnership with Deschutes County and support staff.
 - Next Steps
 - Work with departments to draft contracts and ensure obligations are met by December 2024

The Subcommittee expressed support for the recommended reallocation of ARPA funds to the Managed Camp partnership with Deschutes County and support staff.

6. Deschutes Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) – Overview (15mins)

Presentation by Deschutes SWCD Manager, Erin Kilcullen and Deschutes SWCD Board Co-Chair and Sisters Zone 2 representative Willian Kuhn.

Slides included:

- Deschutes Soil and Water Conservation District
- Who We Are
- Our Values
 - Local Partnership
 - Sustainability
 - Transparency

- Equity
- We Envision [strategic plan]
- Our Conservation Priorities
 - Forest Health & Wildfire Risk Reduction
 - Water Quantity & Quality
 - Soil Health & Regenerative Agriculture
 - Watershed Restoration
 - Wildlife & Pollinator Habitat
 - Natural Resource Education
 - Invasive Weeds
 - Urban Agriculture
- Projects & Accomplishments
- Overview [since 2020]
 - \$772k Total Project Dollars
 - 76 Projects Funded
 - 24 Grants Received
 - 486 Total Acres Treated
- Irrigation Water Management
 - ARPA
 - Irrigation Water Management (IWM) Workshops & Small Farms School
- Forest Health
 - Senate Bill (SB) 762
- Urban Agriculture
 - 3 Community Garden Workshops
 - 1 School Garden Workshop
 - 2nd Annual Native Plant Sale
- Supporting our Future
- Measure #9-176
 - Deschutes SWCD is proposing a permanent tax rate limit authorizing levy of \$0.06 per \$1,000 of assessed property value, which will be presented to voters in the upcoming November 5th election.
 - This would be a dedicated funding source to fund conservation efforts through projects for urban and rural communities, farmers, foresters, business owners, public schools, and agencies.

Kuhn asked for Council's support of the proposed measure.

Councilor Riley suggested emailing a follow-up to Council explaining why Deschutes SWCD feels Bend City Council should weigh in on something that primarily affects rural landowners and inform Council of any support from other elected officials.

Kilcullen stated that Deschutes SWCD aims to reach more urban environments, but also thinks urban Bend residents will benefit from protecting greenspaces that they may not live in but enjoy.

5. Adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ashley Bontje
Deputy City Recorder



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