

# Draft Meeting Minutes



## Council Listening Session

CITY OF BEND

Location: Council Chambers, 710 NW Wall Street, and online

Date: January 22, 2025

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**Community input on Council goals – Community members and organizations were invited to give input on areas they would like the Council to focus on for the next two years**

- Robin Church, Firewise Coordinator of Three Pines HOA, encouraged Council to improve Bend's wildfire resiliency.
- Laurence Le Mercier, on behalf of Project Wildfire Neighborhood Coalition, encouraged Council to improve Bend's wildfire resiliency
- Cheryl Stark, on behalf of Summit West Neighborhood District, provided three highest concerns from a resident survey: wildfire preparedness, traffic, and development. Additionally, residents don't feel feedback is listened to (2-way communication).
- Jeff Conrad, on behalf of Awbrey Butte Neighborhood District, provided five highest concerns from a resident survey: wildfire, traffic congestion and safety, local taxes and fee burdens, cost of homeowner and renter insurance, and cost of utilities.
- Tyler Neese, on behalf of Cascades East Association of Realtors, shared the top challenge of members: housing production.
- Sarah Holcombe and Matt Muchna, on behalf of Envision Bend, shared the top priorities identified in a community survey: Innovative workforce housing, expanding access to childcare, mental health and wellbeing for students, improved and expanded well-funded public transit, housing innovation and affordability coalition.
- Perry Brooks, on behalf of Roost Development, encouraged Council to spur middle housing development.

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