

Bend Stewardship Subcommittee Meeting April 14, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, April 14, 2023, in the Council Chamber, 710 NW Wall Street, and online. Present were Mayor Pro Tem Megan Perkins, Councilor Ariel Mendez, and Councilor Mike Riley.

1. Called to Order at 10:00 a.m.

2. Approval of Minutes – September 26, 2022

- Councilor Mendez moved to approve. Mayor Pro Tem seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

3. Public Engagement Options for Tree Preservation Code Project

- City Staff: Colin Stephens, Community and Economic Development Director, Renee Brooke, Planning Manager, and Pauline Hardie, Senior Planner presented the community outreach portion of the project.
- The presentation started with background information such as Council direction to prepare code updates to regulate trees with/through development application and requested the formation of a committee to advise and make recommendations on potential code updates.
- Staff proposed a council temporary committee and shared council's authority to establish, scope and responsibilities, and public meeting law rules as well as group size and make up.
- A tentative timeline estimated committee approval and selection, meetings, public outreach, Planning Commissioner and City Council work sessions and public hearings.
- Discussion ensued and feedback from the Subcommittee were as follows:
 - to amend the scope to include language about tree canopy;
 - inventorying of what we have now versus looking toward a code to build something in that realm; and
 - to add a Council liaison as part of the process to select committee members.
- Next step will be to come back to the full Council to select a Council liaison from this Subcommittee since this will be the platform for a checkpoint.

4. Downtown/TRT – Brooks Promenade/Plaza and North Mirror Pond Parking Lot Project & Transportation CIP

- City Staff: Ben Hemson, Business Advocate, Ryan Oster, EIPD Director, John Condon, PMO Manager, David Abbas, Director, Transportation & Mobility, Tobi Marx, Parking Division Manager presented the further scoping of the tourism fund investment.

- The presentation covered Bend Room Tax Allocation: 2022-Onward; Tourism Restricted Fund; Subcommittee Direction: September 2022; Part of a Larger Vision; Scope Area; Brooks Alley S. & Plaza and Brooks Alley N. visual; Timeline; Potential Interim Effort.
- Discussion ensued and feedback from the Subcommittee were as follows:
 - All aligned on interim temporary solution and to take this opportunity to learn from the traffic, flow, loading, etc.;
 - Have the larger scope focus more on making it a community space going forward and a true promenade a place where both tourist and locals can spend time versus a delivery street; and de-emphasize on parking.
 - Think of bold ways to use this space.
- Next step will be staff coming back with ideas.

5. Neighborhood Assessment

- City Staff: Makayla Oliver, Community Relations Manager presented neighborhood assessment recommendations.
- The presentation covered a revise of the neighborhood assessment and results, and staff recommendations.
- Staff introduced the new community engagement trailers, a one-stop shot for community events stuffed with supplies. It will be ready for use in early 2023.
- Feedback from the Subcommittee were positive, and they were excited about all the possibilities.

6. RFP to Update the Water Reclamation Facility Plan

- City Staff: Dade Pettinger, Engineer Associate and Jason Suh, Principal Engineer presented the public involvement approach.
- The presentation covered a master planning background; overview of upgrades since 2008 plan; visuals of water reclamation facility; plan update from objectives and deliverables; goals, strategy, communication tools and timeline of public involvement.
- Feedback from the Subcommittee were that it's a good plan, it's important work, and they are happy to support it.
- Next step will be continuous updates.

7. Adjourned at 12:02 p.m.