



MEETING MINUTES

Advisory Body Summit

Date: February 26, 2026

Time: 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Attended by Members of the:

- Affordable Housing Advisory Committee
- Bend City Council
- Bend Economic Development Advisory Board
- City of Bend Accessibility Advisory Committee
- Core Area Advisory Board
- Environment & Climate Committee
- Housing Options Made for Everyone
- Human Rights & Equity Commission
- Landmarks Commission
- Planning Commission
- Transportation Bond Oversight Committee

4:00 p.m. Council & Advisory Body Summit

4:00 - 4:15 p.m. Arrival + mingle

4:15 - 4:20 p.m. Welcome from Mayor Melanie Kebler

Mayor Kebler thanked the participants for their work on the City's advisory bodies, covered housekeeping items, and highlighted items on the agenda for the meeting.

4:20 - 4:30 p.m. City Updates, Eric King, City Manager

King spoke about the City Council goals, and the advisory body members' contributions to that process, and explained Council's new meeting schedule as well as how the City provides updates on Council goal accomplishments.

King then shared recent accomplishments, including the following:



- Housing: 1,507 units permitted to date, 146 of which are deed-restricted, 41 safe parking and 586 shelter beds maintained, and the formation of the Housing Made for Everyone (HOME) Committee, which provides recommendations to Council
- Economic Prosperity: The Economic Development Strategy was approved in February 2026 and efforts are underway to increase affordable housing and job creation
- Climate Resiliency: The City is advancing their Community Climate Action Plan and focusing on wildfire resiliency through grants, Electrification Policy work, residential wildfire assessments and home hardening and defensible space
- Transportation and Infrastructure: Ensuring water systems and transportation infrastructure are optimal through the new Stormwater Master Plan, Outback Facility expansion and specific transportation projects such as the Hawthorne Bridge Design
- Public Safety: Maintaining high quality services and enhancing emergency planning, including updating the Evacuation Plan
- Accessible and Effective Government: The City launched a new streamlined and accessible website and is improving collaboration between Council and advisory bodies.

4:30 – 4:50 p.m. Small group sharing

In table groups, meeting participants discussed the following questions: What are some things your advisory body will be working on in the upcoming year? What are you excited about?

4:50 – 5:20 p.m. Update on the City Growth Plan, Brian Rankin, Senior Strategist

Rankin introduced the upcoming process the City will undergo to update the Growth Plan, which will include updating the 20-year Comprehensive Plan with input from public engagement, using an equity focused and integrated approach. Rankin stated that the City will form a “Committee of Committees” (the Committee) that will input into the process. The Committee will include one or two members from each existing advisory body. Furthermore, he noted that their work, updating the Growth Plan, will shape the future of housing, jobs, transportation, equity and accessibility, and climate and resiliency, and provided examples and context for each area.

Rankin shared a proposed work plan for the Growth Plan update, noting that it will be a long-term project. Rankin stated that the Committee will identify future needs related to housing and jobs, based on community input, and data such as analyzing the urban growth boundary’s (UGB) capacity for housing, and potentially increasing that boundary and capacity. Rankin stated that the work will align the perceived housing and UGB capacity with the City’s transportation system and that the project will extensively engage the community for input and feedback.

5:20 – 5:45 p.m. Small group discussion (related to Growth Plan)

The groups discussed and formulated responses to the following questions:



- 1.) How do you feel about this opportunity to plan for the City's future?
- 2.) What are your ideas to make this work well for participants on the Committee of Committees?
- 3.) What are your ideas to make this work well for board members not on the Committee of Committees?

5:45 – 6:00 p.m. Share out

The table groups then verbally shared their discussions and responses with the large group. Responses included the fact that participants were excited about the opportunity but also concerned that some decisions have been made already. Additional ideas included the need to document ideas and decisions clearly and have a strong process to communicate between the Committee and existing advisory bodies. Responses also included the need to be inclusive and ensure that a diverse range of community members are part of the process and that all voices are heard. The need for effective communication and community engagement were common threads.

Respectfully Submitted,

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