



JUNE 2026

Core Area Advisory Board

Date: June 18, 2026

Start Time: 3:00 P.M.

City Council Chambers, Bend City Hall, 710 NW Wall, Bend, Oregon

The hybrid meeting starts at 3:00p.m. in person and virtually via Zoom. The public is invited to attend in person or watch online.

For those participating online: **CAAB Zoom link**

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1. Roll Call

2. Public Comment

Members of the public are invited to address the Core Area Advisory Board on any matter relating to the Core Area Tax Increment Finance District. Speakers are limited to two minutes.

PROJECT UPDATES

3. Introduction to Property Acquisition Best Practices

20 mins

An introductory presentation from Elaine Howard of Elaine Howard Consulting, LLC, on urban renewal best practices for property acquisition and disposition strategies. The development of a property acquisition strategy is an official CAAB action item adopted by BURA in the Core Area Strategic Investment Plan.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Core Area Identity Framework Sequence and Identity Themes Overview

45 mins

The Board will preview a draft of the Core Area Identity Framework Sequence and Themes based on the May 19, 2025 anchor mapping exercise. The Board will determine if the proposed five themes represent the right direction for framing the identity themes of the Core Area.



Urban Design Relevance Memo
2019 Urban Design Framework Executive Summary
Core Area Identity Framework Sequence
Core Area Identity Framework Sequence Companion
Core Area Identity Themes (Draft)
Identified Anchors
Identity Themes Policy Questions

2. Discussion: Development Assistance (Incentive) Program Suite 35 mins

The Board will discuss seven proposed programs concepts designed for the Core Area Development Assistance Program Suite, including façade programs, tenant improvement grants, micro- and small business loans, predevelopment loan support, and a proposed Catalytic Tax Increment Rebate. Board input is requested on which tools (or implementation of these tools) have the greatest near-term impact for the businesses and properties identified in the mapping exercise.

Development Assistance (Incentive) Program Suite

3. Discussion: Proposed Core Area Mural Grant Program 15 mins

Consideration of a proposed stand-alone Mural Grant Program for the Core Area, structured as a catalytic identity action distinct from the broader Investment Program Suite. The program would seek 10 murals in the Core Area within 12 months, with a total initial budget of \$75,000-\$125,000 drawn from the Placemaking allocation in the 2025 Strategic Investment Plan. Staff requests board input on program applicability and desire, program scale, curatorial structure, longevity framework, and geographical priorities.

Core Area Mural Grant Program Proposal

ACTION ITEMS

No actions

BOARD MEMBER UPDATES

Core Area Advisory Board Members are invited to share relevant updates on programs, projects, and activities occurring in the Core Area Tax Increment Finance Area.

Katherine Austin 5 mins
Communities by Design Request



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