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CITY OF BEND

Upcoming City Council meetings and other events

- November 6, work session at 5:00 p.m., regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall in the Council Chambers
- November 20, work session at 5:00 p.m., regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall in the Council Chambers
- November 26, Council Stewardship Subcommittee at 3:00 p.m. at City Hall in the Council Chambers
- December 4, work session at 5:00 p.m., regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall in the Council Chambers
- December 16, Community Building Subcommittee at 3:00 p.m. at City Hall in the Council Chambers
- December 18, work session at 5:00 p.m., regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall in the Council Chambers

Bend Police Department

Bend PD is featured in an article on the nationally syndicated police forum PoliceOne.com., [12 Police Recruitment Ideas Every Agency Should Consider](#). The article features the recruiting video, other department's efforts around the State and discusses many ideas and principles the BPD has developed. This article was prompted by two different presentations Chief Porter made at the International Association of Chief of Police conference on Wellness and on the Recruiting and Hiring Program.

Bend PD is recognized as a progressive agency that places its people and their families first. In the email sent Chief Porter states, "*By most standards we are not a large department, but we have made a huge impact on a national scale in the direction our profession has taken in dealing with officers stress, wellness, and the inclusion of families into law enforcement agencies.*"

Warming Shelter Update

On October 29th a large group gathered to discuss potential options with the Homeless Leadership Coalition (HLC) who is taking the lead on identifying and supporting a Bend area warming shelter. The City of Bend was well represented with Councilors Abernethy, Campbell, and Livingston present as well as Colin Stephens, Larry Medina, Jaime Gomez-Beltran, and Shelly Smith. Attached is the initial invite letter that outlines the need for the warming shelter as well as existing resources.

Many options were discussed at the meeting, several churches have stated that they are trying to see how they can provide part of the solution for smaller numbers and real estate representatives are looking for potential vacant buildings that meet the recommended standards for the warming shelter. Shepard's House and Bethlehem Inn are at capacity each night and yet were at the table to discuss all available options.

At this point no specific shelter has been identified and the need continues to be critical. The HLC is continuing efforts to facilitate this important need. Please feel free to forward any inquires to Shelly who will connect them with the HLC's contact information as appropriate. In case you need it directly - HLC Co-Chairs, Colleen Thomas Colleen.Thomas@deschutes.org and/or James Cook cochair@cohomeless.org.

Smart Cities Workshop Invitation

Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) is updating the Deschutes County Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Plan. This plan will identify strategies to improve safety, manage congestion, and provide real-time information to travelers. You are invited to attend ODOT's Smart Cities Workshop where experts will discuss the technologies and partnerships that will help meet the ITS Plan goals. The workshop is being held on Dec. 16th from 9:00 a.m. to noon at the ODOT Headquarters. If you have questions or would like to RSVP for this event please contact Tyler Deke (tdeke@bendoregon.gov or 541-693-2113).



The Avenue

The Avenue recently published an article by Jenny Schuetz, "[Nine Rules for Better Housing Policy](#)". In this article Ms. Schuetz looks at six goals the housing policy should try to achieve and three pitfalls it should avoid. She states that if policies are thoughtfully designed and implemented, public policy has the potential to improve the housing market efficiencies.

Oregon Office of Economic Analysis

Click [here](#) to read an article by Josh Lehner titled *Big Question #1: Oregon's Slowing Growth*. Slower job growth has been seen across the state; this article discusses if it is an issue or a puzzle to be solved.

CityCommentary

CityCommentary published an article by Joe Cortright, "[Revealed: the secret of a successful urban economy](#)". The article touches on how cities should focus on offering great urbanism along with supporting continued education and training to maintain talent.

Acknowledgments

Economic Development Director Carolyn Eagan sent the following email regarding work done out at the Airport: *I just wanted to let you know that Paul (Neiswonger) with the*

support of Chuck (Swann) and David (Abbas) went above and beyond the call of duty to patch two large-ish areas on the south taxilane (at the Airport). Not only did they assist Teresa Briggs (along with Eric Forster's help) with a bid package, site visit and bid process; when no one bid on the project, Paul found a way to get the project on the Streets' list. The asphalt repair was done in less than a week. We checked it out today and it looks great. We have received compliments from tenants. This is the kind of support Ec Dev will continue to need at the Airport over the next 18 to 24 months as we get the facilities up to date. I am so thankful for the skill and flexibility that we have in both Streets and EIPD.

BEDAB Update from Ben Hemson Chapter 4.7 of the Development Code

On Monday, the BEDAB's Advocacy Subcommittee discussed proposed changes to Chapter 4.7 of the Bend Development Code, relating to the trip threshold for traffic studies for new development. After some good review and questions from the subcommittee, the group developed some key points involving their support for the change.

Planning Commission heard a short overview of the proposal during their work session on Monday evening and had few questions or input on the proposal.

This is a complex topic, so we'll discuss it in more detail again at BEDAB's November meeting on Monday. [You can find that agenda here](#). BEDAB will then have the option to share their feedback with the Planning Commission directly at their public hearing on November 25th or with Council once they take up the discussion (or both).

A week of Forecast Breakfasts

I had a chance to attend Visit Central Oregon's State of the Tourism Industry Breakfast and the Chamber's Economic Impact Breakfast this week. Both events covered a lot of ground but I think there was a consistent theme in the two: Bend's economy has changed since the last recession, which should provide at least some backstop against feeling the pinch of the next recession when compared to 2007.

Damon Runberg covered trends in Central Oregon at the Chamber Breakfast. While the economic growth we've experienced hasn't stopped, it's certainly slowing down. This is also happening statewide, [here's a good blog from Josh Lehner with the Oregon Office of Economic Analysis](#) on how that's shaking out.

Katy Brooks Named to State Early Learning Council

In case you missed it, [Governor Brown appointed Katy Brooks](#), CEO of the Bend Chamber, to the State's Early Learning Council on Tuesday. Katy is one of two Council members from east of the Cascades. As we seek to leverage state opportunities to expand childcare supply in Bend having Katy's voice at the state level will surely be beneficial. Congratulations Katy!

New BEDAB Appointees

While it took a little longer than planned, Council will review the nomination of a new BEDAB member and alternate at the November 6th meeting. I can't share the appointment information until after they're confirmed.

Erich Schultz will be terming off BEDAB after six plus years including time as BEDAB Chair; Erich will be at the Monday meeting for his final time as a voting member if you'd like to take the time to thank him for all the time he's devoted to BEDAB efforts.

Attachments

- Council Schedule
- Warming Shelter



Date	City Council / BURA Schedule	Agenda Material Due Dates (Legal/Finance) Final
November 20 (Councilors Abernethy and Piper excused)	<p>Work Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council Scheduling Requests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Snow Removal Plan for Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities (Goodman-Campbell) • Juniper Ridge Policies • Transportation Funding: Refined communications strategy/plan; Summary of public engagement from neighborhoods, online survey thus far <p>Regular Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Second reading of the Verizon franchise agreement for small cell wireless facilities • Murphy Corridor GMP Amendment – early work package • Second reading, Sewer Code Updates • Approve Desert Woods & NEP Contractor Award • Water Reclamation Facility Dewatering Polymer • Adoption of the 2019 Oregon Fire Code 	(November 6) November 12
November 26	<p>Council Stewardship Subcommittee, 3-5 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Downtown Events • Shared Governance • Bend 2030 Vision Refresh 	
December 4	<p>Work Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transportation Funding: project list and amount (2 hours) • Scheduling requests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Prioritization of Bike/Ped Resources (Councilor Moseley) <p>Regular Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Readopt investment policy • Adoption of Community Climate Action Plan • Citywide Safety Improvements – 3rd & Canal Safety Crossing • Wreaths Across America Proclamation (Councilor Piper) • First reading, Building Code Updates 	(November 20) November 26
December 16	Council Community Building Subcommittee	

December 18	<p>Work Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transportation Funding - Share summary phone survey results, discussion of next steps, project list and amount based on survey <p>Regular Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newport Corridor Improvements – Owners Rep • First reading, Sewer Code Updates • First reading, 4.7 Changes • Second reading, Building Code Updates 	(December 4) December 10
January 8	<p>Transportation Funding: phone survey results, direction on election date</p> <p>Regular Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mid-year budget adjustments • Second reading, Sewer Code Updates • Second reading, 4.7 Changes 	
January 15	Resolution to put GO Bond on May 2020 Ballot	

<p>Work Session future topics to be scheduled</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quarterly Council- Board/Commission check-ins (2nd meeting January, April, July, October) • Town Gown Committee Discussion (Jon) • Opportunity Zones • Airport Master Plan kick off (2019) • Phase 2 Ameresco contract • TID and Tumalo Creek Update • ODOT IGA for 3rd Street (Empire to Greenwood) • Restaurant parking requirements (as part of Code update) • Lines for Life (Chief Porter) • Update/check-in presentation on the Southeast Area Plan • Pahlisch NE (Petrosa) • Bend Parkway Plan and Right –in Right Out entrances (August or Sept. Nick Arnis) • Council direction on City-owned property at East Lake Drive (Nov./Dec.) • Even-Year Statistical Surveys • Wildlife feeding ban
<p>Regular Agenda future topics to be scheduled</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public hearing on vacation of Glenwood & Alden • Pump Station Decommissioning • Citywide Safety Improvements – Approval of construction contract for 3rd & Hawthorne and Franklin • Sale of the Roanoke property (Nov.) • Verizon franchise agreement for small cell wireless facilities

- Franchise Code Update
- Vacation of a right-of-way for an alley west of 4th Street to the Parkway
- Loan for the Newport Drainage Improvements project

Council Stewardship Subcommittee, 3-5 p.m. last Tuesday of every other month

- Stabilization Center
- DEI

Council Community Building Subcommittee, 3-5 p.m. third Monday of every other month

- Tiny homes
- Code Updates



Letter to Bend area public and private officials regarding 2019-2020
Emergency warming shelter needs

Status: **Urgent**

Winter temperatures are already upon us here in Central Oregon. The Homeless Leadership Coalition (HLC) is working with our network of emergency and permanent shelters and service providers to ensure we have the capacity we need to keep individuals experiencing homelessness warm at night, and save lives.

Specifically, the need for low barrier shelters for a cross section of adults and youth in our community is going to be the biggest gap for this coming season due to the following factors:

- Currently Shepherd's House Ministries is the only ongoing program in Bend that provides low barrier shelter services for adults during the winter season. This past winter, they absorbed 40+ additional male adults into their regular shelter program during the most severe weeks of winter. This well exceeded their permitted capacity and unfortunately re-traumatized the 30 men in their long-term recovery program, requiring months of post-winter stabilization.

Even though their decision most likely saved human lives, their board of directors has decided this level of accommodation can no longer be provided due to safety and risk management concerns and their commitment to adhere to trauma-informed care principles.

- With Bethlehem Inn's new increased capacity (150 per night), the Inn will continue to work to support a low barrier shelter in Bend as well as do full in-takes for those who can meet program (high barrier) requirements; the Inn has limited capacity for only two low barrier /warming shelter beds per night. Bethlehem Inn is filling an extreme need in our community and does not have the capacity to take on additional individuals to the level our community requires
- This past winter, Sagewood Sanctuary also extended a strong commitment to our region by taking in approximately 50+ adults into a low barrier program in temporary space made available by a very concerned group of individuals. Due to a variety of operational and community concerns being experienced by this program, they will no longer be able to operate this year, even though their extension of compassion and service this past winter most likely also saved human lives.
- Due to the above realities, the Homeless Leadership Coalition estimates that we will need up to 100 additional low barrier, adult shelter beds, to meet just the present needs in our Bend community. Additionally, smaller cold weather shelter providers are facing similar challenges across the region.

As a partner with Oregon Housing and Community Services our goal is to meet the needs of the most vulnerable in our community this winter season and we know that collaboration and full transparency with all community leaders and stakeholders is the best approach to take.

More specifically, we are asking for the following:

- We would like to see a central building made available in Bend to address this vulnerable population of individuals experiencing homelessness in our region, during the most severe weeks of our winter.
- We request assistance in identifying possible funding sources that will be able to adequately provide the necessary level of trained staff and volunteers to ensure safety, adherence to low-barrier homeless program standards, and a service that will be received well by all members of the bend community.
- We need assistance and coordination in getting necessary and accurate media attention that this initiative will require in order to ensure the safety of the most vulnerable in our community this winter season.
- Your attendance at a meeting to be held on October 29th to further discuss the above issues and requests, the role your agency is willing to play and how we can best coordinate our combined efforts.

Meeting: October 29th, 2019 at 11am 2577 NE Courtney Dr. Bend, OR Stan Owen Room

Respectfully submitted,

Homeless Leadership Coalition of Central Oregon

For more information and questions, please contact Colleen Thomas or James Cook, HLC Co-Chairs

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