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To: Bend Economic Development Advisory Board (BEDAB)

From: Ben Hemson

Re: BEDAB Advocacy Discussion on UGB Implementation

Date: 4/2/2018

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On March 21<sup>st</sup> the Bend City Council held a work session to review next steps toward implementing the Urban Growth Boundary.

The BEDAB Advocacy Subcommittee reviewed the work session conclusions at their meeting on March 26<sup>th</sup> and developed four recommendations for BEDAB to consider when weighing in on the topic ahead of the Council listening session on April 4<sup>th</sup>:

1. The group agreed with the blended recommendation to move forward on area planning for The Elbow while also implementing urban renewal within portions of The Core; notably the Bend Central District and Korepine sites but not the Central Westside.
2. While work is progressing on The Elbow, the subcommittee recommended pursuing some “soft-focus” efforts to identify and begin work on area planning for the next expansion area. The discussion identified the Northeast Corner as the next most suitable candidate for area planning.
3. BEDAB should encourage Council to commit to an implementation schedule for each of the expansion areas and share it publicly as a means of developing certainty for property owners and developers.
4. Annexation of each expansion area comes with an associated fee paid to the City. BEDAB should encourage Council to allocate some portion of this fee toward ensuring that continued UGB implementation efforts are adequately resourced.