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To: Bend Economic Development Advisory Board

From: BEDAB Advocacy Subcommittee

Re: Recommendations to City Council on Parks SDCs

Date: 3/4/2019

On March 1st, 2019 the BEDAB Advocacy Subcommittee discussed the proposed changes to SDC methodology by Bend Parks and Recreation and developed some points for consideration by BEDAB that would be shared with the Bend City Council ahead of their scheduled discussion on the topic on March 6th, 2019:

1. BEDAB supports and appreciates Council's decision to weigh on proposed SDC changes via a letter and testimony to the Bend Parks and Recreation Board in February.
2. During their recent strategic planning process, BEDAB identified transportation investment and increased availability of housing that's affordable as key priorities. This sentiment was echoed in the City's recent community survey and by numerous community groups during the City Council's goal setting process.
3. As proposed, the Parks SDC changes would stifle development of both housing and hotels impacting the community's ability to continue to develop economically and the City of Bend's General Fund.
4. Processing both City and Parks SDCs together has value to the business community. However, BEDAB supports ensuring that the City is properly compensated for costs associated with this agreement.
5. As Bend grows, local agencies are contending with competing funding priorities and planning timelines while the development community is struggling to meet demand due to increasing costs. BEDAB asks Council to urge the Parks Board to slow down on implementing changes to their SDC methodology and cap current

SDCs until a more comprehensive multi-agency process could occur in the next 1-2 years.

6. Should Council and the Parks Board be unable to come to an agreement for an aligned discussion on SDCs, BEDAB supports Council moving forward on the options before you, which may include addressing the existing intergovernmental agreement between the City and Parks or seeking cost recovery from Parks that accurately compensates the City's Community Development Department.