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## Meeting Minutes

Bend Economic Development Advisory Board (BEDAB)

Monday, June 3, 2019

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### 12:07 pm BEDAB Meeting

**Roll Call:** Stephanie Senner-Chair, Brenda Speirs, Erich Schultz, Jamie Klopp, Lisa Goodman, Travis Davis

Heather Ficht, Jim Sansburn, Jerry Schulz, Kip Barrett- ex officio

#### 1. Public Input

None

#### 2. Approve May 6 Meeting Minutes

Approved.

#### 3. Climate Action Steering Committee | Cassie Lacy & Jamie Klopp

Update of work since February. Draft strategies to recommend have been selected. Preliminary results from project modeling. Final data results in July. Meeting monthly with Council subcommittee for a couple of months. Present to full Council in November.

Areas of opportunity – buildings and transportation are seen as the highest two.

##### Energy supply

1. Expand distributed commercial and residential solar PV. Education, incentives, programs. Comment regarding easements. Core area and densification and taller buildings. Working with Pacific Power.
2. Install solar panels on public building like schools, libraries, and city buildings.
3. Provide 100% renewable electricity supply to community.
4. Build/explore a biodigester at the wastewater treatment facility.
5. Contract for a natural gas offset program for community gas use.

##### Energy in buildings

1. Improve voluntary uptake of energy efficiency projects in buildings
2. Implement benchmarking and disclosure programs for energy performance. Comment: be careful to not add costs to housing and making it less affordable.
3. Support policies that increase energy efficiency of buildings, i.e. advocating for stricter energy efficiency state codes.

## **Transportation**

1. Increase bicycle and pedestrian trips as transportation.
2. Support the transition to the EV's with an EV Readiness Plan.
3. Increase transit ridership. From TSP
4. Convert City and other public agency fleets to electric vehicles and alternative fuels (CNG, renewable diesel, and biodiesel).

## **Waste and Materials**

1. Promote smaller home size with new incentives that encourage building smaller homes. Comment: make sure don't imply only stand-alone single family homes.
2. Develop outreach and education materials that promote waste prevention (support repair and reuse, reduce wasted food).
3. Improve waste recovery (from Solid Waste Management Plan from County)

Strategies with highest potential to reduce greenhouse gases (draft results):

- Provide 100% renewable electricity supply to community
- Transportation System Improvements (increase bikes, transit, and electric vehicles)
- Net Zero Residential Energy Codes (assumes 2025) –state driven
- Develop a natural gas offset program
- Voluntary residential and commercial energy efficiency
- Benchmarking programs (Home Energy Score)
- Incentivize smaller single family home size
- City wastewater biodigester
- Expanding Solar PV on households and commercial buildings
- City Fleet Transition to EV and renewable biodiesel
- Expand solar on City Facilities

Co-Benefits analyzed: economic vitality, affordability, supports the natural environment, community health and safety, adaptation and resilience, and social equity.

Closing thoughts:

Erich Schultz: questions about transportation. As grow, more people will use but will percentages increase? Stephanie Senner said she is more worried about labor force. People getting to work on time. Erich is concerned with investments on transportation if not going to increase use. Stephanie – BEDAB needs to process. Wants to know criteria and how rated. Cassie will forward presentation and provide some additional information on scoring. Provide feedback to Cassie based on local knowledge. Stephanie – need to get our constituencies involved.

## **4. Affordable Housing Upcoming Fee Discussions | Lynne McConnell**

The Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC): Work plan focuses on council goals. Focus on 80% AMI and below continues. Also focus on workforce housing up

to 125% AMI. A brainstorming meeting will be held on June 25<sup>th</sup> at 11 am. Fixes to policy and code. Getting housing permitted and allowing for more housing types.

Council asked to vet options for supplemental affordable housing fee. Goal to construct 100 units a year. Leverage ratio is \$24 million for every \$1 million funded. Staff presented handful of possibilities. Council direction was to look at industrial and commercial. .17- .67 of one percent. Will not go above 1%. AHAC will discuss next week. Will bring back to BEDAB later this summer. Based on building permit value. Carolyn Eagan stated that per the state law there are fewer restrictions on commercial and industrial. Looking toward putting into CIP projects.

Bend Parks & Rec listened to AHAC, BEDAB and City. Thank you. SDC Methodology adopted at last meeting. Tomorrow's meeting includes Parks SDC waiver's. Cap of 400 units over next 4 years. Expect resolution to go forward.

As you hear from folks, keep Ben and Lynne informed about permitting.

#### **5. New Air Service Letter of Support & 5-Year Enterprise Zone App. | Kip Barrett**

Hoping for letter of support for direct flight by Alaska Air from Redmond to San Jose. Going out for federal matching grant. Would like a letter from Council. Recommendation would be from BEDAB to Council seeking a letter. Letters of support from businesses identifying clear need for flight. Councilor Piper willing to bring letter to Council.

**Motion: Jamie Klopp made motion to request that Council provide a letter supporting the flight to San Jose. Travis Davis seconded. All in favor.**

Kip mentioned that an enterprise zone tax exemption will be presented to Council soon. 5 years for SiCamore Semi who is taking over manufacturing site of Micro Semi. Wafer fabrication. Would have likely converted to a warehouse.

#### **6. Advocacy Subcommittee Meeting Review & Recommendations | Group**

Proposed increases in SDCs. Transportation: \$6,800 to \$7,400 in July then up to \$8,000 on January 1st. SDC methodology will be looked at to align with TSP projects. City has no other way to fund operations for transportation. Priority list of projects created. Impetus is adoption of TSP, adoption of new CIP, and methodology. Required to be adopted with 20-year funding plan.

Carolyn Eagan: TSP looking at biggest projects, use existing more efficiently, or a combination of the two. In past has been a policy decision to focus on existing. SDCs can only be used for capacity in projects.

Travis Davis: might be important. Letter to committee: care about safety but also care about mobility (goods, people to businesses). Could be corridors. Ben can work on scoping out. Bring up in Advocacy. Talk to Karen Swirsky first for timeline.

Stephanie Senner asked about Council meeting and tourism. Is there a timeline for ORLA? Outreach. Carolyn: Visit Bend plan approved. No information on lawsuit timeline. Dollars are being set aside and held.

Outreach Subcommittee- Ben will follow up and get ball rolling to schedule.

Juniper Ridge Management Advisory Board appointments will be made on Wednesday.

**7. Adjourned at 1:45 pm.**