



CITY OF BEND

To: Council Stewardship Subcommittee
From: Jaime Gomez-Beltran, Ian Leitheiser, Elizabeth Oshel
Date: January 21, 2020
Re: Juniper Ridge Land Management Policy Draft Review

This memo serves as an overview and update on the development of the City of Bend's Juniper Ridge Land Management Policy (the Policy). Attached is the working draft of the Policy, which sets the stage for an implementation plan and removal of individuals and campsites from Juniper Ridge this spring. This policy has been a collaboration between Facilities, the City Manager's office, the City Attorney's office, and other City departments.

At the September 19, 2018 City Council meeting, Council directed staff to create a public land management policy for Juniper Ridge pursuant to ORS 203.077. This Policy is intended to address health and safety concerns, reduce potential risks of fire, promote a safe environment, deter unauthorized and illegal activities, eliminate unsanitary conditions, allocate public resources effectively, and meet legal and humanitarian standards for all people within the City.

The North Interceptor Construction Project is scheduled to begin mid-April, and pre-construction activities are already underway. Other development activities around Talus Place and the eastern end of Cooley Road will be occurring in spring/summer 2020. Construction of public infrastructure and other development in the area make it important that the Policy is finalized so that people in and around Juniper Ridge are given as much advanced notification as possible, and to ensure that all required notifications are provided.

The City recognizes the social nature of this complex transition of the property with many camps existing within the City-owned portion of the land. It is anticipated that outreach to individuals and social service agencies on details of the timeline and process will start in mid-February. Our hope is that these efforts will result in people choosing to relocate. The City anticipates initiating organized removal efforts in mid-April for those who remain.

At the time of this meeting (January 28, 2020), the City of Bend has provided the attached Policy draft to representatives of the Homeless Leadership Coalition and Legal



Aid Services of Oregon, and incorporated some of their feedback from multiple meetings.

As directed by Council, this draft has been provided to Councilors Campbell and Livingston for review and feedback and is now brought before the Stewardship Subcommittee for review and input. After the subcommittee meeting, the policy will be brought before Council on February 5, 2020. The policy is a City Manager-adopted administrative policy, but, consistent with Council's interest, the Policy will be presented to the Council as a whole prior to City Manager adoption.

Attached to this memo, please find the following attachments:

1. Juniper Ridge Land Management Policy draft
2. Juniper Ridge Construction Zone PSA (November, 2019)
3. Social Service Agencies: Resource for residents (November, 2019)
4. North Interceptor Sewer Line Project Notice (January, 2020)

Subcommittee Question:

- What questions do you have about the current Juniper Ridge Land Management Policy as presented prior to full Council review at the February 5th Work Session?

