



Meeting Minutes

Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC)

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Location: City Council Chambers, Bend City Hall, 710 NW Wall Street, Bend, Oregon, and online

Date: February 12, 2025

Time: 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Hohengarten (Chair) called to order the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee meeting on Wednesday, March 12, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. Participants could attend online and in the City Council Chambers, 710 NW Wall Street, Bend, Oregon, or watch live from YouTube (https://youtube.com/live/E_JqoqlyTVo?feature=share)

Roll Call: Alison Hohengarten (Chair), Helen Silfven, Heather Simmons, Ian Karasz, Isabel Milkovich, Mandy Dalrymple (Vise Chair), Richard Reese.

1. Public Comment (3 minutes each)

Online: Kelleigh Kincaid is encouraging electrification

In Person: Noel Nelson- researcher in energy science, in support of electrification

Julieanne Moratti-Green – participates with 350 Deschutes, supports electrification

Mike Reed – environmental activist, in support of electrification

John Heylin – Ponderosa Neighborhood District, encourages the City of Bend to approve the master plan

Kyle Brennan – encouraging the electrification of Bend

2. Conflict of Interest

Chairperson Alison Hohengarten inquired of AHAC members about potential conflicts of interest regarding presentations and development proposals. Committee members indicated they had no possible conflict with the Council recommendation items on the agenda.

3. Funding Overview

Deliberations on scores

4. Public Service Program Deliberations

AHAC to determine recommendations for the City Council to consider funding awards

Mandy proposed \$25,000 for Thrive Central Oregon's request; Isabel agreed and wants to fund J Bar J – Living Options for Teens (LOFT)

Mandy suggests an offer amount for Home More Network

Heather proposed reducing some of the asks to fill the gap. Alison Hohengarten supported giving Home More Network a bit more and partially funding the Home More Network and City of Bend Roundabout project (only eligible for CDBG funding, ask is reduced because some money asked for was not eligible).

Mandy questions how the roundabout project ties into affordable housing. Rachael clarified that roundabouts were considered when deciding where to live.

Richard Reese recommends not allocating funds for the roundabout project.

Mandy agrees not to fund or give a smaller amount to the roundabout project.

Ian asked for metrics on how people responded to the survey. The survey came from the accessibility committee and the 2024 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing. Proposed models are near affordable housing.

Ian supported giving less funding to the roundabout project

Mandy proposed funding amounts: Home More Network \$12,500, J Bar J - LOFT and Bethlehem Inn full ask in CICT, Bend Church – full ask in CICT, Volunteers in Medicine full ask in CBDG, Saving Grace full ask CBDG, Thrive, and everyone else fully funded.

\$8000 going to the contingency

Mandy motion to recommend CICT funds to Bend Church \$10,000, Thrive J BAR J - LOFT \$25,000, Home More Network \$12,500, \$7,913 Home More Network as a previous contingency, Volunteers in Medicine \$40,000, Thrive Central Oregon \$30,000, Saving Grace \$25,000.

Contingencies: Any future reduction or addition of funding gets distributed equally across all funds.

Seconded by Isabel Milkovich. All in favor: Richard Reese, Allison Hohengarten, Ian Karasz, Mandy Dalrymple, Heather Simmons, Isabel Milkovich, and Helen Silfven. Unanimous.

5. Environment and Climate Committee Policy Recommendations

Cassie Lacey presented building electrification policy options. Phase 1 was completed during 3/20/24 council work session.

2/24/2025 Joint committee electrification meeting

Policy options: Incentives, fees, building code, local regulations, education & support programs, State-level advocacy: regulations, and electrification support.

6. Adjournment: Hohengarten (Chair) adjourned the February 12, 2025, Affordable Housing Advisory Committee meeting at 5 p.m.

7. Action Items:

Staff to provide talking points and concerns from this committee: cost (affordability)

Feb 24, 2-4 pm Summit meeting: Isabel Milkovich, Heather Simmons, and Ian Karasz to represent AHAC and discussion points.

Cost of electrification and its impact on lower-income households.

8. **Next Meeting:** March 12, 2025, 3 pm – 5 pm. City Council Chambers, 710 NW Wall Street, Bend, Oregon



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