

Homeless Leadership Coalition General Membership Meeting

Friday, September 6, 2019, 8:00 - 9:15 am

Brooks Room, Bend Downtown Library

Call in number 712-775-8963

Conference Code: 300912

Welcome and Introductions

Affordable Housing and Other City Initiatives

Presentation by: Lynne McConnell, Affordable Housing Manager lmcconnell@bendoregon.gov

Rachael Baker, Affordable Housing Coordinator rbaker@bendoregon.gov

More info at www.bendoregon.gov/affordablehousing and www.bendoregon.gov/city-council

- Discussed how community can engage with the city on housing issues.
- Reviewed City Council goals and strategies relevant to housing including development, transportation and infrastructure, public safety and health.
- Reviewed Consolidated Plan Goals (5 year strategy document). These goals are aligned with City Council goals. Referenced [Consolidated Plan](#).
- City Council Meetings: 1st and 3rd Wed @ 7:00pm @ City Hall in council chambers.
- [Affordable Housing Advisory Committee](#): Regular meetings 2nd Wed from 3-5pm.
- www.bendoregon.gov.affordablehousing
- Upcoming affordable housing and CDBG requests for proposals.
 - Must attend informational meeting prior to applying- held in September, contact Rachel Baker for more information. Timeline: RFPs released 10/4 ; Q/A Oct. 23rd; Deadline 11/8/2019

Juniper Ridge – **Ian _____**, Attorney, City of Bend

At the direction of City Council, Juniper Ridge management is being revisited. [Info about Juniper Ridge here](#). Juniper Ridge management is being revisited in an effort to sell and develop the property as well as due to concerns expressed by neighboring community members.

There are statutes that allow for the development of a policy to remove persons from public property. These policies are required to recognize social issues as well as conduct any removal in a humane way (include minimum requirements for notification, storage of personal property etc) The City will be developing this policy at the direction of City Council over the next few months and later implement. There is no timeline. City is open to input as this policy development is underway.

Information about the [Juniper Ridge Management Advisory Board can be found here](#).

General comments and Q/A were made.

Discussion of Tiny Homes. Currently permit Tiny Homes on foundations w/in the city. Code to be looked at is Tiny Homes on Wheels--- REACH code, it is up to cities and policy makers on how they'd like to address this. Anticipate this on a 2020 timeline. If the community thinks this is an important topic community members are urged to approach City Council with their comments.

Comments on language that is used to refer to individuals in the media. Encouragement that we recognize all parties involved in this discussion are residents of the city whether they own property or not.

Discussion of city ownership of Juniper Ridge and the hope to subdivide and sell zoned industrial property which is the reason this policy is being discussed.

COMMUNITY UPDATES

Mara Stephens, Family Access Network Homeless Liaison.: If you know of families experiencing homelessness, contact Mara to help connect children to school mara.stephens@bend.k12.or.us

Gwenn Wysling, Bethlehem Inn: BI will not conduct intakes on Wednesdays in an effort to prioritize case management. This is change from doing intakes every day of the week.

DeeDee Johnson, Bend/Redmond Habitat—thanked all in attendance for engagement and discussion.

Kendall Johnson, Thrive Central Oregon: Thrive has new staff taking over Bend Walk In Sites Please refer clients to walk-ins and double check website for closure updates

Molly Heiss, NeighborImpact: ESG RFP is out. Due on 9/13 @ 4:30pm electronically to **Patrick Cerry**. Agencies that are serving those experiencing homelessness these funds are available for street outreach, shelter operations and case management (direct service). This is separate from warming shelter funding. Contact mollyh@neighborimpact.org

Sat 9/7/19 11am-3pm United Way Over the Edge Campaign kickoff.

<https://www.deschutesunitedway.org/overtheedge/>

Sat 9/7/19 Walk for Recover sponsored by Bend Treatment Center. Registration begins at 9 a.m., event at 10 a.m. Register at: walk4recovery.org.

Send any and all future updates to newsletter@cohomeless.org for inclusion in the newsletter or to opt in to receive HLC newsletter.

Other Agency/partner updates and announcements

*Next Meeting Friday, October 4 Downtown Bend Library
Please plan on joining us in person or by phone!*