

Mountain View NA Monthly Meeting: May 18, 2020

In Attendance: attendance based upon Zoom meeting participation

Board members: Beth Hoover, chair; Carol Elwood, land use; John Bennett, NART rep and parks; Steve Pine, treasurer; Jason Barber, social media; Sarah Spernak, secretary.

Attendees: Colleen Newell, Chris Piper, Sally Russell, David Gurule, Micheal Whitter, Eric King, M Hogarth, Makayla Oliver, Barb Campbell

- I. Meeting called to order by Beth Hoover at 6:00 and introductions of board and attendees
- II. Agenda: City presentation on the COVID-19 crisis and the City's response.
- III. Eric King – reviews the City's position in the COVID-19 response (all information is summarized based upon King's verbal presentation as well as the power point slides provided by City during his presentation).
 - a. First, he emphasizes City is not the health experts and that instead its role is supporting businesses, supporting populations in need (i.e. homeless), volunteering opportunities, and infrastructure plans and projects continue, as well as maintenance operations.
 - b. Second, City has four objectives: create safe work environments that protect employees and the community while providing critical core services (i.e. telecommuting), follow best practices as outlined by health officials to implement social distancing guidelines and directives to reduce community risk (i.e. a travel ban), assist public health authorities as needed to increase testing and care (i.e. signage for testing station at St. Charles), and take actions to build community and economic resiliency.
 - i. Mayor Sally Russell takes over to present point four: taking actions to build community and economic resiliency
- IV. Mayor Sally Russel – “take actions to build community and economic resiliency”
 - a. The City pulled the general obligation transportation bond because uncertain how long pandemic would last, it was a volatile municipal bond market, uncertain on the economic impacts of the Stay at Home order,
 - i. However, City acknowledges the importance of this bond and that this funding is still needed. The City will continue to look at finding funding for these needed projects.
 - b. Covid-19 has impacted the City's revenues, but City also acknowledges the significant economic impact on individuals in our community.
 - i. The magnitude of the economic impact is not known now, but City is committed to developing a recovery plan.
 - ii. City departments were tasked a month ago with developing new budgets with a 5% reduction and a 10% reduction. There is also a hiring freeze in place.
 - c. Mayor Russell passes the presentation to Chris Piper
- V. Chris Piper – How the City remains committed to NAs
 - a. Prioritizing funding
 - i. The City has extended the funding timeline by two months so there will be funding available for NAs to host annual meetings (City requirement).
 - ii. If NAs can't hold those annual meetings, the City will assist and support NAs despite not upholding that City requirement.

- b. Sharing timely and accurate information
 - i. Resources page on Bend.gov, SOSBend, and Pandemic Partners – these are ways the City and its community partners are sharing timely and accurate information, especially to support people at the neighborhood level.
 - ii. Presentations to NAs (such as this one tonight).
 - c. Providing new, virtual avenues for community participation
 - i. Support for these webinar-style / Zoom meetings with NAs
 - d. Helping the NLA continue operations and be an advisory to City Council
 - i. First NLA meeting with City will be tomorrow using WebEx.
- VI. Chris Piper – Supporting Business Community
- a. Established more information in dual languages, assisting businesses with space for curbside pick-ups, established a water and sewer bill assistance program for Bend businesses, continuing with large infrastructure projects around town.
 - b. What City businesses said they needed for a safe re-opening:
 - i. Clear guidelines, time between issuance of guidelines and date for implementation, childcare availability, community confidence restored with clear messaging on new behaviors, continued education and enforcement from local governments on these new guidelines and behaviors.
 - 1. Example – Chris Piper shares examples of meeting with brewery owners who are getting together weekly to share best practices for managing a re-opening.
 - 2. Example – merchandising stores have new guidelines on touching merchandise and how to clean those.
 - 3. Example – clothing stores and the issue of cleaning changing rooms, etc.
 - c. The purpose of all this is to develop a consistent community comeback plan that is safe for our community.
- VII. Mayor Sally Russell – What does Phase 1 mean for Bend? (it is one of three phases)
- a. This is a slow easing-in and is known as The Reopening Stage
 - b. Limited number of businesses allowed to reopen and there are a lot of operational changes required for those businesses to reopen
 - c. Lifting restrictions will increase transmission
 - i. For example, as of today (May 18) there are five new cases in Deschutes county, so Mayor Russell hopes our numbers will hold and transmission will be restrained.
 - d. Phase 1 will last at least 21 days, as long as criteria continues to be met
 - i. Some elements of Phase 1 have already changed. For example, restaurants can't really work if they have to keep six feet of space, and that is why the City will be reviewing the possibility of opening up sidewalks for seating, etc.
- VIII. Mayor Russell reiterates that many Stay Safe guidelines are still in place
- a. Shared the Oregon Health Authority Graphic
 - b. Also, Mayor Russell shares that she sent a memo to all owners of short-term rentals reminding them to encourage the Stay Safe guidelines and try to limit the

number of people coming to Bend, especially since many of the businesses that visitors want to patronize need more time to prepare.

- c. Finally, Mayor Russell reiterates that the Deschutes County Health Authority is the best place to go for health information.

IX. Question and Answer portion

- a. Question: Michael Witter - What about testing and tracing? How is that information being conveyed to City Council?
 - i. Mayor Russell responds that this is the purveyance of the County Health Department and encourages us to watch the video of the Council's Q and A with County Health.
 - ii. Eric King adds that the County did approve additional staffing for hiring more people for contract tracing. Furthermore, the County has established volunteers who are ready to partner with staff to bolster contact tracing as needed.
- b. Question: Beth Hoover – Who is going to enforce social distancing violations? How do neighbors report violations?
 - i. Eric King – we need to focus on education, but they are working on coordinating efforts with law enforcement and Cities within the county for how people should report violations. For example, if you are an employee at your work vs. a citizen in a public park vs. a customer in a business.
 1. King shares that police were out downtown this weekend helping educate people and reminding them.
 2. King also says using the non-emergency number for Bend Police is a good avenue for reporting violations seen in the community.
 3. King also encourages having direct conversations with neighbors.
 4. Mayor Russell reminds that there is an extensive list of contact people (Central Oregon Emergency Information on BlogSpot / Mikayla posted the link in our chat) and we need to find the specific contact for the person/context where the violation is occurring (i.e. Forest Service or Bend Parks and Rec).
 5. Barb Campbell reminds all about BOLI, too, for specific workplace violations.
- c. Question: Michael Whitter – What kind of confusion will ensue in Bend if the Supreme Court rules the orders by Gov. Brown are not allowed anymore?
 - i. Mayor Russell – As of now, we are under federal and state guidelines and will continue to follow those. Personally, Mayor Russell worries for the safety of the community if all guidelines are lifted and everyone stops social distancing. She asserts that by following guidelines in Phase 1 we should be able to move out.
 - ii. Jason Barber weighs in that it is most likely that the ruling is going to be overturned so this fear of the stay at home orders being ended may be for naught. Eric King adds that if the Supreme Court does overturn those orders, then the County can adopt a similar framework (as seen in Wisconsin).

- d. Beth Hoover weighs in that Q and A time is over. Chris Piper reminds participants that Council and City is available via email for further questions and answers.
 - e. Question: David Gurule – A follow up on violations – Is the City enforcing the County codes? His concern is that minimum wage workers are being asked to manage some difficult aspects of these guidelines, so is there help from the City for average citizen workers having to enforce some of these guidelines?
 - i. Chris Piper responds that owners are reporting that employees are really stepping up to enforce protocols as their livelihoods depend upon people following social distance guidelines. A lot of training is also happening, as well as frequent check-ins with managers and employees to ensure employee comfort on enforcement.
 - ii. Eric King adds that yes, the City is coordinated with others to ensure that the right people are following up on compliance complaints and supporting businesses. There was a lot of feedback solicited from businesses and trainings are being created to create a culture of compliance and educating when violations occur and not just punishing.
- X. City shares the illegal fireworks task force slide with kudos to our NA for helping to spearhead this issue for our City
- a. Illegal Fireworks Taskforce patrol dates are set for June and July
- XI. Beth Hoover thanks the City officials for their participation and they leave meeting.
- XII. Beth Hoover calls the regular business meeting to order
- XIII. John Bennett motions to approve the April minutes, Carol Elwood seconds, and vote is unanimous. Minutes are approved.
- XIV. Land Use: Carol Elwood – no new reports
- XV. Traffic: David Gurule
- a. Speed Radar unit on Wells Acres is already up and we will have it for three weeks, and we will get it again in September. David emphasized with City that we are suffering from speeding/detour traffic.
 - b. Three roundabouts are being built in our NA, which is a large contributing factor on the increased traffic on Wells Acres. City believes the three roundabouts should be done by September.
 - c. Transportation Bond – it has been postponed but the development for the plans continues. The various committees are doing final reviews and approvals, so June 2nd the Transportation committee does its final review and approval, June 18th – the steering committee, and July 8– the City Council will do its final review and approval. Then it is just a matter of waiting for funding.
 - d. No update on the Wells Acres crosswalk at this time.
- XVI. Fireworks: Michael Whitter
- a. He investigated the use of 911 calls for finding addresses for repeat offenders, but that will not work because the addresses in the spread sheet are not filtered by who called versus which address was the offender.
 - b. Beth sent information out via email regarding the reporting of repeat offenders' addresses to the Police. And, Michael posted it to NextDoor. However, Michael says it is a failure at this moment as only one address has been reported.

- i. He suggests we either continue publishing the information or republish the information as we get closer to July.
 - ii. Beth suggests we keep reminding people, especially as we get closer to the holiday and Carol concurs.
 - c. Firework signs will come in around the first of June. Makayla confirms that signs will be ready then and that they will come with a one-pager that reviews the rules on where to post the signs.
 - d. Steve Pine suggests we as an NA do a PSA announcement to get the word out more to the public. Beth agrees that is a good idea and will follow up with Makayla.
 - i. Michael suggests that we work with Clint Burleigh before creating an additional PSA.
- XVII. Beth asks Barb Campbell why the NAs can't use their funding to purchase this type of data (the 911 call logs), so could the definition of "communication" for funding be broadened for these types of purchases.
 - i. Barb responds that she would like NAs to be able to search for specific data; so yes, she does think that could be something she would help with in terms of using our funds for that.
- XVIII. Second General Meeting Plans
 - a. Because we had a general meeting in September, we have more breathing room to schedule our second one. However, we have our funding until August and we can't get together in large groups. So, if we do virtual, tonight's meeting is probably an indication of what kind of turn out we might have (very few).
 - b. Carol Elwood – what kind of headcount did we have last May? Beth – we had about 80, which is pretty standard for our general meetings.
 - c. Makayla Oliver shares what other NAs are planning to do. First, the funding can be used to any communication needs, not just meeting funds. For example, brochures, newsletters to mail, etc.
 - d. Beth suggests her idea that it would be interesting or fun to do a video about our neighborhood, like a promotional video about our neighborhood. Jason says he has the ability to put a video together and edit it together. This could be something that shares the highlights of our neighborhood: businesses, parks, landmarks, etc. Many board members agree this is a great idea.
 - e. We need to have a meeting to plan the video: what is the premise of the video, what do we want in the video, and who will do what for the video.
 - f. Barb Campbell assures that we do have a lot of leeway in regards to our general meeting in these social distancing times. Barb also encourages the video idea and thinks it is a good idea.
- XIX. Beth solicits a motion to adjourn. Steve Pine motions we adjourn. We do not need a second and that is the adjournment of the meeting: 7:35 pm.