

**City Council Goal Input Form
Community Organizations**



CITY OF BEND

Please complete and return this form to rchristie@bendoregon.gov no later than **January 8** to provide information and/or context for Council's upcoming goal setting process.

Organization Name: Mountain View Neighborhood Association

Completed by: Carol Elwood, Land Use Chair
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Organization's Mission: To act as a liaison between our neighbors and the City and to represent our neighborhood's best interests.

Organization's Goals: To enhance livability of the neighborhood.
mountainviewneighborhood.com

What is the biggest problem your organization believes the city faces?

Maintaining livability of existing neighborhoods during a time of exponential growth.

Who could be other partners to address this problem? If we solved this problem, what would the outcome look like? Paint a vision.

Residential development would always include aspects of "complete neighborhoods", or "15-minute neighborhoods", such that residents can safely and comfortably walk to basic day-to-day needs (cafe, grocery store, park, library...) within 15 minutes.

If you know of suggested plans or objectives to achieve this change, please describe.

Zoning would not only allow but encourage mixed use in all areas of the City. <https://www.strongtowns.org/journal/2019/9/6/7-rules-for-creating-15-minute-neighborhoods>

Describe practical steps to measure progress toward the goal.

Residents could be routinely surveyed about the walkability of their neighborhood. Zoning maps would show fewer and smaller areas that are exclusively residential.

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Organization Name: Mountain View Neighborhood Association
Completed by: Beth Hoover, Board Chair
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What is the biggest problem your organization believes the city faces? The lack of enforcement of state and local laws related to the use of illegal fireworks in Bend has impacted severely the livability of our neighborhood. As a board, we have been in the forefront of bringing this issue to City Council's attention and were instrumental in forming a working group to address it. We are participants and fully support the work of the Bend Neighborhood Association (NA) Illegal Fireworks Working Group and we endorse the information submitted by that group for City Council's consideration as part of its goal prioritization process.

Who could be other partners to address this problem? If we solved this problem, what would the outcome look like? Paint a vision. Please refer to the submission by the Fireworks Working Group for this information.

If you know of suggested plans or objectives to achieve this change, please describe. Increased enforcement of state and local laws related to illegal fireworks usage in Bend was a City Council goal in the last biennium but there was inadequate implementation of this goal, resulting in little progress towards its accomplishment. In order for this goal to be successful in the coming biennium, City Council must allocate sufficient budgetary resources for it to be accomplished.

Describe practical steps to measure progress toward the goal. We recommend that the City establish measurable benchmarks for enforcement of state and local laws related to illegal fireworks usage in Bend. An initial benchmark might be targeting known hotspots for illegal fireworks based on prior years' complaint data.

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Organization Name: Mountain View Neighborhood Association

Completed by: John Bennett, MVNA board member

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What is the biggest problem your organization believes the city faces? COVID-19 is going to be a major problem in our lives for the foreseeable future. We are extremely concerned about the health and safety of all people in Bend. We would like to see the City play a leading role balancing the interests of locals and tourists in Bend during COVID-19. The health and safety of residents and visitors should be a top priority. We understand the need to support local business in a responsible way. We would also like to see the City help get our students safely back in the classroom once conditions allow.

Who could be other partners to address this problem? If we solved this problem, what would the outcome look like? Paint a vision. Partners who can help the City with the COVID-19 problem include the State of Oregon, Bend-La Pine Schools, USFS, ODOT, Visit Bend, Mt. Bachelor and other local groups. These groups can help control the numbers of people visiting Bend and regulate what type of activities people are participating in.

If you know of suggested plans or objectives to achieve this change, please describe. Early during the pandemic the City of Bend strongly discouraged outsiders from visiting Bend. We would like to see such efforts continue until things get better.

Describe practical steps to measure progress toward the goal. Basic safety messaging from the City such as mask requirements and social distancing must continue. Tourism should not be encouraged until the risk levels decrease.

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Completed by: Sarah Spernak, board secretary

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What is the biggest problem your organization believes the city faces?

A public WIFI network for the Bend community - we propose that the City of Bend provide a basic level of internet service via a public WIFI network that is available to all who are within City limits. The issue of inequity amongst the residents of Bend continues to be a concern, especially in regards to how COVID-19 is affecting people. Even before the added hurdles of Covid-19, not having access to reliable WIFI meant many people, but especially students, did not have a means to engage in our modern world. No access to WIFI means school kids can't access their public education; it means citizens in search of employment can't send in that resume or apply online; it means remote workers cannot utilize work-from-home options; it means out-of-work citizens not able to apply for employment benefits; it means residents cannot access information and news online, bank online, connect with loved ones online, etc. With our world shifting more and more to an online platform for basic services like those listed above, those who lack access to WIFI are being left behind.

Who could be other partners to address this problem? If we solved this problem, what would the outcome look like? Paint a vision.

Local partners for this project could be Bend Broadband and the Bend-La Pine School District. Other financial backers could be found as well, but those two local partners immediately come to mind. The school district because it would benefit the student population and Bend Broad Band because they have the expertise and the infrastructure to provide this service.

If we solved this problem, it would mean families able to stay at home for comprehensive distance learning and not have to drive around town looking for free WIFI to use or depend upon a WIFI hot spot. When in-person classes resume, these students' school-issued iPads would become the useful learning tool they are intended to be. As we know, students who lack WIFI at home can't use their school-issued iPads, a problem more students face than we realize. Having easy access to WIFI would ensure all Bend residents have the ability to utilize online services, but it could also benefit those who already have WIFI at home. If there is a disruption in service, the public WIFI would be there to fall back upon.

If you know of suggested plans or objectives to achieve this change, please describe.

We are not aware of existing plans or objectives to achieve this change. We do know the Bend La Pine School District has purchased hot spots for students lacking internet access and that Bend Broadband has discounted the price of some of its services to families lacking adequate internet access, but both these efforts have been piecemeal and limited in scope. The biggest obstacle we foresee will most likely be cost – who will pay is usually the most essential issue on a project like this. Residents may oppose the idea if it leads to an increase in fees or taxes. Also, internet providers might worry that public WIFI might mean they lose customers and therefore they might oppose the idea.

Describe practical steps to measure progress toward the goal.

Steps most likely would include a committee to review the feasibility of the project and to elicit partners into the process. Then, proposals would be collected for work needing to be done, etc. Not being an expert in this type of project ourselves, the steps are a bit hard to envision, but progress towards the goal might be breaking Bend into zones and implementing WIFI in each zone, adding more and more areas of the City over time, with a goal of having the whole community covered by a certain year.

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