

OBNA Meeting Notes:

4/1/2021 - (John Fischer)

Intros - Richard Ross, Mark Weers, Karen Harding, Travis Abele, John Fischer; Melanie Kebler (Council Liaison)

- Melanie debriefed on City goals, and shared ongoing City discussions.
 - Discussed City supporting efforts to explore possible actions around Oil Trains through Bend.
 - Downtown parklets and potential connection of open streets downtown - Richard suggested building on the current Open Streets concept. (like)
- Karen Harding shared on NARP discussions.
- Parking requirements were discussed - Voiced concerns around parking from new development. John Fischer suggested City messaging could help NAs understand the intent to assist better development in key places by having flexible parking codes. Karen Harding reflected that using current emergency/temporary measures to push the parking agenda forward may not be the right move...
- Traffic Team - Richard gave an update (See [OBNA Traffic Team](#) notes - there's much at work here...)
- Parking District - Travis shared update - Much praise from locals on the efficacy, but some concerns about difficulty getting temp permits. John Fischer suggested Parking District funds be used for mailed distribution of temp permits.
- STRs - Discussed impacts of multiple short-term rental units on single property (In regard to Jefferson St application submittal.) Mark points out that impacts are low in the already saturated districts, like OBNA. Travis and others suggest that Council review BDC intent, especially overlaid with densification of HB2001. Strong support for changing the language in the BCD to reflect one (1) unit per 250', (instead of one property per 250'...)
- Further Discussion: John Fischer proposed OBNA outreach and effort working towards a common future planning vision that reflects the values of our residents. I'll work on developing this proposal further to present to OBNA in the next month or so. Potential guest speaker? (I have some ideas...)

Quoteworthy - "We need to present what we want, and not just what we don't want" - Richard

- "Let's inspire, not intimidate" - Karen Harding.