

March 3, 2023

OBNA virtual Board meeting

Present: Mark, John, Richard, Chris, Travis, Karen, Melanie Kebler, Makayla Oliver- guest presenter.

### 1. Makayla Oliver Presentation on Neighborhood assessment

Neighborhood Assessment - Part of City Council goals is to assess NAs as conduit of info and representation and create opportunities to engage under-served communities.

Assessment scored assumptions: scored 0-5 (0- does not apply to 5 -strongly applies). Four OBNA Board members participated. Link still available @ <https://us20.list-manage.com/surveyu=706c77e9491ce49eb828dfb4e&id=96e9014d89>.

#### A. Assumptions scored:

- DEIA - diversity, equity, inclusion and access may cause confusion and fear for NAs. OBNA score - 2 of 5
- NAs feel like the Council does not value role of NAs  
OBNA score - 3.8
- People don't know what a NA is.  
OBNA score - 2.5
- Board turnover is an issue for most NAs  
OBNA score 2.8
- NAs are written into code with land use as the main purpose and focus.  
OBNA score 2.8

#### B. Questions for discussion:

##### **What are barriers to engagement with your NA?**

- City data not accurate, mailing tool -lists not accurate
- Need a way to contact majority of neighborhood
- Retirees who have more time are most volunteers
- Technology - new website but unsure of its reach
- Access to info, access to tech and knowledge of tech
- 2 way communication limited but improving, needs to be more user friendly
- Potential impacts of lg developments. Need for master planning and street planning.
- Many STRs and Vacation homes.
- Venues for meeting during COVID

- Does the council care what the NAs are saying?
- Being able to understand the issues and be able to have meaningful input
- Owner occupied is lowest in Bend
- Intimidating to step into big issues.
- OBNA neighbors are engaged. Our goal is livability.

**What has your NA done to encourage diverse representation of your Baird and your membership?**

- Neighborhood discussions and frequent contact between Board and members.
- General meeting - mailing in Jan.
- Nextdoor postings
- Web Update
- Mailchimp in future

**What has been your NA's biggest ongoing challenge?**

- Population growth
- Dealing with city data

**What kind of opportunities do you think could support these concerns?**

- City tech support
- Land use ed is helpful
- Hosting a more public platform for monthly mtgs
- Surveying what issues are important to people: Can the city help facilitate surveys?
- Utility billing - access to contact info?
- Civic engagement 101 training. More info for the public on how to be engaged citizen.
- Collaboration between neighbors and other NAs on issues in common.

**Should Communications Grant funding be used differently?**

- We are trying to do the same amount of things with much less. Equitable?
- Units vs tax lots.
- Funds could go further with better tools.
- Community events would be "sweet".
- Engage neighbors with funds.

Miro notes with OBNA discussion and other NA discussions on this topic can be found via this link.

Miro: [https://miro.com/app/board/o9J\\_lrQDm0c=?invite\\_link\\_id=832215575157](https://miro.com/app/board/o9J_lrQDm0c=?invite_link_id=832215575157)

March 28th - Council Stewardship Subcommittee. Will have results of community survey. Makayla will give update then. A link to the meeting will be sent via newsletter.

## **2. Parking district - update by Travis**

- Visitors passes are only being dated through June 2023 as expect changes, possibly no visitor passes as they will be required to pay for parking.
- Kathy working with Toby as more people east of Broadway are requesting extension of parking district due to more congestion and on street parking. Worth investigating.

## **3. Communications**

- John worked with Jodell to get access to mailing list and website. John to teach Karen in future. Hope to record and keep for organization.

## **4. Board vacancies**

- Have one applicant, not yet interviewed by Chris and Richard, but candidate looks good.
- Need to continue to solicit more applicants.

## **5. Historic district and recent meeting of Landmarks Commission**

- Delaware/Harriman - meeting before Landmarks Commission who followed staffers decision to suspend/hold decision until the developer redesigns and aligns the scale and set back with the historic district homes on Delaware.
- Discussion about how impressive the design was and how to increase density on lots like this. Within the board opinions varied for and against the decision but everyone was impressed with the public testimony; passion and speaking done by neighbors at the hearing.
- Example of how the neighborhood can get behind an issue.

## **5. Other**

- John to meet with Allison P and Robin to talk about issues around Korpine and transportation.