

Larkspur Board meeting minutes-April 18, 2022

Board members Present: Sue Sullivan, Molly McDowell, Kristin Wills, Morgan Schmidt, Marty Decker, Diane Berry, Katherine Rola.

Absent: Kelsie Greer

Guest speakers:

- Janet Hruby and Robin Lewis, City Staff - Discussion of options for improving pedestrian safety on Pettigrew
- James Dorofi, Jennifer Sawyer and Jim Christo - discussion of possible participation in Alpenglow Park grand opening

Several neighbors also attended.

Public comments:

- Ann Perry asked what will happen to the house on the SW corner of Wilson and 15th when the roundabout is built - she is specifically interested in some outbuildings and wonder if they will be sold. We supplied her with contact information for Sinclair Burr who is the project manager for the Wilson project.
- An email was submitted to the Board by a neighbor who is concerned about the trash left by a camper on City property near the Coyner trail. Sue agreed to see if we can figure out the right solution to this problem (note: this was taken care of by the city within a couple of days of being informed of the problem).

New business:

- **Options for improving public safety on Pettigrew:** Janet Hruby outlined the background on public safety concerns on Pettigrew and some of the options that we have for improving public safety. Among the options discussed:
 - Double yellow line striping to make it clear that passing is not allowed: this will be done in the 2022 striping program.
 - Flashing speed limit sign: this is not an option that will be considered by the City.

- Permanent speed radar sign: about 10K cost; this is a possible option that could be considered.
- Develop crosswalks at possible low-stress network points. There are several possibilities:
 - at Clairaway and/or at the driveway by Fields Farm. The driveway at Fields is private, not a spot we can fully utilize at present as a part of a low stress pedestrian/bicycle network (though Fields doesn't have an issue with people using their driveway to access Rawhide/Wind Rider).
 - Possible to put a crossing at Thomas and with a possible addition of a sidewalk as well from Thomas to Airpark. There is room for a median at Thomas as part of the crossing, and this might serve as a means to slow down traffic on this stretch. This could be part of the low-stress bike/pedestrian network.
 - A crosswalk (not wide enough for a low stress crossing with median) is possible at Bayou and it would possibly serve as an east/west connector to 27th.
 - A map is shown below that summarizes the possible routes for crossings and changes to Pettigrew (the map is from Janet Hruby's presentation).
- Make a part of Pettigrew 1 way. Not a huge cost, but this would disrupt the road network in this area and would likely push traffic onto local streets. The City is not in favor of this option, probably not feasible, though there is interest in this option among neighbors who live in the stretch near Fields Farm. Possible to at least run a trial of one way on this to see if it is feasible? If this were done, we'd have to detour people to other collectors (15th, 27th) and not to local streets.
- Speed bumps are not an option because of emergency vehicle use of this collector.
- Mini roundabouts are a possible solution for collectors such as Pettigrew but there's no space for these on Pettigrew, so not a reasonable solution

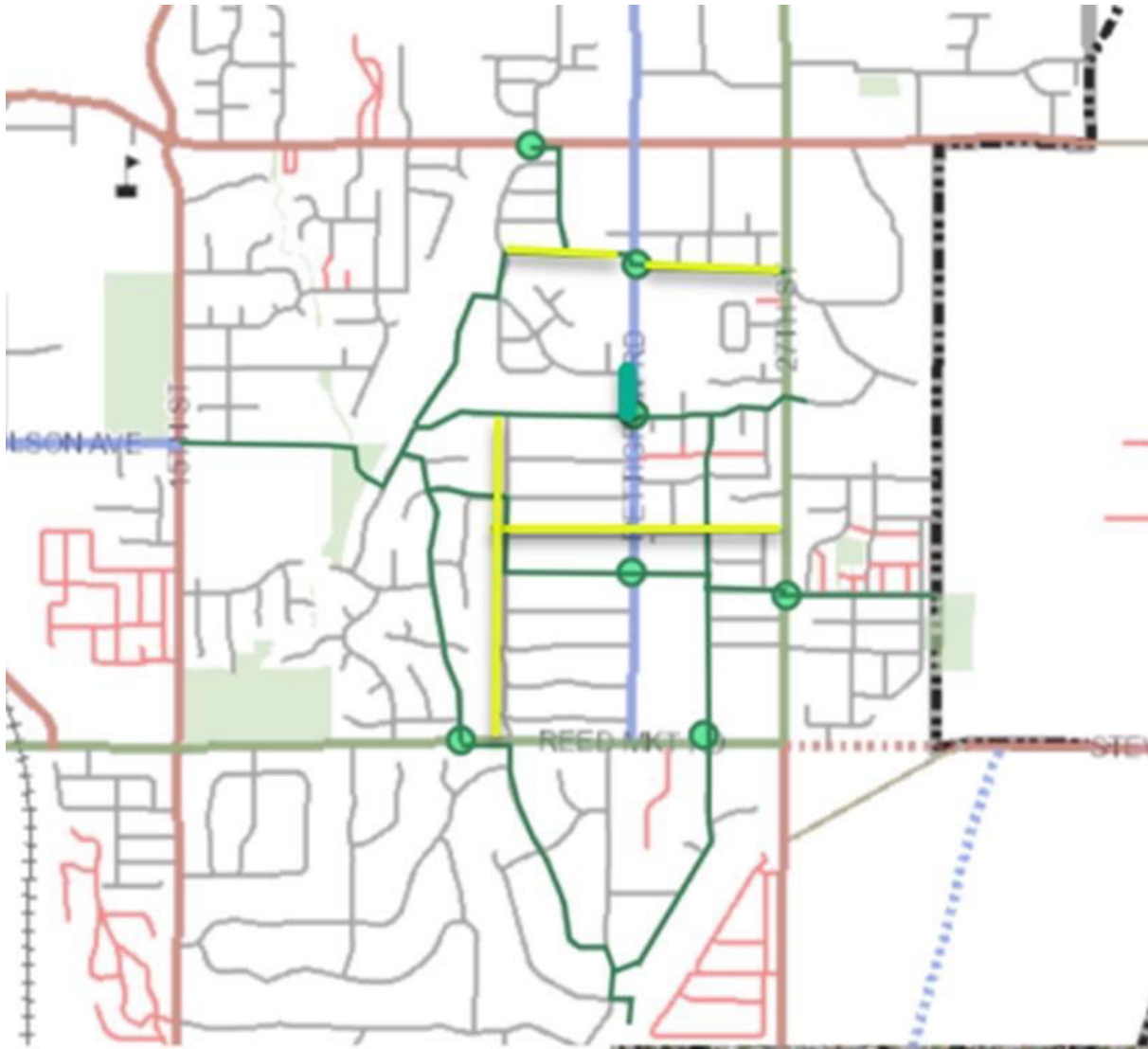
Other street safety related comments from the discussion:

- There are speeding issues on a lot of streets, so the City is trying to develop a citywide strategy around speed management.

- Pettigrew will have some septic to sewer project work in the southern 600 ft stretch, but this will not include widening or pedestrian improvements due to cost.
- Pettigrew and Bear Creek roundabout will happen in the 2023-2025 time frame.
- Crossing at Dean Swift is slated for improvement as part of the bike lane and pedestrian improvements that will occur along Bear Creek. That work is included in the recently passed GO Bond. Also included in the GO bond is improvements to 27th Street for bike/pedestrian safety. The exact nature of those improvements hasn't been determined yet.
- A second round of the Neighborhood Street Safety program will come in the beginning of 2023 - so it's time to start thinking about what to advocate for in this next round of NSSP projects.

Action items: Diane and Molly will work up a survey to see what our neighbors would support as a solution to the issues on Pettigrew. Since we are not expecting any sort of immediate funding this is not super urgent, so we'll take the time to make it thoughtful. Anyone with graphics or ideas please forward them to Diane.

Map from Janet's presentation is below. Green lines are existing and possible low stress networks for pedestrians and bicycles. Circles are possible crossing points.



- **Alpenglow Park Grand Opening:** The new Alpenglow Park on 15th just south of Murphy is slated to open in July. James presented a summary of what is planned for the grand opening of the park and is floating the idea of neighborhood association

participation for the three nearest neighborhoods. Parks and Rec is funding the grand opening so there is no financial commitment. We can be involved in the planning if we so choose. At minimum James is hoping that we can help with a shared neighborhood association table to raise awareness. There may be some sort of game or other activity at the table to attract people to come and see what we have to offer.

The date is tentatively July 8 (Note: since our meeting the date has been postponed by a week; the new date is July 15, from 4 to 8 PM).

Julie Brown at Parks and Rec is the contact if we have questions for them regarding this event.

The board discussed this idea briefly and decided we like the idea and that we're willing to help with the promoting of the event. It is too early to know our schedules as to whether any of us can help with the table. We'll keep it on the agenda for June.

Old business:

- Reports on relevant topics
 - Minutes/Budget (Sue, in place of Kelsie) Ariel has submitted her reimbursement request for Squarespace and Zoom and this should bring us up to date on expenditures. We want to make sure that if there are other expenses to be reimbursed, we need to submit them before the end of the budget year (June 30).
 - NLA (Morgan) Shelter code amendments have been the topic of conversation, largely around 24/7 management, the communication process, and the proximity to parks and schools. Morgan encouraged people to go to the Town Halls regarding the shelter code.
 - Land Use (Kat) **See summary below** of recent land use activity.
 - Transportation (Diane) Other than the Pettigrew discussion previously covered in the notes, no other report for transportation.
 - Communications (Kristin) Kristin reported earlier the email concerning trash on the Coyner trail let Kristin is willing to help with the blog and help with posting.

We need to promote the town halls through the web page and Facebook.
Morgan will also be promoted through Pandemic Partners.

- Membership (Marty): added two members to our MailChimp. We sent out two notices this month.
 - Web page (Molly) When Blog posting we need to connect through settings to adjust the social link to enable linking to Facebook. Kristin is willing to learn more about doing blog posts to back up Molly. There was a notice about the domain name that came in the mail, but Molly is pretty sure the domain name is now covered under Squarespace. (Note: this was later confirmed).
 - Continuing topics
 - Neighborhood Cleanup/Bend beautification project: Not sure if Kelsie ended up going to the event. We don't have an update from Emily who organized it. Sue will contact Emily and find out how it went. (Note: in a follow up email Emily reported it was a success! Emily has a list of suggestions which Sue will forward to the group)
 - Spring general meeting - We have speakers lined up for the general meeting
 - For fire resiliency and the "Own Your Zone" campaign: Fire Battalion Chief Darren Root.
 - Fire evacuation: TBA
 - Water conservation: Daniel Denning, Utilities Program Manager and Rod Mingus, Water Operations Manager.
- Meeting will be May 10, 6:30 PM
- Postcards will need to go out about two weeks ahead. Sue and Marty will work up the postcard verbiage and get it to the printers.
- Locals night with the board at Bevel? We will try to schedule again once the weather improves!
 - List of businesses in the neighborhood - how can we connect? We decided to postpone this discussion until a future meeting
 - Follow-up on outreach to new neighbors (City has capability to supply us with new addresses). We decided to postpone this discussion until a future meeting
 - Invite Parks Dept to future meetings? We decided to postpone this discussion until a future meeting

Next month:

- Meeting date: May 10, General Meeting; Fire and Water: Fire resilience and water conservation topics. 6:30 on Zoom
- Next board meeting: June 20... may be outside at Larkspur Park? We'll be off for July

June agenda topics (so far)

staffing for alpenglow park event

Survey for Pettigrew options

Land use summary:

City Council proclaimed it "Fair Housing Month"

Public Events:

April 27th – Open House ~ Wilson Avenue Corridor Project: For the upcoming construction of the 15th Street and Wilson Avenue roundabout.

Upcoming Public Meetings:

Monday, April 25th 5:15PM – Town Hall Event

Join your neighbors to learn more about how the City of Bend and Deschutes County are working to manage the houseless concern in Bend. You will hear from community leaders on this topic, and learn more about the proposed Shelter Code amendments the City of Bend may soon adopt. Event to be held at Caldera High School, 60925 SE 15th Street

RSVP to attend here: April 25: <http://evite.me/4MhbmHEXAS>

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Wednesday, April 27th – 6 pm - Gracie Lane and Don Street: 11-lot subdivision

Virtual: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86283888978>

The owner of the property noted below will be an application for an 11-lot townhouse subdivision. Prior to the submittal of the land use application, an informational meeting will be held according to the provisions of Section 4.1.215 of the Bend Development Code.

The property is located at the eastern terminus of Gracie Lane and Don Street, approximately 290feet east Dean Swift Road. The property has not been assigned an address; it is identified as Tax Lot601 on the Deschutes County Tax Assessor Map 17-12-34DC.

Wednesday, May 4th – 7pm - “Hybrid” public hearing regarding amendments to the Bend Comprehensive Plan

In person: 555 NE 15th Street, Bend, OR 97701

Virtual:

<https://www.bendoregon.gov/government/city-council/city-council-meeting-agendas-video>

The amendments are to the Bend Comprehensive Plan Chapter 5, Housing, and Chapter 6, Economy and to Bend Development Code Chapters 1.2 Definitions, 2.1 Residential Districts,

2.2 Commercial Zoning Districts, 2.3 Mixed-Use Zoning Districts, 2.4, Industrial Zoning Districts, 2.6, Public Facilities Zoning District, 2.7 Special Planned Districts, Refinement Plans, Area Plans and Master Plans, 3.3 Vehicle Parking, Loading and Bicycle Parking and 3.6 Special Standards and Regulations for Certain Uses.

Monday, May 9th – 5:30 pm - “virtual” public hearing before the Planning Commission

Amendments to the Bend Development Code (BDC) primarily for SB 458 which was passed by the Oregon Legislature in 2021. This law requires cities to allow middle housing developments to be subdivided into individual lots for homeownership opportunities. For example, a quadplex could be built on a lot and then split into four smaller lots, each containing one dwelling unit, by using an expedited land division procedure. The proposed amendments also include minor amendments for consistency and clarity. The amendments are to Bend Development Code (BDC) Chapters 1.2 Definitions, 2.1 Residential Districts, 3.1, Lot, Parcel and Block Design, Access and Circulation, 3.6 Special Standards and Regulations for Certain Uses, 3.8 Development Alternatives, 4.1, Development Review and Procedures, 4.3, Subdivisions, Partitions, Replats and Property Line Adjustments and 4.5 Master Plans and minor amendments throughout the BDC for consistency and clarity.

Tuesday, May 10th – 6 pm – Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) Expansion (Hayden Homes)

Location: 21455 HWY 20, Bend, OR, 97701; 1712350001500

Hayden Homes is bringing their proposal for an UGB expansion, comprehensive plan map designation of medium density (RM), and urbanizable area (UA) zoning of 35.5 acres to accommodate future development in association with HB 4079 – City of Bend Affordable Housing Pilot Program.

Project Number: [PLUGB20220115](#)

Comments must be received by May 1, 2022 and must reference the project number. This application is part of a pilot program for urban growth boundary expansion for affordable housing under House Bill 4079.