

Century West Neighborhood Association
Meeting Minutes – Special Board Meeting
September 29, 2005

Bill Padgham made the motion to open the meeting. Motion seconded by Jason Moyer.

Board Members present: Jack Lewis, Bob Brell, Denise Gorman, Jason Moyer and Bill Padgham.
Board Members absent: Jeff England, Judy McKrell and Jane Raleigh.

Draft Development Code

Bob Brell reviewed the email note and editorial (The Bulletin, September 25, 2005), which were written by Liz O'Connell (forming the proposed Aubrey Butte NA), requesting a delay in the ratification of the proposed Draft Development Code. Liz O'Connell had requested to each Neighborhood Association hold a Special Board Meeting by October 1, responding back to her by October 2, with a decision to endorse or not to endorse her letter that follows:

Dear Mayor Friedman and City Council Members:

We ask you to delay the ratification of the City of Bend Draft Development Code, designated as Project Number PZ 03-733, until the Boards of Directors of the City of Bend Neighborhood Associations are able to meet, go over the code, poll their members and address the neighborhood code language.

We are concerned about matters related to neighborhood commercial uses, Commercial convenience zones, residential neighborhood in-fill, height step-down requirements and other matters affecting existing neighborhoods.

We ask you to do this in lieu of citizen-initiated requests to an outside agency to come in to audit City communications between the City staff and the City appointed Code Committee. The audit should also include a review of the city's process of inclusion of communications between the Community Development staff and the Code Committee.

This committee was and is heavily weighted toward developers and to citizen appointees made by former Community Development Director Deborah McMahon and Mayor Friedman in 2001. Neither the audit Code Committee's draft nor the iterations from the code re-write committee represents the input of Neighborhood Associations, which have a vested interest in this process.

It would be of interest to Bend citizens to know if there were actions or omissions to frustrate the efforts of Neighborhood Associations and citizens of Bend to participate in, observe, or gain access to information that would otherwise be in direct violation of the City of Bend's charter and access to public information.

Bill Padgham moved in favor of CWNA endorsing the letter. Jason Moyer, Bob Brell and Jack Lewis were in favor. Denise Gorman opposed. Jane Raleigh and Judy McKrell assigned their proxy vote to Bob Brell. The vote carried six in favor to one against. Jeff England was absent.

Denise Gorman moved to adjourn the meeting. Jack Lewis seconded. Motion passed.