



## NORTH BONNEVILLE CITY COUNCIL

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Councilmember Terry Norris  
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### North Bonneville Workshop Agenda

May 14, 2019

6:30 p.m.

#### Council Workshop

**Workshop Meeting Call to Order:** 6:31pm

**Roll Call:** Present; Mayor B. Sabo, Councilmembers J. Acton, T. Norris, M. Lee, J. Whitcomb. Absent; Councilmember T. Randall (present at 6:34pm)

#### Unfinished Business:

J. Acton- For the crosswalk going in on Cascade, any thought of a no-stop flashing crosswalk like in Stevenson? B. Sabo- I believe it's set in stone, but that would be a question for our engineer, Devin Jackson. J. Acton- I don't see a lot of speeding on that stretch of road, so it may be better for the flashing cross for safety instead. B. Sabo – We have to follow a scope of work and I'm unsure how flexible that is. Speaking of grants, we were informed by letter that on a late session on April 28<sup>th</sup>, legislation voted to cut funding of TIB to small cities. That is a loss of much needed help for us. Tom J- it was a state vote on a weekend. B. Sabo- the crosswalk is a TIB project. J. Acton- what is TIB? B. Sabo- Transportation Improvement Board. J. Acton- is AWC helping resolve this? B. Sabo- they are involved as well as MRSC, to keep little cities in mind. J. Whitcomb- why would they cut to small cities? They need the most help. J. Acton- should we send letters to the governor as well? B. Sabo- yes, asking for a veto. G. Hartnell- how did we find out? B. Sabo- The TIB informed our engineer, who informed us. Josh Goode of NB- How did our reps vote? T. Jermann- Senator and chairman of the transportation committee voted to rid. B. Sabo- Can we introduce this guy? I don't think a lot of people know who he is.. Jake Meyer- This is Ken Craig- this man is a long time collaborator with the city and Trails Foundation, the man responsible for all of our wood signage and the bigfoot carvings. He has put in many hours of free work and contribution to the city. B. Sabo- he's done an excellent job and we appreciate him! About time people get to know who you are! B. Sabo- Travis Randall looks a little tired today. FD had a call-out last night and Travis was right back into work this morning and to the meeting tonight. B. Sabo- to Deanna- anything about Gorge Days? D. Adams- Coming along well, forms are online for car show, garage sale registration, still room for vendors but have more than last year, we could still use volunteers. We are very much under budget but still have marketing expenses coming for flyers, newspapers, and radio spots. T. Norris- did you find a sponsor for the beer tent? D. Adams- still in the works, there's a permit that needs to get applied for. There was a lot of excitement about the parade last year and we've opted to include a street float contest for a little extra involvement and excitement. B. sabo- On the 4<sup>th</sup> after the parade, we're hoping to do a little community get together and maybe BBQ. D. Adams- there's a lot of rules surrounding what we're allowed to do for public festivals, so still working out the details. Hoping to do some water games for the kids or something as well.

**New Business:** B. Sabo- We have a pretty amazing presentation coming up from the Trails Foundation coming up in our regular meeting regarding a great plan to involve community and tourism. Pretty exciting. **Adjournment:** 6: 48pm



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May 14, 2019

7:00 p.m.

**Meeting Call to Order:** 7pm

**Roll Call:** Present; Mayor B. Sabo, Councilmembers J. Acton, T. Randall, T. Norris, M. Lee, J. Whitcomb

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Agenda Changes & Additions:** D. Adams – Water Credit for leak

**Public Hearings:**

**Consent Agenda:**

- **Approval of April 23, 2019 meeting minutes. Approval May first half Vouchers.** Motion by T. Randall, Second by J. Acton. Passed 5-0

**Guest Presentations:**

- **Bonneville Trails Foundation project.** B. Sabo- the Trails Foundation has been around for about 15 years with the city. Responsible for most of our pathways, bigfoots, geocache, disc golf. Very active in our community. Jacob Meyer- We are about to present a project to transform our existing playground into a marketable tourist facility, but for all of our community to also enjoy for generations to come. You have a packet and we have a slideshow to share. We are hoping that you will agree that this is a great idea and earmark the tourist facility money for this project. This is not a pie in the sky idea, it has been in the planning phases for a couple of years now. Greg Hartnell will come up shortly to share how this project could get started almost immediately with your help. Bonneville Adventure Park. We were trying to come up with what would be a marketable idea for tourism, support and grow local businesses, and be something for the citizens of NB to enjoy for years to come. The vision needed to be an all-inclusive for all types and interests and be beneficial for all. The joining of visions of the city and the foundation was key. The concept of bringing these together is based around play. Play encourages many things from families coming together, to active lifestyles, to close-knit community involvement. The concept originally started with the beginning of the foundation 15 years ago and the idea that NB is a beautiful place to integrate this idea. A marketable facility is instrumental in growing business and keeping NB alive. We have a couple examples in this slideshow of integrating a city's identity into adventure playgrounds in small areas needing a little something more. Places with not much going on, turned into amazing facilities that have kept the city identity and captured attention and drew business and visitors in. The themed concept has been very successful, and we've decided to integrate this idea. You are all here because you want a stronger community and want to be involved. We are all invested in our community, regardless of different backgrounds and viewpoints. NB is in a very special place and it is beautiful. In 2005, there were surveys going out, roundtable discussions, because we all had an idea for a better North Bonneville and continuing to keep it a special place. This is where the trails, geocache, and bigfoots started. The one strong element that was talked about then and still talked about today was to reimagine our out of date and out of code playground. It has been

useful and utilized but has been thought about for years. The vision is finally coming to life. These example communities have been very successful, and we want to bring that here with our own vision. \*Playing slideshow. Jake Meyer- words are cheap, but the imagery and imagination put into this speaks volumes. What is the next step? What does this take? Greg is going to come up and explain how we can start making this happen almost immediately. Greg Hartnell – pretty phenomenal. Imagine being a little kid walking into this! We want to create a generational legacy. You get to make the decision tonight whether to go forward or not. There was a presentation years ago to council to start this vision process and it was accepted and embraced. The planner at the time was not well, but so grateful and emotional about council approving to move forward and passed along the baton to us. We want to keep this going. These plans include ADA compliance and inclusivity for all abilities. This idea builds on the trails and geocache and the idea of play and discovery. This includes a renovation of the bathroom and basketball court as well. How do we go from what we have now to this new idea? We have to take action. This plan is 5 treehouse climbers, water feature, mountain climbers and zipline, new half court, and new bathroom. You'll be able to see this driving into Bonneville, possibly from 14. Eyes will widen as you come upon it! We will include safety lighting and security cameras. The city came together to make the bigfoots and the Great Elder at the City entrance a possibility. If you haven't stood by the Great Elder, you should. This plan is phenomenal and includes features that are already a part of the community- representing nearby mountains, the Bridge of the Gods, etc. This is what it will take; money, volunteers. 1.1 Million dollars for the entirety of the plan. Already, we have a tourist fund earmarked for a tourist facility. These dollars are sitting there and committed to this. They have been sitting there waiting for an idea. There are other funds available for this project from several sources but are asking you tonight to set aside and dedicate these funds that are already present for a facility and then we know we can take off running for the remainder of funds. Ken Craig- it has been a long-time problem to keep business here. This idea would be a pinnacle and draw for families and businesses to come and stay with the draw of tourism and connectivity. Greg Hartnell- The CBD was intended to be the hub of the city, but the park is not enough. This idea would attract revenue, tourism, recreational hub, and blends with the natural setting. Thank you for your attention and I truly hope you'll earmark the tourism facility fund for our vision. Jake Meyer- you could say too much commitment, too much money, too much risk. Take a chance on us for the benefit of community and North Bonneville. We want to ensure our children and grandchildren and others can enjoy the beauty and play. This would be a precious resource for the city. We are asking you to earmark the fund for what it was intended for, not an extra fund to borrow from. Attractive for business owners, tourists, and the community. Don't say no!

**Public Comment:** Robert Miller of NB- I was noticing council members inattentive and uninterested. Uncalled for- the Foundation put a lot of time into this. They have no vested interest or financial gain from this, they are volunteers wanting to better the city. I highly suggest you take this seriously. Dana Hall of NB- I lived in Santa Barbara in 1999 when they put together "Kid's World". Elaborate, but the community pulled together to create it. Many volunteers showed up to make it happen. I've been back a few times and it has continued to be a big draw for the city. Theirs was not even as beautiful as this and I believe the potential here is large and would definitely bring people and business to NB. Diane Hamilton of NB- We're doing our 15<sup>th</sup> annual Gorge Days, started by Amy Lyddon and Mark Kuene. This was started to build community and bring people in. This fund has been here for a while and they are asking for the money that has been long intended for something like this. I highly suggest you support this. This is the eye of the Gorge, there's no other place like this. Recreation is the way to bring people here. I support this idea and hope you will, too. Josh Good of NB- That presentation brings me back to New Zealand. All communities there have facilities

like this woven into the city structure. That is something I haven't seen much in America but is something people desire and cherish. I would like to see more line-item for this to see how it can unfold. This is a one-shot project and we would want to get it right.

Greg Johnson of NB- I went to Central Washington a long time ago. The railroad bypassed this little town that was going to die. Community members and city got together and created what is now Leavenworth. I think this is the first step in a good direction

Ken Craig of NB- Any long-term plans 25 or 50 years out all include centralization of population and including rural areas. You have 2 million people around here who want recreation. If this isn't the plan, something needs to be or we will be left behind. WA is now considering tourism money, which they haven't done before. That money is going to be available around the state and the top priority is for natural areas. We have to be ready for them, we don't want to send them down the road. WE can do it here, right now! This project gives motivation and incentive for people to come in. It won't turn into Disneyland, we don't have room to expand residentially, so we will stay small, but can bring revenues, businesses, and tourist interest. The revenue is endless once you get started- many cities have successfully done this and now is the time.

Rick Roach- NB for one month- Who are the types of people you want to bring in for revenues, tourism? Families bring good revenue. This is a perpetual project that generations will remember and want to replicate that with their own children. Big win!

Deanna Adams- I do want to mention that the Bonneville Trails Foundation are the ones making Gorge Days possible this year as our main sponsors.

B. Sabo- I ran for Mayor to bring back family value and need in NB. Deanna and I were here talking to the Foundation when we first started and they were getting used to doors being slammed in their face, but they kept on for 15 years and have come to the pinnacle. They stuck through adversity as energetic volunteers. This is family friendly and takes advantage of where we are.

**Councilmember Comments:** J. Acton- I like the idea. Grandkids like what's there now, and this would be great. If funds can be raised for the rest without extra city money.

T. Randall- I like it, but it is expensive. How will it be maintained? WE don't have enough for extra people for maintenance. NB got screwed moving away from the water. This would take creative budgeting and accounting- there will be more trash, more vandalism. It is a beautiful project and I'm for it, but want to bring up some cons. It's a big ontaking for a little city like this. Even if you come up with the funds to build, we don't have funds to maintain. I don't see a good flow in CBD already- there's only one spot left in the strip mall area. Concerned we've been setup to fail. I will vote to allocate the funds. Stevenson and Cascade Locks also think they are the eye of the Gorge. If you have water, they will come.

Ken Craig- Failure comes with inactivity. Not one of the cities who have done this failed. All of those cities won. Pretty solid track record of this sustaining itself with a little community support. T. Randall- other attractions are already in those places, you have to have backing. Definitely with more people brings more trash. Ken Craig-it will start as free, but there may be eventual parking fees, rent for parties, etc. In other disc golf courses, there is a \$2 parking fee, and they are still full. There's ways to make money down the line.

T. Randall- the bridge covers Cascade Locks, or that town would fail. I'm still on board. B. Sabo- what was my first concern? Manpower to maintain. Ken- development of some sort is bound to happen. M. Lee- I see struggle in just getting city property mowed. B. Sabo- do you know how much property we mow? In a perfect world, we would get a giant mower, not easy. Tom J- our revenues mainly come from sales tax. We don't have revenues and need them. B. Sabo- we have little businesses are starting to grow. This would be helpful and we need to get behind them and increase our revenues.

Deanna- as far as water goes, we don't need it do have recreation. Not everyone wants to do water activities. They have the water stuff, we have the land stuff with our trails, we have plenty of parking and open space to utilize. We won't be Leavenworth, but it would be utilized by people who like the outdoors but not necessarily the water. We need to start getting creative. B. Sabo- they are not asking

for the money right now, just to hold it for this project while they start their fundraising efforts for the remaining amount. T. Randall- I'm willing to take the risk. Jake Meyer- Question for everyone, if a flyer went out to volunteer for work parties to maintain, how many of you would be interested? (Almost everyone raises hand). Ken Woodrich- there's an unusual statute that could help – 35.21.278 – that cities can get money to go to construction, operation, and maintenance for this type of facility that is city-owned. You're basically encouraging volunteer labor without having to take the cost of supplies, etc. 25k per year- it gives potential to basically triple your value by using volunteer services, not paying prevailing wage, public bidding, etc. because it is not considered "public works". Use this each year, it seems there's a lot of people willing to volunteer. Jacob Meyer- thank you. Diane Hamilton- taxes. The council turned down making this a park district, which would have taxed us highly. This project would not tax the citizens, but still would be a benefit to them. Jacob Meyer- we feel like this is a resource that wouldn't cost the citizens a dime, just time. T. Norris- I agree with Travis that the cons are good to look at. We will have crime no matter what. I like the connectivity of the trails. WE have hiking, biking, recreational, we've got it here. Surrounding places like Beacon Rock are full in their parking lots, they need more areas to open! Connecting and doing this would be a benefit to all. We always have fresh air, I'm sold. This tourist money has been sitting there, we can't touch it unless it's a tourist facility. If we start this, everything else will flow from it. J. Meyer- this adventure park is part of much bigger idea. The trails hub idea is in the works to connect us to Beacon Rock and Stevenson and the PCT. We would be the educational trails hub in the heart of the Gorge. Margie Lee- It's a great idea and has needed to happen for a while. I have some of the same concerns in the CBD, but it's still a good idea. J. Whitcomb- I like the pros and cons. I think this would be a tremendous boost to the city.

**Mayor's Comments:** B. Sabo- they are not asking us to cut a check now, they are asking us to earmark the money while they fundraise. This would be a great investment. If they can raise 3x more, great.

**City Clerk Report:** I love the idea of the playground. Definitely need to look at labor and maintenance costs. We are a beautiful community and we need to come together with community work parties and helping each other out. B. Sabo- if we can generate more tax revenue with businesses, we could hire more maintenance crews.

**City Attorney's Report:** The fact that this idea is themed is a big deal for drawing in tourism. There's playgrounds everywhere, but the fact that it is themed would be very helpful for an audit. It's only using a small portion of the H/M funds, but uses the tourism funds that are already allocated to this sort of thing.

#### **Unfinished Business:**

- **Woodall Website Maintenance Agreement.** Motion by T. Randall, second by J. Whitcomb. Passed 5-0
- **Resolution 527 Reaffirming Special market Conditions and Ratifying Purchase of a Used Manlift Bucket Truck.** Motion by T. Randall, second by T. Norris. Passed 5-0

#### **New Business:**

- **Paladin Background Check Agreement.** Motion by T. Randall, second by M. Lee. B. sabo- need to have background checks on firefighters and city employees. It's an expensive process and can be upwards of \$350/person. This company charges around half of what we spend now. Deanna Adams- It also wraps in all states instead of \$25 for each state and other deals like that, giving us more info for less money. Passed 5-0
- **Water Credit.** Motion by T. Randall, second by J. Acton. B. Sabo- she's 96, been in the hospital since Feb. Someone noticed a leak outside. Our public works guy came and fixed it on his personal time. Her bill is usually very small, as it's only the base fee, but this one was over \$300. Deanna- generally speaking, this credit requires furnishing receipts and proof of fix. Because Bryan Henrichsen fixed and didn't charge, we instead have a statement from him that this issue has been fixed. Passed 5-0

- **Consensus to allocate tourism funds for the BTF Adventure Park Project.** No objections, will allocate 250k to the development of the Bonneville Trails Foundation Adventure Park. Jake Meyer- if there are any questions on the financial details, we can sit down and discuss specifics. T. Randall- what is phase one? Jake Meyer- the treehouses and restroom would be phase one, water feature is phase two, and climbing/zipline is three. M. Lee- for the funding efforts, we should have a letter of earmarked funds from council and the Mayor. T. Randall- you already have a quarter of it raised now! Jake Meyer- we hadn't started raising funds because we wanted you to see it first and we would be silly to start without the city support! T. Jermann- if you add the land as an in-kind match of utilizing the property, it increases the value. Jacob Meyer- the strategy session is next. T. Randall- let the rest of the BTF know that I appreciate their efforts! WE all appreciate you. Jacob Meyer- we still want to work with the FD.

**Closing Public Comment:** Greg Johnson- FD goals right now are fire prevention. We are working with the Forest Service to install the fire danger meter sign at the entrance of town. Working with the same lady who is bringing Smokey the Bear to Gorge Days.

**Closing Council Comments**

**Adjournment:** 8:40pm