



CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE RESPONSES 2018

The Bend Neighborhood Coalition asked the candidates for City Council and Mayor to address several issues affecting neighborhood livability. We said we would circulate their answers, as written, to our members and other interested citizens. Here are the responses from one candidate.

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1) **Name:** Charles Webster Baer

2) **What do you see as the main threats to the livability of Bend's neighborhoods as the City grows?**

High rent.

3) **What changes in City policies do you support to address those threats?**

Focus growth to the east.

4) **On which of these issues do you expect to take a leadership role on Council.**

More parks, larger parks.

5) **Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with the following:**

a) Establishing parking districts in areas where nearby uses create excessive demand by non-residents

Agree Somewhat

b) Creating neighborhood compatibility zones to buffer residential areas from the offsite impacts of adjoining commercial and mixed use areas (through a step-down in permitted uses)

Agree Somewhat

c) Establishing a university district to concentrate campus-related development in adjoining mixed use zones, while protecting the character of nearby residential neighborhoods

Agree Somewhat

d) Terminating the ability to transfer non-conforming short-term rental permits on sale of the property

Agree Somewhat

e) Planning for one or more entertainment districts where outdoor amplified music and late-night entertainment is concentrated and allowed to operate under more relaxed guidelines

Agree Somewhat

- f) Developing code regulating events on private property (e.g., duration, frequency, proximity to other uses, requirements for parking, public safety, etc.)

Agree Somewhat

- g) Reducing decibel levels in the noise ordinance to more closely match other cities

Agree Somewhat

- h) Adopting an occupancy limit or high occupancy permit as a means of avoiding single family homes being used as rooming houses or stealth dorms

Agree Somewhat

6) How can the impacts of tourism be mitigated to protect the quality of life for Bend's residents?

More parking garages downtown.

7) Do you believe the STR code passed in 2015 has successfully curbed the loss of inventory of residential homes to tourist use? What improvements to that code would you support?

Yes. Most.

8) What changes to the role of the elected mayor should be made to better address the City's needs?

I would work with the City of Bend to implement parts of GIG (global internet government — see www.globalinternetgovernment.com) into the city's priorities. I feel Bend can lead the world in the two most important issues facing mankind in this millennium: fiscal transparency in government and female reproductive rights.