



## 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:** Bill Moseley

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

We are loving Bend to death. Our growth is currently haphazard at best; driven by activists at its worst. The vast majorities of Bend residents remain unheard as the city transforms before their very eyes. Bend residents want quiet neighborhoods and friendly people, not a reproduction of Portland's Pearl District. We need a council that hears the desires of residents for neighborhood compatibility, parking, and safety, among other issues.

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

Create a vision – Engage neighborhood associations to create a strategy for a livable community through the new Neighborhood Leadership Alliance.

Encourage community input – Allow fair and transparent participation by neighbors into development changes that impact them. When a major development or plan impacts the parking, height, traffic, density or use of an existing neighborhood, we need to notify those impacted. Simple notices and an opportunity for neighbors to offer their input go a long way toward resolving conflicts.

Change the culture at City Hall – Homeowners who care about their property and neighborhood sometimes get labeled as “NIMBYS” and other offensive names. The city must stop arrogantly dismissing residents.

Neighborhood compatibility – Instead of turning the entire city into a party, slow tourism growth and provide art venues where they complement surrounding development. Transition gradually from less to more higher density neighborhoods with buffer zones between residential and other uses that disturb neighborhoods.

Invite community input – Engage the real Bend! Currently, special interests fill our city committees. Staff often follow their own agenda too. And unfortunately, Council stays mostly asleep at the switch. We need to make sure our efforts reflect Bendites, not just those encouraged to attend committees by special interests or an activist group.

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

All of them. Bend residents have a right to choose the character of their community.

In my first two years on council, I instigated the creation of the Neighborhood Leadership Alliance, a city committee of neighborhood associations who advise the council on livability issues. Initially, I proposed a livability committee, but was opposed by councilor Russell and others. So, I encouraged Mayor Roats and Councilor Livingston to meet with neighborhood associations about revitalizing the neighborhood associations. Following that meeting, and working with Councilor Abernethy, council agreed to the formation of the NLA.

I also championed the issue of noise for the River West Neighborhood Association regarding Century Center. I successfully sought city negotiation with business owners and finally an ordinance that limited the number of events at facilities not inspected and designed for such large gatherings.

Similarly, I championed downtown safety which resulted in the reduction of camping and homelessness in our city core. I've also pushed the city to address the 25 homeless camps impacting neighborhoods in NE Bend.

My action show my concern for Bend's livability.

**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 strongly*
- 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 strongly*
- c) Establishing a university district to concentrate campus-related development in adjoining mixed use zones, while protecting the character of nearby residential neighborhoods  
*Agree strongly*
- d) Terminating the ability to transfer non-conforming short-term rental permits on sale of the property  
*Disagree 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 strongly*
- f) Developing code regulating events on private property (e.g., duration, frequency, proximity to other uses, requirements for parking, public safety, etc.)  
*Agree strongly*
- g) Reducing decibel levels in the noise ordinance to more closely match other cities  
*Agree strongly*
- 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?**

We are loving Bend to death. Stop advertising for tourists. Bend spends \$3 million a year on advertising. It's not needed. The word is out. Tourism creates low wage jobs that are incompatible with our housing costs. Decreasing tourism will also reduce the demand for converting residential property into STRs.

Events, attractions and features that draw large gatherings need to be conducted away from neighborhoods.

Identify additional revenue sources that target services used by tourists so they pay their fair share of costs related to infrastructure.

**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?**

The STR code did curb the creation of STRs in some areas. Did it go far enough? I'm not sure. We have discussed the issue several times since with the city's attorney who advises that we not reopen the issue. The prior council's action may have created a property right that if taken would result in the city being engaged in litigation.

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

The mayor already has the rights and responsibilities to effectively serve residents of Bend. We simply need a leader who gets things done. Listening and talking (and talking) is not enough in these times of rapid change in Bend. Over the last two years, I've accomplished more than any councilor in recent memory. My business experience taught me to set goals, make plans and align resources. Not everyone will agree, but waiting for consensus merely continues Bend's path of aimlessly trending toward existence as a city none of us call livable.