

EUGENE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY



Work Session: Envision Eugene Draft Recommendation

Meeting Date: March 14, 2012
Department: Planning and Development
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Agenda Item Number: A
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ISSUE STATEMENT

This work session provides an opportunity to present the City Manager's recommendation for Envision Eugene.

BACKGROUND

Two primary goals of the Envision Eugene project are to: 1) determine how Eugene will accommodate the next 20 years of growth in the community, as required by state law, and 2) create a future that is livable, sustainable, beautiful and prosperous.

The project kicked off in May 2010 with a series of community meetings and a year of collaborative and in-depth conversations with a wide variety of thoughtful and knowledgeable community members - the Community Resource Group. In March 2011, a draft proposal titled Envision Eugene: A Legacy of Livability was published, setting a course for a new and sustainable vision for the future of Eugene. Seven pillars, or major objectives, defined the framework for the vision and reflect Eugene's collective community values and best outcomes. Each pillar is accompanied by strategies and actions to implement the vision.

The past 12 months have focused on staff and committee work to refine the draft strategies and actions. The Technical Resource Group, a committee made up of community members with technical expertise, spent hundreds of hours vetting data and analysis. While they did not vet all the information that formed the basis for this recommendation, or the recommendation itself, their work has been invaluable in providing a solid basis for the recommendation. Six open houses and an on-line open house were held to share interim work products with the general public. Each month, a project e-newsletter is sent to over 400 people.

The Draft Recommendation presents the land need for housing, jobs, parks, and schools; recommends an Urban Growth Boundary to accommodate the need; and outlines strategies and actions necessary to manage growth in line with the community vision. This information will be presented at the March 14, 2012, work session, and the accompanying documents will be distributed at that time.

Next Steps

A series of six community forums will be held around the city to present the recommendation and gather feedback. Each forum will be from 6 – 8 p.m. and the dates and locations are as follows:

- March 20 - Petersen Barn
- March 22 - North Eugene High School
- April 3 - Churchill High School
- April 5 - Studio at the Hult Center
- April 10 - Sheldon Community Center
- April 12 - South Eugene High School

Additionally, an on-line survey will be available and a public hearing is scheduled for April 16. A council work session is scheduled for May 16.

RELATED CITY POLICIES

Growth Management Policies

COUNCIL OPTIONS

No formal action is required at this time.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION

No action is required on this item. Therefore, no recommendations are offered by the City Manager.

SUGGESTED MOTIONS

No action is required on this item. Therefore, no motions are suggested.

ATTACHMENTS

No attachments.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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