

## MINUTES

**Eugene City Council  
Harris Hall, 125 East 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Eugene, Oregon 97401**

**October 23, 2013  
12:00 p.m.**

**Councilors Present:** George Brown, Betty Taylor, George Poling, Mike Clark, Chris Pryor, Claire Syrett, Greg Evans, Alan Zelenka (via conference phone)

Mayor Piercy opened the October 23, 2013, Eugene City Council work session.

### **A WORK SESSION: Urban Farming and Food Security**

Sustainability Liaison Babe O'Sullivan provided an overview of urban farming including information about policies, practices, goals, barriers and conditions that may present challenges to a sustainable urban food system.

#### **Council Discussion/Suggestions/Questions:**

- Highlight food security issues at upcoming economic summit.
- Sustainable food efforts help the entire community as do community gardens.
- Coordinate implementation efforts with existing food security initiatives.
- Support school districts efforts to grow food on-site at schools for use by students.
- Envision Eugene goals conflict with economic development goals.
- Community gardens are popular, program expansion would help food security efforts.
- What policies or codes changes would be needed to change in order to better support urban farming?
- Use vacant City-owned land for temporary public gardens.
- As Envision Eugene develops we will closely examine competing goals of compact urban growth, use of public spaces, sustainable food securities and urban farming.
- Explore concept of "edible parks;" parks with fruit and nut trees.
- Consider expansion of the Farmer's Market.
- Create a Food Policy Task Force.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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