

MINUTES

Eugene City Council
Planning Commission Interviews
East Wing Conference Room--City Hall

July 18, 1995
5 p.m.

COUNCILORS PRESENT: Shawn Boles (after 5:15), Pat Farr, Barbara Keller,
Laurie Swanson Gribkov, Jim Torrey.

The special meeting of July 18, 1995, of the Eugene City Council was called to order by Councilor Barbara Keller.

I. INTERVIEWS FOR POSITION ON PLANNING COMMISSION

Ms. Keller welcomed candidate Gil Achterhof and members of the council introduced themselves. Mr. Boles welcomed each of the successive candidates, Greg Ringer, Pennie Hopkins, and Ronald Schwada. Each candidate was interviewed separately and provided answers to the following questions:

1. Why are you interested in serving on the Planning Commission?
2. The Planning Commission must often balance competing interests when it develops planning documents and makes land use decisions. In your opinion, what are the most important factors for the Planning Commission to consider in its decision making?
3. The Metropolitan Plan, adopted City plans, and the annual City Council Goals provide guidance on a number of key issues for the City's elected officials and its boards and commissions. In your opinion, which goals and policies should be given high priority by the Planning Commission in the coming year?
4. How can the commission ensure that the concept of compact urban growth is clearly articulated and implemented through City ordinances and standards?
5. In a recent joint meeting, the council asked the Planning Commission how to improve the collection of feedback from a broad range of citizens regarding issues related to urban growth. What suggestions do you have for getting feedback from citizens who are not activists on either side of the issues?

Mr. Boles asked if Mr. Ringer had any questions of the councilors. Mr. Ringer asked what the three largest issues facing the Planning Commission will be for the coming year.

Mr. Ringer asked for assurance that the position on the Planning Commission was not one of figurehead, and that the council and the commission work in tandem on the various issues facing the city. The councilors provided such assurance.

II. COUNCIL DISCUSSION

The councilors present briefly exchanged their impressions of the first two candidates.

III. CONTINUATION OF INTERVIEWS FOR POSITION ON PLANNING COMMISSION

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The councilors present briefly exchanged their impressions of the final two candidates.

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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City Manager

(Recorded by Siobhan Briley)
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