

MINUTES

**Eugene City Council
Harris Hall, 125 East 8th Avenue
Eugene, Oregon 97401**

**October 21, 2013
5:30 p.m.**

Councilors Present: George Brown, Betty Taylor, Alan Zelenka, George Poling Mike Clark, Greg Evans, Claire Syrett, Chris Pryor

Mayor Kitty Piercy opened the October 21, 2013, City Council work session.

A. Work Session: Bethel Community Park/YMCA Project Update

City of Eugene's Emily Proudfoot and Neil Björklund gave an update on the Bethel Community Park.

Council Discussion/Questions:

- Bethel is a fast-growing area that needs additional services.
- Who will pay for the construction and ongoing maintenance of a new facility?
- Current budget issues threaten services at both branch libraries.
- Would the YMCA pay to lease the land from the City?
- Transportation issues; Avalon and Legacy streets are not built for heavy traffic.
- Important to engage LTD in discussion about service provision to area.
- Goal should be to encourage use of alternate modes to access facility.
- Will parking be provided for general park use, as well as for YMCA patrons?
- Will a traffic impact analysis be required?
- If only YMCA members can use the facility, then it is not a community center.
- What is the cost for a 10,000 sq. foot facility to a 65,000 sq. foot facility with a pool?
- What are the land use restrictions around the wetlands?

B. Work Session: Sustainability Commission Work Plan and Annual Report

Sustainability Liaison Babe O'Sullivan and Sustainability Commission members Kathi Jaworski and Steve Newcomb gave an update on the commission's work plan and annual report.

Council Discussion/Questions:

- Very thoughtful and focused group; new members to the commission are a great addition.
- Good work plan but could be too ambitious.
- Would like to discuss Environmental Justice items, including the issue of emissions in vulnerable communities.
- There are some concerns and skepticism about the effectiveness of the TBL tool.
- It's important to engage neighbors in discussion about 20-minute neighborhoods.
- Inform Budget Committee about work the commission is doing and its value.
- Analysis of issues using the TBL will be incorporated into Agenda Item Summaries.
- Is regulation of pesticides and herbicides within the commission's scope of work?
- Would like to see issues related to bee population investigated by commission.

MOTION: Councilor Poling seconded by Councilor Pryor, moved to approve the Sustainably Commission FY14 work plan.

A motion by Councilor Clark to accept rather than approve the work plan died for lack of a second.

VOTE: PASSED 7:1, Councilor Clark opposed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Crockett
Deputy City Recorder

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Her Honor, Mayor Piercy opened the October 21, 2013, City Council Public Hearing.

1. PUBLIC HEARING: Ordinance Adopting Amended Hazardous Substance Tracking Instructions for Reports Due Beginning April 1, 2014, and Removing One Hazardous Substance from the List of Reportable Chemicals

No one testified on the matter.

Council Discussion/Questions:

- More information on the hazardous substance being removed from the list of reportable chemicals was requested.

The meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Crockett
Deputy City Recorder