

MINUTES

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

**February 12, 2014
12:00 PM**

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

Councilors Absent: Alan Zelenka

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Mayor Piercy convened the February 12, 2014 City Council work session.

A. WORK SESSION/ACTION: Envision Eugene Implementation - An Ordinance Concerning Single Family Code Amendments for Accessory Buildings, Alley Access Lots and Secondary Dwellings, and for Protection Measures Specific to the University Area.

Interim Planning Director, Carolyn Burke introduced this item and provided a recap of the previous work related to Envision Eugene, the public outreach and participation to date and the policy and plan changes that need to happen to move Eugene toward the new goals. Ms. Burke then turned the floor over to Senior Planner Alissa Hunter-Hansen, who presented Power Point slides describing the proposed changes and some visual representations of the kinds of impacts those changes may have on future development.

The proposed changes include improving compatibility standards citywide for

- Secondary dwelling units (SDU)
- Accessory buildings
- Existing alley lots
- Allow for new alley access lots
- Add University Area Interim Protection Measures

Councilor Clark requested to see 3 things addressed when this item comes back to Council for action:

1. Setbacks – (some Councilors felt that 5 feet is not far enough from the property line)
2. Lot size – (questions about the number of units allowed per lot)
3. Standards for appeals – (Councilor Clark wants some boundaries set for this)

Council discussion:

- Great work by staff
- Concerns expressed about not counting SDU's in density

- Alley access lots happen so infrequently it's not worth amending the code
- Adjustment criteria too vague/arbitrary
- University Area Interim Protection Measures should be separated from other items
- Adopt Interim Protection Measures as soon as possible
- PDD staff need to come back to Council fairly quickly with an ordinance that addresses the remaining elements of the R-1 Low Density Residential Zone package
- We must look for ways to convert older houses into newer, more affordable housing

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Clark, seconded by Councilor Brown moved to have the City Manager bring back to Council a separate ordinance which on its own will accomplish the interim protection measures. **7:0 PASSED.**

ADJOURN: The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Michelle Mortensen

Michelle Mortensen,
Deputy City Recorder