

MINUTES

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

April 23, 2014
12:00 p.m.

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

Mayor Piercy called the April 23, 2014, City Council work session to order.

A. **WORK SESSION: Re-designation of Striker Fields Park**

Parks and Open Space Planning Manager Neil Björklund introduced the topic and provided background information.

Council discussion

- The need for a community park continues to grow as more housing is built in the neighborhood.
- Folding the re-designation into the PROS Plan update is more resource-efficient and responsive to broader community goals.
- It is important to recognize and take advantage of those willing to invest money and sweat equity into park improvements and amenities.
- Residents want reassurance that land won't be developed in a way that's incompatible with the neighborhood's wishes.

MOTION: Councilor Pryor, seconded by Councilor Syrett, moved to direct staff to incorporate re-designation of Striker Fields Park into the update of the PROS Comprehensive Plan, beginning in 2015, and to include a public hearing before the City Council.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION and VOTE: Councilor Clark, seconded by Councilor Poling, moved to substitute to direct staff to initiate a public process, including a public hearing before the council to consider re-designation of Striker Fields Park in 2014. **FAILED 4:5**, councilors Syrett, Taylor, Brown and Zelenka opposed; Mayor Piercy broke tied in opposition.

MOTION TO SUBSTITUTE and VOTE: Council Syrett, seconded by Councilor Clark, moved to direct staff to incorporate re-designation of Striker Fields Park into the update of the PROS Comprehensive Plan, beginning in 2015, and to include a public hearing before the City Council and to delay the implementation of the development of Striker Field as a community park with sports field infrastructure until the completion of the PROS Comprehensive Plan update, recognizing the neighborhood association has requested the park to be re-designated as a neighborhood park. In addition, staff is encouraged to work with the neighborhood and others wishing to provide temporary amenities to be maintained by park volunteers. **PASSED 8:0**

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION AS SUBSTITUTED: PASSED 8:0.

B. WORK SESSION: On-site Management for Multi-Unit Rental Housing

Community Programs Analyst Michael Wisth gave a brief PowerPoint introduction, outlining current management strategies and possible next steps.

Council discussion

- There is interest in looking at geographic constraints and size limits when determining scope of potential management program.
- The issue is not limited to student housing and student behavior; consider all facility management aspects.
- A copy of the University of Oregon's updated student code of conduct was requested.

The work session adjourned at 1:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Beth Forrest

Beth Forrest
City Recorder