

## MINUTES

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

**October 17, 2016**  
**5:30 p.m.**

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

**Councilors Absent:** George Poling

Mayor Piercy opened the October 17, 2016, work session of the Eugene City Council.

### **1. WORK SESSION: Sustainability Commission Work Plan and Annual Report**

Sustainability Commission Chair Howard Saxion and Division Manager Mia Cariaga discussed the Sustainability Commission's FY16 annual report and FY17 work plan.

#### Council discussion:

- The hard work and commitment of the commission is greatly appreciated.
- Suggest having someone come talk to the commission about economic development.
- Council and public needs an up-to-date list of commission members and their wards.
- Vacancies on the commission are an issue; filling them should be a priority.
- Dashboard on climate progress and updates to the community is a great idea.
- The work plan process for streamlining efforts could be a model for other commissions.
- Council needs to ask for more advice and input from commission on decisions
- Element of social equity is missing; needs to be included in commission's work.
- Commission's input on the Beltline expansion/scenario plans is needed.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** Councilor Evans, seconded by Councilor Zelenka, moved to approve the Sustainability Commission FY17 work plan with the addition of explicit research and actions related to social equity resubmitted to the council. **PASSED 7:0.**

### **2. WORK SESSION: Downtown Placemaking Initiative**

Senior Planner Nan Laurence and Urban Design Planner Will Dowdy gave a PowerPoint presentation discussing direction from City Council, activities, what was learned, and key next steps.

#### Council discussion:

- Need to take this focus on places and people into discussions with the County.
- Meaningful conversation about the future of the heart of downtown is needed.
- Conversation about heart of downtown and the location of the seat of government is intertwined.

- Concerned that Park Blocks are not a usable space in their current configuration.

### 3. STAFF UPDATE: Capitol Funding Application for Cultural Advocacy Coalition

LRCS Executive Director Rene Grube shared that the information was too aggressive to respond to; therefore, the grant application was pulled for the time being, but anticipated coming back to council in the next year with the project.

### 4. COUNCIL UPDATE

Greg Evans was elected to League of Oregon Cities board.

The meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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