

MINUTES

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

**February 15, 2017
12:00 p.m.**

Councilors Present: Emily Semple, Alan Zelenka, George Poling, Mike Clark, Greg Evans, Claire Syrett, Chris Pryor

Councilors Absent: Betty Taylor

Mayor Vinis opened the February 15, 2017, meeting of the Eugene City Council.

A. WORK SESSION: Downtown Placemaking Initiative – Places for People

Senior Planner Nan Laurence, Planning Land Use Technician Matt Denberg, and Meg Walker from Project for Public Spaces gave a PowerPoint presentation discussing placemaking, community engagement, key finds, Park Block goals, Kesey Square goals, Library plaza goals, Hult plaza goals, and next steps.

Council discussion:

- Very exciting process to address issues and to imagine what could be.
- Important to translate concepts and ideas into action.
- Perception of downtown as dirty and dangerous must be dispelled; support daily cleanings.
- Combine Wayfinding and Placemaking initiatives and build on each other.
- Day use centers and many social services are underutilized.
- Information about the cost of programming winter activities downtown requested.
- Activating public spaces is good; addressing safety issues has to be the first step.
- Support the strategy of beginning a long-term campaign with community partners.
- Lighter, quicker, cheaper options as quick-start makes sense.
- Improve spaces to make less sterile and more green.
- Infrastructure improvements would be very beneficial.
- Human services are available; but enforcement of laws is inadequate.
- More culturally relevant spaces should be created.
- Create more open space for sports activities in downtown.
- First step to move forward with this visions is addressing financial needs, behavior issues and homelessness.
- Idea of temporary art, canopies, and experimental spaces are worthy.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Zelenka, seconded by Councilor Pryor, moved to extend the meeting 10 minutes. **PASSED 5:2**, Councilor Semple and Poling opposed.

MOTION: Councilor Zelenka, seconded by Councilor Syrett, moved to adopt Resolution 5184 supporting allocation of \$6,000,000 in lottery backed bond funds to the Eugene Civic Alliance for development of a community sports and recreation facility on the former Civic Stadium property.

Council discussion:

- There is long-standing support for recreation at this site.
- If the motion includes video lottery dollars, more input/study is needed on how it affects regional partners and their requests.
- Other projects are equally worthy; more information on ramifications needed.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Zelenka, seconded by Councilor Syrett, moved to postpone until the next meeting. **PASSED 7:0**

The meeting adjourned at 1:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Chuck Crockett
Deputy City Recorder