

MINUTES

Eugene City Council
Bascom/Tykeson Room
Eugene Public Library, 100 West 10th Avenue
Eugene, Oregon 97401

October 18, 2017
12:00 p.m.

Councilors Present: Emily Semple, Betty Taylor, Jennifer Yeh, Mike Clark, Greg Evans, Claire Syrett, Chris Pryor

Councilors Absent: Alan Zelenka

Mayor Vinis opened the October 18, 2017, Work Session of the Eugene City Council.

1. **WORK SESSION: Recommendation from Broadway Plaza Naming Committee**

City Manager's Office Division Manager Mia Cariaga provided information on the Mayor's Ad-Hoc Broadway Plaza Naming Committee and conveyed the committee's recommendation to Council. The committee voted to recommend that Broadway Plaza be renamed Kesey Square, 7:2.

Council Discussion

- Thank you to committee members for their time and energy around this proposal.
- The committee should have considered additional names.

MOTION and VOTE: Councilor Taylor, seconded by Councilor Clark, moved to change the name of Broadway Plaza to Kesey Square and to repeal Resolution Number 4505. **PASSED 5:1**, Councilor Clark opposed (Councilor Evans absent).

2. **WORK SESSION: Metro Plan Amendment**

Planning and Development Executive Director Denny Braud, Urban Development Manager Will Dowdy, and Land Use Planning Manager Alissa Hansen provided a recap of revitalization efforts around Kesey Square as well as an overview of the rezoning and Metro Plan designation process.

Council Discussion

- Rezoning idea was introduced as a means to prevent a building from being built in the square.
- Park blocks are designated as Public Land but allow Saturday Market to take place under seasonal or temporary affairs/events.
- If Kesey Square is rezoned to Public Land, it will limit commercial and event activity, including coffee kiosks, food carts, or markets.
- Having a conversation first about goals for the space and then having a conversation about rezoning makes the most sense; this discussion seems premature.
- Either zone designation would allow some sort of building.
- If Kesey Square becomes a park space, it would still need to be activated and managed.
- Trust that future leaders will continue to maintain space and change it as needed.
- Goal is to maintain the space as a central gathering spot for all residents and visitors.
- There are other planning priorities to pursue at this time.

MOTION and VOTE: Councilor Evans, seconded by Councilor Clark, moved to direct the City Manager to suspend the Metro Plan amendment and rezoning process for Kesey Square initiated in April 2017. **PASSED: 5-2**, Councilors Semple and Taylor opposed.

The meeting adjourned at 1:04p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Elena Domingo
Deputy City Recorder