

MINUTES

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

January 31, 2018
12:00 p.m.

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

Councilors Absent: Chris Pryor

Mayor Vinis opened the January 31, 2018, Work Session of the Eugene City Council.

1. WORK SESSION: Downtown Riverfront Redevelopment Project Concept Update

Planning and Development Director Denny Braud introduced Dike Dame and Jim Atkins from Williams & Dame Development. They presented their initial project concepts for a Downtown Riverfront site.

Council Discussion

- The plan respects the river and brings the river to the city.
- Parking questions for riverfront development need to be addressed.
- The financing pieces of the project are still being drafted, in the process of developing a Memorandum of Understanding.
- Questions raised about the City's role in the development.
- Consider how a tram or trolley connecting parts of town to the river would be beneficial in providing public transit access.
- This development is an opportunity to re-imagine the community and downtown for decades.
- Concerns expressed that there will not be enough low-income housing.
- More green space than what is proposed is desirable.
- Consider inclusionary zoning instead of subsidized housing.
- Railroad quiet zone implementation features may alter the look of the area around the railroad tracks.
- Should encourage as much mixed-use development as possible.
- Questions remain regarding use of the steam plant.
- There will be mostly housing and some retail in the buildings, but not office space.

The meeting adjourned at 1:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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