



Envision Eugene

January 2011 E-Newsletter

Happy New Year, Eugene! Over the past year, more than 1,000 people have engaged with Envision Eugene through listening interviews, small group meetings, public workshops, Facebook, e-newsletters, art projects, videos,

community events, and on-line surveys. We've been on the radio, at City Club, in the newspapers, and in your mailbox. Not to mention the 70 or so community members who have been so generously giving their time as part of the Community Resource Group. In fact, the CRG was given a community award earlier this week at the Eugene State of the City address at the Hult Center (see picture above)! A heartfelt thank you was delivered by Eugene Mayor Kitty Piercy, and accepting on behalf of the group were Rusty Rexus, Kevin Matthews, Mia Nelson, and Sue Prichard.

We are fast approaching the Council's scheduled **February 28th** meeting, when they will have the opportunity to act on a package of strategies for accommodating growth in our community. The strategies are informed by public input, CRG work, and technical analysis. The next two months are packed with events leading up to and following release of the draft package of strategies – slated for **January 31st**. Upcoming events designed to explain the proposal and solicit public feedback include:

- **Community Resource Group (CRG):** The CRG met on December 13th and 14th and discussed preliminary findings of the four small groups that were formed in November. Meeting materials can be found at www.envisioneugene.org in the Community Group Documents folder. The groups are looking into Housing Mix, Economic Development, Mixed Use Redevelopment, and Technical Resource Needs. Together with staff, the small groups will be refining ideas for accommodating growth pertaining to their topic area, during the month of January. The full CRG will meet four more times to conclude its work by **early February**.
- **The City Council** is holding a series of Envision Eugene work sessions over the three month period from December 2010 to February 2011. On December 15, the council discussed economic prosperity as it relates to Envision Eugene. On **January 12 and 26**, they will discuss the other two elements of the "triple-bottom-line" – social equity and environmental stewardship. Work sessions on **February 9 and 16** will introduce the draft package of strategies and tactics. You can watch the webcasts of each work session [here](#), or attend in person at City Hall, 777 Pearl Street, McNutt Room. Council will hold a public hearing on **February 22** in the Council Chamber and a work session on **February 28** in the McNutt Room. Full meeting details can be found at www.eugene-or.gov.
- **Public Open Houses** are planned for **February 3rd** and **February 10th**, from 4-7 pm at local public schools. Locations are still being confirmed, but the February 3rd meeting will be held in the River Road area and the February 10th meeting will be held in South Eugene. Specifics will be announced on the website at www.envisioneugene.org as they are confirmed.

- **Planning Commission Meetings** are planned as follows: **January 24, February 7, February 9, February 16**. See www.eugene-or.gov/pc for details.
- Hand in hand with Envision Eugene, our community is planning for our future transportation needs via the **Transportation System Plan** update at www.EugeneTSP.org. Take the TSP survey linked there to help the project team identify critical issues and concerns.
- **The Eugene Redevelopment Video** is featured on the project website at www.envisioneugene.org. This video follows the Community Resource group bus tour of places in our community that have been identified as having potential for redevelopment – along transit corridors, in commercial centers, and on neighborhood edges. **The Open House Video** is still linked on the website as well, and the materials from the October 28 Open House/Map Room event have been posted in the Public Meetings folder.

Thanks for your interest and commitment to the future of our community. I look forward to seeing you in person or on-line as we move forward during this exciting time in the project!

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