COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE- Summary Minutes

North Eugene High School, Library, 200 Silver Lane, Eugene, OR

April 17, 2018 6:00 P.M.


Regrets: Carl Below

Staff Present: Zach Galloway, Eric Brown, Audrey Stuart

Purpose: The Community Advisory Committee (CAC) came together to review and finalize vision statements for working groups to review, and to prepare for the CAC and working group meeting on April 23, 2018.

Outcomes: Draft 3 of the vision statements ready to be presented to working groups.

Agenda items

1. Introduction, agenda review
2. Public Comment
   No public comment provided
   a. City staff Eric Brown provided an overview of the process to arrive at this version of the vision statements.
      i. The first draft was created by City staff from the output of working group meetings. CAC facilitators provided their input and then working group members provided suggestions through an online survey. The draft presented at this CAC meeting included these previous edits.
   b. Discussion of whether values statements should be divided into the five topic areas or combined as one cohesive vision. CAC decided to maintain separate topic area visions.
   c. Staff presented the CAC with edits that needed guidance and approval from the CAC. CAC members also identified areas where they suggested additional edits.
      i. All changes were decided by simple majority vote and will be reflected in the version presented at the April 23rd working group meeting.
      ii. Discussion and edits included: Improving clarity and readability, capturing neighborhood opinion, and thinking about how vision statements will guide future decision making during and after the neighborhood planning process.
   d. Next steps: CAC members will present the most recent draft of the vision statements at the April 23rd working group meeting
4. April 23rd CAC and working group preparations
   a. City staff Zach Galloway discussed the goal of the working group meeting, to head towards scenario planning. There was also discussion of the logistics of the meeting.
i. Replacements were assigned for facilitators who are not able to attend on April 23rd.

b. Discussion of materials that working group members will use. City staff Audrey Stuart presented a draft set of materials.
   i. CAC members emphasized the need to send materials out in advance of the working group meeting.

Action Items

- CAC facilitators will arrive at 4:45-5 PM to the April 23, 2018 working group meeting.
- Working group materials will be sent out by April 20, 2018.

Appendix

- Appendix A: Draft 3 of the vision statements, with CAC edits indicated.
Economic Development

The River Road and Santa Clara communities support sustainable economic development, a variety of employment opportunities for all residents, and local entrepreneurship. Economic activity, especially that of local businesses, contributes to a shared neighborhood identity, while providing places to gather and build community. Natural assets, such as the river and fertile soils, benefit local residents and support thriving businesses. Residents can safely access essential goods and services within a short distance from home.
Transportation

The integrated transportation system in River Road and Santa Clara is safe, efficient, and accessible for people of all ages and abilities who choose to bike, walk, drive, or use public transit. This system supports redevelopment, economic opportunity and affordable, convenient access to daily needs. The design of the transportation system enhances the sense of place and responds to the evolving needs of the community. Our transportation system is environmentally responsible and supports low carbon transportation options.
Community

River Road and Santa Clara have a strong sense of place. They are welcoming and inclusive neighborhoods for people of all backgrounds. River Road and Santa Clara celebrate and nurture community unity and diverse cultures, while honoring the rich history of farming in the neighborhoods. The community recognizes the value of natural assets and thriving shared spaces, such as parks, schools and local businesses. Our neighborhoods are safe, resilient, and engaged, with strong social networks and reliable public services.
Parks and Natural Resources

River Road and Santa Clara celebrate a rich diversity of private and shared green spaces, including parks for recreation, natural areas that support native plants and wildlife, and farmland for food production. All residents have a clean, safe, accessible and well maintained park or recreation facility close to their home. Residents have access to the Willamette River, which is celebrated as a natural asset, a defining characteristic of both neighborhoods, and a statewide resource to be protected for future generations. Natural assets, such as the tree canopy, soils and the watershed, are highly valued and cared for as natural infrastructure that enhances ecosystem health, provides opportunities for recreation, and supports the working landscape.
Land Use

Land use in River Road and Santa Clara supports neighborhood character and local identity, including our long standing agricultural heritage. Our neighborhoods are walkable, with a range of housing types affordable to all residents. Abundant shops, services and community spaces are served by a variety of transportation options. Strategic development and revitalization in more urban locations, especially the River Road corridor, helps maintain neighborhood character while meeting our housing and economic needs in a way that is environmentally responsible. Development is well designed, sustainable, and compatible with existing surroundings. Adjacent to the Willamette River greenway, development improves safety, enhances access, and respects ecological functions.