

DRAFT Meeting Notes
Friendly Area Neighbors (FAN) General Board Meeting
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM – Thursday, October 20th, 2016
Washington Park Center
2025 Washington Street

I. Public Comment (3 minutes/guest, up to 15 minutes)

Mark Rabinowitz – former FAN resident, here to talk about climate change and greenhouse gas emissions. Helped stop the West Eugene Parkway project; now concerned that proposed widening of Beltline is conflict with that effort and Eugene’s carbon emission reduction goals. Eugene’s climate recovery ordinance does not require complete reduction but bolstered by carbon credits. We should not support freeways and need to stop clearcutting. Cautions carbon credits are an antidote to climate denial –can be a form a green washing. Need to reorganize a finite resource planet and reallocate to local, self sustainability.

II. Board Elections (5 mins)

Bernie Corrigan: expresses appreciation for departing board members: Todd Miller (2-3 years on board and transportation chair), Josh Newman (co-chair this past year with much time and effort put in), Kristina Lang (6 years on board, secretary for several years, key newspaper layout person).

Bernie posts board members up for election:

Returning members: Morgan Greenwood, Deb Jones, Nancy Classen, Matt Lutter, Lisa Arkin, Tim Blood, Greg Giesy, Bernie Corrigan, Nancy Ellen Locke, Carlos Barrera.

New members: Anya Dobrowolski, Lena Houston Davison, Margie James.

14 total board members; confirmed by unanimous approval of ayes. 1 vacancy remains on the 15-member board that can be filled in the future.

III. South Willamette Update (5 mins)

Morgan Greenwood provided an update on the zoning process. At the November board meeting, FAN will discuss reactivating the SWSAZ (South Willamette) committee. On October 10, city council passed the Clark-Brown motion (with Syrett opposed; all others in favor) requiring the city manager to coordinate process with the four CSEN NAs. The planning process will be based on the objectives of the South Willamette initiative with limited adjustments to scope and geography. Schedule:

11/7 – update to council

12/1 – draft for public comment

12/14 – city council work session

Morgan will forward the South Willamette website link to the new board for reference.

IV. Food Waste Pilot Project – Michael Wisth and Alexandra Breyer (20 mins)

Ally Breyer presented on the food waste pilot happening in the east side of FAN currently. Background: 20,000 tons of food waste generated in our area per year, which translates to creation of methane, a greenhouse gas, at the county landfill. The pilot is planned to be phased in across the city, starting with east FAN, and then including Bethel, Harlow, and south University neighborhoods. FAN pilot area was selected based on good mix of demographics to test the concept. Started September 26; so far, going well with only minor contaminants (like vegetable plastic bags and twist ties). Ally took many questions about whether the yard waste bins and compost processing are different than what neighbors have now. It is unclear exactly how the process is different than typical household or Rexus compost processes. Eugene is looking to similar-minded cities as models: Portland, San Francisco, Seattle, for example. Ally said they were similar in “size and attitude.”

V. EWEB Alternate Water Source Development – Jill Hoyenga (25 mins)

Jill explained EWEB's water reliability initiative with the construction of a new water source intake and filtering plant on the Willamette River, to create system resilience. Jill compared the Willamette water quality as very similar to the high quality of the current source – the McKenzie, and noted the land around the intake (near old BRING site at Middle-Fork/Coast Fork confluence) is largely protected, which is good. Main difference in quality is higher turbidity (which carries metals) and algae in Willamette. The new treatment plant will finish water to same end quality as the Hayden Bridge plant, by adding an ozone process. The new plant is designed to adapt to changing water quality and to be resilient in a subduction zone earthquake and be operational in 48 hours, producing 10 million gallons per day. Typically it will run at 5 mgd, with max capacity of 19; Hayden Bridge can treat 80 mgd. Jill noted ratepayers will see less than a \$1 increase to cover the new system, and EWEB information is available for attendees on the sign-in table.

VI. Climate Change Recovery Ordinance, 350 Eugene – Laurie Powell (20 mins)
Conrad Ridley-White, who just moved into FAN, is a staff attorney with Our Children's Trust, joined Laurie in the presentation. Conrad gave a refresher on climate change causes and impacts. Sobering fact is that the Paris agreement limits atmospheric temperature increase 1.5-2 degrees C, which scientists forecast would result in a 30% extinction of species, and newest science calls to limit the increase to under 1 degree. Exciting news is the lawsuit brought against the federal government to protect the climate by 25 youth and spearheaded by FAN resident Julia Olsen. Eugene Climate Ordinance calls for all city facilities to be carbon neutral by 2020, and reduce petroleum use to 50% of 2010 consumption by 2030. The atmospheric target is 350ppm carbon; requires 7.6% annual reduction. City adopted the ordinance but is slow to respond.

Laurie invites all to attend 350 Eugene's monthly meetings at Mezza Luna on the 4th Monday of the month at 5:30. Meetings are opportunity to keep current on the recovery ordinance and exchange ideas with neighbors and councilors. Key to success is breaking

down silos – the proposal to expand the Beltline out of one side of city hall is at odds with the carbon reduction goals on the other.

VII. Ward 1 Candidate Forum – Emily Semple and Josh Skov (30 mins)

Semple: 30 year Eugene resident, background and history in environment and forestry issues. Endorsed by Weekly, County Commissioner Sorensen, current and former city councilors. Wants to be “the progressive voice” on city council, focus on housing advocacy.

Skov: current FAN resident and has lived 3 different places in Ward 1. Has many endorsements from environmental groups, unions, elected officials, and more listed on website. Believes attention to details is important while looking at the big issues. Key planks include climate, housing/homelessness, and government accountability. Citizens feel too disconnected.

Candidates’ responses to FAN questions:

FAN Question 1: What is the role of NAs and how can city support them?

Skov: city underutilizes NAs as contact to the community. NAs can be partners in So. Willamette refinement plan, etc – city must be serious about outreach, not just connecting with those already involved.

Semple: communication is key to success in the community. NAs are valuable; need to increase notices of meetings. The city/NA websites are lacking in this regard, also need flyers. An app like Skov also noted is a great idea. City needs to support funding for newsletters, postcards, neighborhood projects to bring people together, and bring those ideas to council. Need to ask NAs what is needed to get people to come (child care, etc.).

FAN Question 2: Given FAN concerns over traffic safety and speeding, the allocation of only 5 traffic officers citywide, and citywide competition of \$30,000 annually for traffic safety projects, what alternatives would you consider to address this concern?

Semple: reinforce existing speed limits, cell phone laws, etc...with only 5 cops...we should deploy speed awareness signs – keep posted around town. Look to what works well – volunteer crossing guards. We need to use cars less; cars are the most dangerous element on our traffic system. Propose free bus rides, fix our sidewalks, bike paths, and envision strategy. Note that the city funds funding for what it wants to do; need to prioritize funding for Vision Zero and solutions like speed bumps.

Skov: The recent (Springfield) tragedy of 3 child deaths in a crosswalk really stays on his mind and the need to address this problem. Was a strong vocal advocate for Vision Zero and getting the city and LTD to adopt it. Vision Zero starts with better engineering. We spend lots of money on streets but not enough focus on safety. We need to sustain Vision Zero and follow through. Skov's advocacy for safety includes being a member of the Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan advisory committee to double number of bike and walking trips taken, and being on Sustainability Committee. Take the street bond measure – 6-7% put toward bike/ped work – not enough. Will work to increase and ensure safety measures are included (in street projects). And finally, need to incentivize NOT driving.

FAN Question #3: Eugene's homelessness, despite efforts, have no traction – how do we move forward?

Skov: recognize Semple's work on homeless advocacy. Good understanding in south Eugene; committee on housing issue. Many good programs instituted over the years and major chiding of state government to do something. Need "housing first" facility (due to addiction/illness impacted people). Shelter Care partly addresses this need. Thousands are unhoused in Lane County. 20,000 households are burdened in Eugene. Housing is a key platform strategy.

Semple: started effort 5 years ago advocating for homeless: got Occupy Medical started; very little attention from city council; rest stops are working – need more support.

Address the cause: worker rights, living wage, increase housing and inclusionary housing. Shelter first – increase funding!

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