

City Council establishes goals

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The Eugene Planning Commission listened to two hours of public testimony on issues that were outlined in "1984 Eugene Community Goals and Policies," a document designed to describe the hopes of the citizens of Eugene for the future, last night at the City Hall council chambers.

The public hearing followed an April 21 Community Goals Conference, when 147 delegates met to draft the goals and policies. The document contains 11 goals addressing issues such as environment, culture and leisure, public safety and housing.

Besides listing the community goals, the document also contains policies that would provide the basis for consistent action and suggests actions on how to implement the policies.

The 11 draft goals that are being considered by the planning commission are as follows:

Take steps to ensure that citizens have an understanding of the issues that face the community, and assure them a voice in resolving those issues.

Provide citizens with as much choice as possible in the fields of culture, education, employment, housing, recreation and transportation.

Broaden, improve, and diversify Eugene's economy while maintaining or enhancing the environment.

Manage growth using methods consistent with other

goals in order to recognize such determining factors as the limitation of the airshed, Eugene's role as the regional center for Southwest Oregon and the necessity of coordinating growth management with other jurisdictions in the metropolitan area.

Establish a pattern of land uses consistent with the needs and well-being of all interests in the community.

Protect and improve the quality of air and water, and protect and enhance the quality of our environment.

Protect the continued availability of natural resources by wise management and careful assessment of needs.

To provide accessibility to arts, sports, and leisure opportunities in order to make this a thriving and liveable culture/leisure center.

Protect peace and safety while protecting rights guaranteed by the Oregon and U.S. constitutions.

Play a proper role in the development of the metropolitan area, recognizing the difference between problems that are suitable for solution by city action alone, and those that require city leadership or cooperation to develop solutions which are metropolitan, regional, state, or national in scope.

Upgrade accessibility for the disabled of all ages.

The planning commission also decided to extend the deadline for receiving written public testimony until June 4.

Campus 'shape up' seeks volunteers

The University campus will get a special "face lift" with the help of volunteers on Thursday and Friday, May 24-25, as part of the Eugene-Springfield "Shaping Up '84" campaign.

"The University's Physical Plant staff does major clean-up work every spring and is taking on some extra projects as well this year," says Mary Hudzikiewicz, community relations director.

"In addition, we are inviting volunteers to help us give the campus some extra finishing touches, in preparation for our thousands of visitors this summer," she says. The work days fall just one week before the NCAA track and field championships at Hayward Field, the first of the national and international events the University hosts this summer.

Volunteers including students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends are welcome from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. both days. They will help clean up the campus kiosk, the bus structure, bulletin boards and flower beds, among other projects.

A campus "Shaping Up" headquarters will be located on the north side of Johnson Hall, across from the Pioneer statue, Hudzikiewicz says.

For more information on volunteering for the campus project, call University Relations at ext. 5555.

Rust given endorsement for election

One week after finishing third in the race for county commissioner from south Eugene, Jack Craig has endorsed incumbent Jerry Rust, who will face runner-up Tonie Nathan in a run-off election in November.

Speaking Tuesday at the Bavarian Restaurant, Craig, an EWEB commissioner who received 14.5 percent of the vote May 15, said he would abide by what he called an unofficial endorsement of Rust by Democrats.

Lane County Commissioners are non-partisan, but Craig said each of the five candidates had clear party affiliations.

"There's no question that Jerry Rust won the Democratic nomination, and therefore I strongly endorse him for the election in November," he said.

Craig said his support does not automatically guarantee re-election for Rust — who won 38.3 percent of the May 15 vote — because an indeterminate number of votes cast in November will be anti-Rust rather than pro-Democrat.

"You never know about this riding the coattails business," he said.

Nathan, who was the Libertarian vice-presidential candidate in 1976, netted 18.5 percent of the vote. Rust fell short of the 50 percent he needed to win re-election outright.

Craig said the other two candidates, Barbara Kienlen and Shirley Whitehead, were "identified quickly" as Republicans. Kienlen was active as a Republican in Oklahoma, while Whitehead ran as a Republican for state representative in 1980.

Having based his campaign on what he called the "scandal" in the county assessor's office, Craig said he would continue to voice his concerns. Brandishing a letter dated May 14 from the Oregon Department of Revenue, which read, in part, "we do share the same concerns," Craig said the county is tardy on several thousand property appraisals.

"Right now nobody is getting a fair shake as far as taxes," he said.

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