

construction interests. As a result, EPC often defers to developers, ignores potential lasting negative community impacts and treats valid neighborhood concerns with disdain. To prevent this type of bias, codes mandate an easily attainable threshold.

Oregon Revised Statute 227.030, Eugene Code 2.332 and EPC's own bylaws all contain this prohibition: "No more than two members shall be engaged in the same kind of occupation, business, trade, or profession."

EPC is blatantly out of compliance. Five of the seven commissioners have ties to the building community. Three commissioners (including the chair) are architects or have an architectural background and senior positions in architectural firms.

Another commissioner is retired but has a degree in architecture. The vice-chair lobbies for business and often expresses pro-development opinions. She maintains strong ties to housing advocacy groups populated by for-profit construction businesses.

If EPC can't oversee its own membership, how can citizens trust them to impartially address thorny, controversial neighborhood development issues? This ongoing impropriety could be at the core of many questionable EPC decisions.

It's like having the foxes supervise the building of a new hen house. The City Council must immediately level the playing field at the Eugene Planning Commission.

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FIND THE RIVER

Respond loudly and quickly if you agree that the final concept design for EWEB's Riverfront Park is ugly and unnatural.

No offense to anyone involved, especially the designers who were given input to work from; as an artist, I sometimes try to put together ideas that were being expressed and have to scrap the results and start over. That's what I see when I look at the pictures of the future park.

"Fundamentally urban" is an appropriate description and fundamentally urban is not fundamentally pretty. "Connecting the city with the river" is an action done by individuals who want to be connected to the river — in and with its beauty — who have legal access. What I see detracts greatly from the setting.

If a river were merely the water, then yes, you might say the plan succeeds in the aforementioned goal. But a river is the water and the environment it nurtures, supports and needs to thrive.

Our human nature sees that as alive and beautiful.

I have been to Chicago, and there you see the absolute worst case of connecting a city to a river. Perhaps instead the goal really is to have the river be as disconnected as possible from the city, and instead put in place safeguards

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