

## AGENDA

November 12, 2024

JWN General Meeting

"This meeting is intended to be a place for the respectful and civil exchange of ideas and information. We ask all in attendance to honor this ethic by keeping questions and comments civil, concise and without commentary of a personal nature. In practice, this means addressing the topic, not the presenter or the organization, and being courteous to our guests."

Draft Agenda (6:30-8:30)

6:30-6:45 Introductions, Announcements, Comments, New Business

- Gratitude for JWN information distribution systems
- Kittens for adoption

6:45-7:15: Historic District Task Force Update with Task Force **Chair Stephanie Coopman.**

- **Accomplishments:** Research and reporting. Brought on a consultant and historical conservationist in Eugene.
- **Training and data gathering:** Document scanning and converting to editable documents, mapping primary and secondary structures. About 900 primary structures.
- **Outreach and Fundraising:** Raised \$4000, secured \$5000 neighborhood matching grant for outreach. Published 3 articles in the JWN newsletter.
- **Current work:** Recruiting, photographing and uploading surveys, and mapping.
- **Next steps:** Complete and share Map, Identify Boundaries, commission report on eligibility, outreach
  - **Questions:**
  - **A:** A historic designation would impact the entire selected neighborhood, not just the identified properties. It would add a review process to the permitting process to determine if new construction would maintain the feel of the neighborhood

7:15-7:45: **Rich Hoey.** Eugene Public Works Director

- New to the position, 3 months, still learning the ropes and all the neighborhoods.

- EPWD (Eugene Public Works Department) Largest department of the city, about 500 ppl. EPWD manages the parks, natural area, maintains with storm water, rite of way clearing, leaf cleaning, airport management, engineering dept. for capital investments.
  - Local projects coming up:
    - W11th new paving Charlton to Grant
    - Chambers 13<sup>th</sup>-18
    - Willamette st. paving
    - Lincoln 5th-13<sup>th</sup> bike way (late 2025)
    - Polk 2-18 bike lane 2026
    - Lincoln school park almost complete.
    - Replacing 3 lights on Fern Ridge Bike path.
      - **Questions:**
      - **A:** Can report issues on the website and can get a very fast response. City has been having theft of wiring from lighting. City is looking at solar lighting as a solution. It is more expensive but it's a good solution, so things are being repaired as budget allows.
      - **A:** There are no volunteer activities facilitated by the city for trash removal due to liability. **A:** There is a non-city related program called "Adopt your block" out of Portland.
      - **C:** There is a problem with congregating under the overpasses and blocking the Fern Ridge bike path.
      - **Q:** Are you being asked to make budget cuts: **A:** we are in the early process of budgeting. We will likely have some issues. The city is looking at having a "fire service" fee, and there is a meeting coming up for that.
      - **A:** Yes I am available for communication, I will leave my cards.
      - **Q:** Rite of way being used as sleeping spaces. Is there a way that EPWD does on that? **A:** EPWD usually does removal of debris, and will network out to other organizations to connect people with other resources. And

EPWD does what it can to facilitate affordable housing. We will need to double all housing development over the next 27 years.

7:45-8:15: Parking Services: City of Eugene Parking Services: **Jeff Petry**, Curbside & Admin Services Director, and **Wendy Hood**, Curbside Operations Manager

- Gave history and structure of the department pre-during and post covid, of departments activity. Information dense presentation. Staffing was hit during Covid- we're at 76%
- We are working on night and evening staff to address the underpass issues along the bike path. There are jurisdiction issues as well. Some is private, some are other departments.
- We are working with the recycling modernization act
- We are largely a contractor, providing contracts to vendors.
- **A:** No, we are not fully patrolling parking enforcement in neighborhoods.
- **A:** Call the non-emergency for incidents.
- **A:** City is involved with homeless services, we interface, but it's a county program
- **A:** Parking meters are now going cashless because of theft.
- **C:** There has been a massive improvement to responsiveness and camping enforcement. Thank you. **A:** We transferred all staff from parking lot enforcement to neighborhood, but now we don't have parking lot enforcement.
- **A: Alleyways:** You can ask for a "No parking" sign. We can focus effort in an area, use the reporting system to generate attention there. There are issues with private property, where we can't enforce. Vehicles can be in the alley for 40min for loading and unloading.
- **A:** When we find a camp along the paths, we clean up trash and post a vacate in less than 24hours, sign then they come back and clear it. Debris is held for 30days. JWN and Whit has been hit the hardest, and where we focus our energy.
- **A:** Call non-emergency use the work "**elicit activity in the right of way**" or "**trespassing**". If you use the term camping, then it will get forwarded to parking.

- **A:** You can request confidentiality so people can't see you're info when FOIA requests are honored.

8:15 Adjourn

**25 Attendees**