

FAIRMOUNT NEIGHBORS ASSOCIATION

September 20, 2022 General Meeting

7:00-9:00pm, Ford Alumni Center, 1720 East 13th Street, Eugene, OR

Meeting commenced at: 7:03pm.

Attendance: 29

Principal David Hulbert, Edison Elementary (hulbert_d@4j.lane.edu)

- Overview of new building and reopening this fall for K-5
- Noted mental health challenges for students after pandemic, teachers and staff are mindful of that while pushing for academic excellence
- **Open House Notice: October 13.** More details will be sent when time is set.
- Volunteering Opportunities—[Link here](#), examples:
 - Lunch buddies
 - SMART volunteers, reading to students a couple times a week
- Therapy dog question from community, may bring that back

Cami Thompson, Asst Director for Neighbor Relations, University of Oregon (cami@uoregon.edu)

- MAP COVID 19 Testing, PCR testing, still available to the community
- Fall term for University of Oregon starts September 27, 2022
 - Good Neighbor Welcome: September 21
 - Partners from City, UO student leadership, UOPD, EPD, and community members
 - Invitation to join
 - Unpack the Quack: September 22 and September 23
 - Student move in with improvements to process after traffic clog from 2021
 - UO hired contractor who specializes in university move in
 - Traffic map showing street closures
- New Interim President at UO: Patrick Phillips. Following Michael Schill departing to Northwestern University. UO Board is initiating nationwide search. Permanent President should be in place by fall 2023.
- Hayward Field Welcome Party: Sept 23 at 6:30pm. Ice cream, movie
- Plug to sign up for “Around the O: community Edition” newsletter

Emily Eng, Interim Director of Campus Planning, University of Oregon (eeng@uoregon.edu)

- East Campus Plan
 - Adopted in 2003
- 1744 Moss Street was donated to the UO and has been rezoned
- Review of UO East Campus Lands Zoning map and overview of new buildings since plan was adopted

- Not imminent, but the East Campus Plan will need to be updated soon.
- “The graceful edge” is not anticipated to change due to HB 2001 and recent middle housing allowance
- Introduction of Liz Thorstenson (lizt@uoregon.edu) who works on campus planning

Eugene Water & Electric Board Update ([View EWEB Presentation Slides](#))

John Barofsky, Commers Wards 2&3; Frank Lawson, CEO & General Manager; Susan Fricke, Water Resources Supervisor

- Emergency Water Stations
 - Need to diversify and add water stations to anticipate emergencies
 - There are currently five in the city
 - Closest to Fairmount Neighborhood is at Lane Events Center, 796 W 13th Ave
 - Future Emergency Water Site will be located at Amazon Park
- McKenzie Watershed
 - Holiday Farm Fire Restoration included the following work:
 - Fuels reduction
 - Erosion control
 - Native planting
 - Invasive species removal
 - Other large-scale restoration to reduce sediment, keep water cool and shaded
- Electrification
 - Distinct from decarbonization
 - EWEB is electrifying their fleet
 - Electrification Impact Analysis Report Phasing
- EWEB has a \$300 Electric Bike Rebate - Information can be found at:

<https://www.eweb.org/environment-and-climate/electric-transportation/e-bike>

Eugene City Update

Alan Zelanka - Eugene City Councilor, Ward 3

Councilor Zelenka described the issues the city is currently working on:

- Community Survey:
 - The biggest issues were: #1 - Homelessness, #2 - Public Safety, #3 - Climate Change
 - Only 30% of people think Eugene is going in the right direction
- City Budget:
 - Is 2 million over and cuts need to be made, which they are considering how
- Fireworks Ban:
 - The city is proposing a ban on fireworks.
 - They hope to put some money towards public firework shows.

- Climate Friendly Communities:
 - This an unfunded mandate from the state down to cities
 - Need to reduce and regulate parking
 - Designate climate friendly corridors that are walkable
 - Connecting land use and transportation together to reduce greenhouse gas emissions
- Bethel Area Public Health Overlay:
 - Planning to protect residents from future industries that will have detrimental environmental impacts

In response to questions, Councilor Zelenka additionally discussed:

- Community Safety Initiative Payroll Tax:
 - This will increasingly improve the city's public safety system to combat increasing crime
 - More police officers will be hired, but they are hard to find
- Reduction of Natural Gas:
 - Is only 3% of the overall greenhouse gas problem, over 40% comes from transportation
 - Allowing people to have gas stoves and fireplaces would still let us meet climate goals
- CAHOOTS:
 - Is integrated with our 911 system to save money
 - Can better send the appropriate level of support to resolve situations, such as police in violent situations or just CAHOOTS staff
- Suggestion to rename Fairmount park after Art Johnson: The city's naming policy is at:
 - https://www.eugene-or.gov/DocumentCenter/View/56554/Donation_Policy_appdx_A-naming-policy
- The homeless problem has three root causes:
 - Substance abuse
 - Mental health
 - Affordable housing
- UO Practice Complex Swap:
 - The council is looking to approve a proposed land swap with U of O to build a new indoor practice facility.
- Parking enforcement:
 - It became lax during COVID and due to parking staff shortages.
 - It has hard to acquire needed parking staff

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20pm.