



Meeting Minutes - Draft
Land Use & Environment Committee

City Hall
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Thursday, September 24, 2015

5:30 PM

Council Chambers

1. ROLL CALL

Present: 3 - Chair Steve Langer, Committee member Julie Hankins and Committee member Jeannine Roe

OTHERS PRESENT

Community Planning and Development Deputy Director Leonard Bauer
Assistant City Engineer Steve Sperr
Downtown Liaison Brian Wilson
Thurston Climate Action Team Representative Tom Crawford

2. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Langer called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.A [15-0915](#) Approval of July 16, 2015 Land Use and Environment Committee Minutes

The minutes were approved as amended prior to the meeting.

4. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

4.A [15-0894](#) ORAL REPORT - Thurston Climate Action Team (TCAT) Survey Results

A community survey was conducted in June by the Thurston Climate Action Team. Responses to the survey included:

- Broad support for a variety of local renewable energy and energy conservation efforts.
- General happiness with community life and willingness to support efforts.
- Concerns about traffic, population growth, homelessness, growth management, and water quality.

The next steps include forming a task force and developing a clean energy program. It was requested that a representative be selected who can report to Council, represent the City, and commit to roughly ten hours a month.

The information was received.

4.B [15-0917](#) Oral Report - Downtown Project Update

- The Alcohol Impact Area has seen a decrease in banned products, with increases to non-eligible products.
- The Ambassador Program continues to provide information, check in with businesses, and respond to a variety of dispatch calls.
- The Downtown Welcome Center has had many visitors and had the opportunity to help those new to the area.
- The Artesian Well Park has had lots of positive summer events for all age groups, with new improvements to the park and an appreciation event upcoming.
- Volunteers in Paint has painted many buildings and begun on murals, all from private funding.

The Committee congratulated and thanked Mr. Wilson for all of his work, as this is his final meeting with the LUEC.

The report was received.

4.C [15-0638](#) Update on Engineering Design and Development Standards (EDDS)

- EDDS is the technical implementation of the Olympia Municipal Code and the Comprehensive Plan.
- Proposed changes include healthy street trees, pavement restoration, and LED street lights.
- Challenges include information distribution and price differences.
- The work for 2016 includes low-impact development and street improvements.
- The Action Plan will help with implementation and prioritization.

The report was received.

4.D [15-0916](#) Status Reports and Updates

Staff provided an update on the Downtown Strategy consultant contract. It will be presented to the City Council for approval at its October 6 meeting.

The report was received.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.