



AGENDA OF THE SPRINGFIELD PLANNING COMMISSION

SPRINGFIELD CITY HALL * CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS * 225 FIFTH STREET * 541 726-3753

Tuesday

April 15, 2003

7:00 pm

REGULAR SESSION

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE –
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES –
3. REPORT OF COUNCIL ACTION –
4. BUSINESS FROM THE AUDIENCE –
5. LEGISLATIVE PUBLIC HEARING –

a. Natural Resources Inventory Adoption-

The City of Springfield (as well as Eugene and Lane County) is committed to complete Goal 5 planning for wetlands, riparian, and wildlife habitat, by the periodic review program that was approved by DLCD in 1995. Springfield completed its Goal 5 local wetland inventory in 1998. The Springfield Inventory of Natural Resources Sites is the first step towards completing Goal 5 planning for riparian corridors.

The Eugene-Springfield Metropolitan Area General Plan (Metro Plan) is supported by Technical Supplements and Working Papers that were adopted by reference with the Metro Plan itself. Within Section II of the Natural Assets and Constrains Working Paper is a subsection, “Significant Vegetation and Wildlife Areas.” The subsection lists criteria that were used for identifying sites with “significant vegetation or wildlife values” within the Metropolitan area. A table in the subsection lists 35 significant vegetation and wildlife sites that fit the criteria.

The Springfield Inventory of Natural Resources Sites (Inventory) is proposed to replace the criteria and inventoried sites within the Springfield UGB that are listed in the “Significant Vegetation and Wildlife Areas” table in the Natural Assets and Constraints Working Paper. It does not replace the working paper criteria or sites listed for areas within the Eugene UGB or those sites within the exclusive jurisdiction of Lane County. The Inventory updates the significance criteria used to identify Springfield resource sites as well as the list of sites that fit those criteria.

Following adoption of the Inventory, the city of Springfield will begin a process of evaluating the likely impact of development on the inventoried sites. Following this analysis, a program for protecting the natural character and value of the resource sites will be recommended to the Planning Commission and City Council. The intended result of this protection program will be to balance the need for Springfield to grow within its existing UGB, while shaping the character of that growth such that we retain the aesthetic and functional values of our remaining natural areas.

Planner: Mark Metzger
60 Minutes

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CONDUCT OF LEGISLATIVE PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE PLANNING COMMISSION

- Commencement of the hearing
- Declaration of conflict of interest or “ex-parte” contact
- Staff report
- Testimony of those in support
- Testimony of those in opposition
- Testimony of those neutral
- Questions from the Commission
- Summation by Staff
- Close of public testimony
- Discussion of policy issues and compliance with adopted plans (possible questions to staff or public)
- Motion to recommend approval, approval with modification or not to adopt the proposal based on staff report and/or oral/written testimony and directing the Chair to sign Recommendation to the City Council.

6. BUSINESS FROM THE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTOR

7. BUSINESS FROM THE COMMISSION

8. ADJOURN REGULAR

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