

MINUTES OF THE EYES ON 30 COMMITTEE
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
February 15, 2023 – 3:00 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Councilor Nancie Cameron, Chair
Councilor Richard Michaud
Superintendent, Lori Lane
Mayor Designee, Jenne Holmes
City Manager, Bob Belmore
Mayor Dana Hilliard

Committee Members Absent: Planning Board Representative, Jason Barry

Staff present: Director of Planning & Community Development, Michelle Mears
Director of Finance, Scott Smith
City Clerk, Kristen LaPanne

Committee Chair Cameron called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

DISCUSSION GOALS AND NEXT STEPS

Chair Cameron stated that her take away from the previous Eyes on 30 Committee meeting pertaining to what was believed to be the most important goals were to identify a City center, Recreation and Library Programs, Education, Government Approach, and What Defines the City. The Committee added Transportation/Infrastructure and Sustainability. The initial list of goals identified by the Committee are attached to these minutes.

The Committee went through each of the 7 goals separately, discussing what the City has currently available to them including upcoming projects or development that could help achieve the goals. The next steps of the Committee are to further define the goals and create action items that will lead to the accomplishment of those goals. The Committee also agreed that they need to ensure that the goals are attainable and measurable.

CONFIRM NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting is scheduled for March 29th at 3:00 p.m.

MISCELLANEOUS

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Hilliard made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilor Michaud and passed 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 3:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen LaPanne, City Clerk

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1. *What defines us as city?* - 10 SQ miles, City on the move, proud past - bright future, Hilltopper spirit
Welcoming, diversity, strong sense of community, State of NH historical markers,
2. *Sustainability* - tree city, community gardens, composting program, preservation of open space, recycling, Monarch butterfly park, New England Cottontail bunny- release, tree inventory at Idlehurst School property
3. *Preserving team approach/ Government approach* - strong working partnership, joint commission of City Council & School Board, commitment to nonpartisan elections, strong sense of team between elected and professional staff and City staff and School staff, understanding that City is under one budget, recovery friendly workplace initiative, mental health, school base health clinic, strong relationship with Tri-City Mayors, CIP upgrades to facilities, Emergency preparedness
4. *Recreation/Library* - new programming for seniors, schools as community centers, recreation, park improvements, parks and recreation facilities, SYC
5. *Education* - SYC, striving for excellence, adjusting to demographics of our community, library, focus on early childhood education, creating other opportunities for preschool, growing opportunities for CTC to include adult education,
6. *Central location* - vibrant Downtown (DT) Commercial Business District as our economic center, walkable DT, defined City center for special events and activities, citizens place,
7. *Transportation/ infrastructure* - public transportation, reliable transportation, continued commitment towards infrastructure improvements, all users of transportation