

MINUTES OF THE EYES ON 30 COMMITTEE
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
March 29, 2023 – 3:00 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Councilor Nancie Cameron, Chair
Councilor Richard Michaud
Superintendent, Lori Lane
Mayor Dana Hilliard
Planning Board Representative, Jason Barry
Manager Designee, Finance Director Scott Smith

Committee Members Absent: Mayor Designee, Jenne Holmes
City Manager, Bob Belmore

Staff present: Director of Planning & Community Development, Michelle Mears
Director of Public Works & Utilities, Michael Bobinsky
City Clerk, Kristen LaPanne

Committee Chair Cameron called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

APPROVE PAST MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 15, 2023

Councilor Michaud made a motion to accept the February 15, 2023 minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by Councilor Cameron and passed 4-0. Jason Barry abstained.

DISCUSSION GOALS AND NEXT STEPS

Chair Cameron asked that the Committee work on reviewing each of the 7 goals separately and discuss ways that the goals can be attained and measured. The Committee held a thorough discussion of the first 3 goals; What Defines us as a City, Sustainability, and Preserving Team Approach/Government Approach. The list of goals identified by the Committee are attached to these minutes and include the discussed attainable goals.

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The next meeting will focus on the remaining four (4) identified goals by the Committee and discussions on ways to attain and measure those goals. Once those measurable goals have been determined, the Committee will discuss timelines and which Departments and Committees will be responsible for meeting those goals.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 26th at 3:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Michaud made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Jason Barry and passed 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 4:09 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,

- Attain 10 historic markers per Mayor's Initiative
 - Hilltopper School & Forest Glade Cemetery historical markers approved by State
 - List of potential historical markers within the City
 - Willand Pond
 - Fred Brown Gov from Somersworth-
 - Old City Hall- NR and State Historic- CLG funds
 - Mills – Great Falls
 - Former GE/Aclara
 - Hydro off of Old Mills Road
 - Somersworth's name
 - Identify, prioritize and obtain historical markers (2 per year by 2030)
 - Marketing on website- with write up/map-links to other information/local businesses to visit
 - Historic District Commission Road signs
 - Promote diversity
 - Identify flags that go at Citizen Place and dates (i.e., 1st Nations, English, Québec, Greek, Irish, Indonesian)
 - Work with Cultural Commission to create Resolutions
 - Military flags on date group armed forces formed
 - Annually change cultural banners DT-
 - Historical Society Museum
 - Cultural events (International Children's Festival & Indonesian Festival)
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
 - Tree City
 - Maintain annual designation
 - Arbor Day Foundation-DPW submits
 - Tree City flag
 - Annual tree planting- City owned property, meeting with State canopy Idlehurst
 - Document expenditures
 - Encourage new developers to plant trees
 - Solar Array off Blackwater Road
 - Annual Community Garden Program- has doubled since inception
 - Planning Board updated EV regulations to require EV Charging stations in site plans
 - Composting- school and DPW private arrangement collecting taken away.
 - Measure the amount of compost per year
 - Ash Street Monarch Butterfly Park
 - Conservation Commission- working on invasive species plans for open space-HOA space

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
- Nonpartisan Municipal Elections- Resolution recently adopted
 - Recovery Friendly Workplace Resolution to be voted on at next Council meeting
 - Maintain relationship with Somersworth Housing Authority
 - Eyes on 30 Commission adopted
 - Identify/quantify practices to be adopted as processes
 - Joint Commission- School Board and City Council
 - City Council Goal Setting Sessions
 - City Council Budget process
 - Formalize processes
 - Establish official Councilor orientation – Joint relationships
 - Continuing Somersworth Highschool Clinic partnership