



# AGENDA

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**Meeting Location:**  
Sloat Room, Atrium Building  
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## **MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2019 – REGULAR MEETING (5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.)**

### **A. Healthy Democracy Presentation**

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Commissioners: Steven Baker; John Barofsky; Ken Beeson; Tiffany Edwards (Chair);  
Lisa Fragala (Vice Chair); Chris Ramey; Kristen Taylor

**AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**  
**December 16, 2019**

**To:** Eugene Planning Commission

**From:** Sophie McGinley and Terri Harding, Planning Staff

**Subject:** Healthy Democracy Presentation

**INTRODUCTION**

The City of Eugene values inclusive public engagement and is always looking for ways to improve our efforts. Planning projects can affect the entire community, but traditional engagement efforts face challenges in reaching certain parts of the community, including lower income people, renters, and people of color. This structure has created disproportionate representation in the planning process and has resulted in exclusion of some people and groups that are directly impacted by plans and policies. This presentation is an opportunity for the Planning Commission to learn about Healthy Democracy and new opportunities to grow the effectiveness of equitable engagement in our planning work.

**BACKGROUND**

[Healthy Democracy](#) is a nonpartisan nonprofit that designs and coordinates innovative deliberative democracy programs. Their purpose is to involve community members that are representative of the community and compensate them for their time engaging in learning about and making recommendations on public policy issues. The creation of an advisory group designed to reflect the broad needs and interests of the community provides perspectives that otherwise would not be included in project implementation.

*“Citizen Juries convene panels of everyday people, who are randomly selected and representative, to help elected officials tackle tough policy questions. Following a highly structured process, each panel conducts research, interviews experts and staff, deliberates on policy alternatives, and recommends a course of action to decision-makers. Because the panel is a microcosm of the public – in terms of age, ethnicity, political party, gender, and other factors – its resulting report comes with an inherent legitimacy that sets it apart from conventional citizen committees.”<sup>a</sup>*

The purpose of the presentation is to:

- Acknowledge groups and demographics that are not currently represented in the public outreach process.
- Highlight opportunities for expanded public outreach using citizen juries in the planning process.

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<sup>a</sup> [www.healthydemocracy.org](http://www.healthydemocracy.org)

- Review past examples and outcomes of citizen juries in other communities.
- Identify projects that could pilot a citizen jury approach, such as implementation of House Bill 2001.

**ACTION REQUESTED**

No Action Requested. This is an informational item only. The Commission is encouraged to ask questions about the citizen jury model and how it might be implemented in Eugene.

**NEXT STEPS**

Staff are developing a project approach to implementing House Bill 2001. Once a proposal is ready, we will bring it to the Commission for review and discuss in more detail how to plan for equitable community engagement. Partners in the City Manager’s Office and Human Rights and Neighborhood Involvement are collaborating with Planning in this effort.

**ATTACHMENTS**

None

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**

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