

MEMBERS PRESENT

Michael Preedin	Mayor
Andrea Blum	Council President
Jennifer Letz	Councilor
Susan Cobb	Councilor
Gary Ross	Councilor

STAFF PRESENT:

Jordan Wheeler	City Manager
Kerry Prosser	Assistant City Mgr.
Joe O'Neill	Finance Director
Paul Bertagna	PW Director
Scott Woodford	CDD Director
Rebecca Green	Deputy Recorder

The meeting recording is available here:

<https://www.ci.sisters.or.us/bc-citycouncil/page/city-council-workshop-goal-setting-0>

1. A roll call was taken, and a quorum was established.

2. Overview of the Agenda

City Manager Wheeler provided an overview of the Goal Setting Workshop agenda.

3. Review Goal Setting Process

City Manager Wheeler explained that the goals set at this meeting were goals to be worked on for the 2024/2025 fiscal year starting in July, but that many goals are continuing efforts. These goals help set direction for staff for the coming year. Some goals discussed will be captured as future goals for the next 3-5 years.

4. Review Public Input from Open House & Online Survey

City Manager Wheeler opened the discussion on the feedback received from the public. Council President Blum brought up the idea of deepening partnerships with Sister Parks and Recreation District (SPRD), and the school district to coordinate the current and potential future park amenities. Council discussed with whom and what upcoming community projects there might be opportunity for information sharing and collaboration.

Mayor Preedin pointed out a persistent theme from the survey was the small town feel of the community and how that should be maintained by the city.

Council discussed other aspects of the survey including bike and pedestrian issues, public art, and the overlap and distinctions between what the city does versus other organizations.

5. Project Updates and Goal Input from Department Directors / City Councilor Goals Ideas and Discussion

Council reviewed the overarching goals in each of the five categories as outlined:

HOUSING, LIVABILITY, AND GROWTH

Council updated and clarified with more detail each of the items listed, including:

- Continue to process an Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) Amendment with a priority of community outreach. Added update the city's annexation criteria in advance of any expansion of the City's UGB.

Combined two goals, to read:

- Continue to pursue resources and partnerships for the development of affordable and workforce housing and investigate the feasibility of additional permanent funding sources for leveraging affordable and workforce housing projects such as a construction excise tax and non-primary residence home fees.

WILDFIRE MITIGATION AND COMMUNITY RESILIENCY

Council updated and clarified with more detail the items listed, including:

- Continue partnership with Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire District and other agency partners to improve public awareness and distribute information about wildfire preparedness, including emergency evacuation, and mitigation. Added emergency evacuation to the goal.

Added the following item:

- Facilitate and encourage the undergrounding of electric and telecom utilities as a long-term goal.

A recess was taken at 10:30 am. The meeting reconvened at 10:37 am.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Council updated and clarified with more detail the items listed, including:

- Explore establishing a public arts program. Changed to art(s) to encompass all types including music.

Moved the following item to ESSENTIAL INFRASTRUCTURE:

- Continue implementation of the [2023 Parks Master Plan](#)'s priority projects including but not limited to working with community partners on recreational amenities for all ages and interests.

ESSENTIAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Council updated and clarified with more detail the items listed, including:

- Pursue grants and funding opportunities for high priority pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure projects. Added design and construct the Elm Street and Camp Polk Rd multiuse pathway projects.

Added the following item:

- Continue implementation of the 2023 Parks Master Plan's priority projects including but not limited to working with community partners on recreational amenities for all ages and interests.

A lunch break was taken at 12:04 pm. The meeting reconvened at 12:10 pm.

GOOD GOVERNANCE

Council updated and clarified with more detail the items listed, including:

- Create and implement a communications plan which includes expanded opportunities for community engagement and involvement. Added convene at least three town hall meetings per year.

Added the following items:

- Adopt a naming policy for city parks and facilities.
- Build and expand partnerships with local agencies and districts to foster collaboration for long-term priorities for the community.
- Continue municipal code and development code updates and housekeeping amendments to be consistent with Council policies.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

Council added the following items:

- Develop a plan for the future of the Recycle Center taking into account the Recycling Modernization Act and curbside services.
- Update the City's tree inventory and study options for preserving more significant trees and encouraging the planting of fire-resistant trees on public and private property.

URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY GOALS

Council did not make any updates to this goal.

Council discussed the City's role in volunteerism in Sisters. It was acknowledged that local community groups are working on community outreach related to volunteer opportunities.

Mayor Preedin requested to add an item to future goals related to alleyways in town, with the possibility of developing more robust code for how they look and are used.

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Council discussed the question of Council Compensation, the feasibility for adding a fourth Deputy Patrol person, and the practicality of having a municipal pool in Sisters.

Councilor Cobb left the meeting at 1:26 pm.
The meeting adjourned at 1:31 am.



Rebecca Green, Deputy Recorder



Michael Preedin, Mayor