

Northeast Neighbors (NeN)/Cal Young Candidate Forum Minutes

April 16, 2024

Call to Order: 7:12 pm

Meeting attendance: 87

- 70 in-person: 5 board (John, Rick, Anne, Katie, Jackson); 3 presenters
- 17 unique viewers on Zoom: 2 board

Candidates: Kaarin Knudsen, Shanae Joyce-Stringer, Stefan Streck

Format: 3 minute openings by each candidate, Q&A with 1 minute for each to answer, 2 minute concluding comments, staying after for informal 1-on-1

Questions:

1. As the city becomes more complex, it becomes harder for its citizens to know what the city council and city staff are doing. What can the city do to keep us better aware of its plans?
2. How would you broaden participation in city advocacy groups and neighborhood associations, particularly involving younger people, parents of school age children, and working adults?
3. In our neighborhood, we experience significant safety problems on our roads and streets: pervasive speeding, intersections that are dangerous for pedestrians, and deteriorating road conditions. What is your approach to solving these problems?
4. Do you agree that we need to have more police officers on the streets dealing with crime and dangerous driving? Are the payroll tax funds enough and are they being directed to the right uses?
5. Are you in favor of expanding Eugene's Urban Growth Boundary? What do you see as the pros and cons of doing so?
6. In our neighborhoods, attitudes about how to address homelessness are highly polarized. How would you deal with this polarization when addressing the issue?
7. For neighborhoods like ours that border on the Beltline Highway, its congestion and the congestion of the streets that intersect it create safety concerns, noise, and delay. How can the city alleviate those problems? In particular do you support the proposed arterial bridge across the Willamette from Green Acres Road to Santa Clara and River Road?
8. Do you believe the city is prepared to handle a catastrophic event that could shut down all city services? Have you personally participated in readiness training like a local Community Emergency Response Team?
9. Eugene's mayor has significant managerial responsibility: running the city council and giving direction to a complex municipal bureaucracy. How would you describe your management style? What tone would you set for the city?

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