



## Minutes

### Roseville Community Engagement Commission (CEC)

Thursday, November 10, 2016 - 6:30 p.m.

#### 1. Roll Call

Chair Scot Becker called the meeting to order at approximately 6:30 p.m. and City Manager Trudgeon called the roll.

**Commissioners Present:** Chair Scot Becker; Vice Chair Theresa Gardella; and Commissioners Amber Sattler, Chelsea Holub, Peter Sparby, and Michelle Manke

**Commissioners Absent:** Commissioner Erik Tomlinson

**Staff Present:** Staff Liaison/City Manager Patrick Trudgeon

#### 2. Approve Agenda

Commissioner Sparby asked to have included a new business item, "YouTube capabilities for city meetings;" with Chair Becker adding this to New Business as Item d.

Commissioner Sattler moved, Commissioner Gardella seconded, approval of the agenda as amended.

**Ayes: 6**

**Nays: 0**

**Motion carried.**

#### 3. Public Comment on Items Not on Agenda

#### 4. Approval of October 13, 2016 Meeting Minutes

*Comments and corrections to draft minutes had been submitted by various CEC Commissioners prior to tonight's meeting and those revisions were incorporated into the draft presented in tonight's agenda packet.*

##### Corrections:

- **Page 6, Line 264 (Sparby)**  
Typographical correction: Change "e" to "be"
- **Page 14, Line 599 (Sparby)**  
Typographical correction: Correct to read: "...Sparby agreed that starting the *[discussion]* was important; and..."

Commissioner Sparby moved, Commissioner Sattler seconded, approval of October 13, 2016 meeting minutes as presented.

45           **Ayes: 6**  
46           **Nays: 0**  
47           **Motion carried.**

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49   **5.    Old Business**

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51       **a.    PRIORITY PROJECT UPDATES:**  
52       **Assist in the formulation of the 2017 Comprehensive Plan Update**  
53       **Process (Commissioners Tomlinson & Sparby)**

54       City Manager Trudgeon reported that the City Council had selected the  
55       firm WSB as the consultant for the general comprehensive plan update  
56       process, with contract negotiations underway by staff and the firm, and  
57       subsequent approval by the City Council in the near future. As noted in  
58       his memorandum dated November 3, 2016 (Attachment 5.a), Mr.  
59       Trudgeon noted the eighteen online completed surveys from residents  
60       regarding their preferred consultants (responses also attached). Once  
61       negotiations were completed, Mr. Trudgeon advised that calendar and  
62       community engagement options would be provided from staff for the CEC  
63       as an FYI addressing the consultant’s recommendations for existing  
64       community events as well as traditional methods, anticipated at the  
65       December meeting.

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67       For additional context for the CEC, Commissioner Sparby reported that he  
68       took in the proceedings on October 24, 2016 when the City Council  
69       interviewed both teams, allowing for a two-week window for the survey  
70       responses, and the City Council’s subsequent decision this last Monday.  
71       Commissioner Sparby expressed his disappointment with the limited  
72       discussion at the November 7<sup>th</sup> meeting, opining that he had expected a  
73       more robust discussion rather than just a numbers game for making the  
74       decision. Commissioner Sparby expressed further surprise with the  
75       limited packet materials, with little about community engagement, and the  
76       City Council simply asking that the cap be kept under \$175,000.  
77       Commissioner Sparby opined that it was hard to compare apples to apples  
78       at that point, with two different proposals and relative price points and  
79       variables for each firm. In response to the request for proposals (RFP),  
80       Commissioner Sparby stated he expected a more concise breakdown by  
81       each firm of how they intended to conduct community engagement.  
82       Therefore, Commissioner Sparby stated he thought it was important for  
83       the CEC to review that portion of the proposal to see what WSB’s plans  
84       are; and for the CEC to put together its own plan of how they expect to  
85       engage the consultant and have the process put forward for and by the  
86       CEC.

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88       City Manager Trudgeon offered several corrections to Commissioner  
89       Sparby’s interpretation of the selection of WSB and corrected the price  
90       points in accordance with the actual proposals of each firm. Mr. Trudgeon

91 further corrected that the City Council’s decision was not specifically  
92 related to price points, with staff recommending the Cuningham Group,  
93 but with the City Council deciding that their proposal may have included  
94 more graphics and design elements, they felt the money was better spent  
95 on the technical aspects. Therefore, Mr. Trudgeon noted the City  
96 Council’s motion did not include a not-to-exceed amount, but their  
97 expectation was that the total amount would be under \$175,000. Mr.  
98 Trudgeon reported that the City Council and WSB anticipated a more  
99 robust discussion on community engagement.

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101 Commissioner Gardella referenced the chart shown in Attachment 5..A.1  
102 in the packet materials and resident survey responses indicating their  
103 preference for Cuningham Group based on the minimal eighteen  
104 responses, questioning if the City Council’s decision was based on other  
105 ideas they were looking for. Commissioner Gardella referenced the  
106 community engagement and technical aspects of the WSB proposal; and  
107 when first talking about this a year ago, the CEC was of the understanding  
108 that the City Council was looking at a technical update of the plan  
109 document versus starting from scratch.

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111 Chair Becker clarified that those issues would be the next touch points for  
112 future City Council discussions.

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114 Commissioner Sparby suggested the next step for the CEC and the  
115 subcommittee for this priority should be to set up specific steps for the  
116 consultant from the CEC’s perspective that involved community  
117 engagement strategies. Referencing the intent provided in the Cuningham  
118 Group’s proposal and engagement of the CEC, Commissioner Sparby  
119 opined that it was important for WSB to take that into account going  
120 forward.

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122 Given the questions on the online survey and inclusion of the survey in  
123 social media and other forms, Commissioner Holub expressed surprise  
124 that there had only been eighteen responses. Commissioner Holub asked  
125 if that had been a similar response for the city in the past.

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127 City Manager Trudgeon agreed that he’d found that a low response rate  
128 and had hoped for more. However, Mr. Trudgeon noted that this was not  
129 an unusual challenge faced by the city in soliciting community input. Mr.  
130 Trudgeon advised that the opportunity could be made available, but people  
131 had to choose whether or not to plug in. That may be for a variety of  
132 reasons and relevance to them depending on a particular issue. Mr.  
133 Trudgeon reported this is not unique to the City of Roseville, but also  
134 realized by other communities. Mr. Trudgeon noted this was an attempt to  
135 start engaging residents in the comprehensive plan update; and while not  
136 able to determine who responded, he suspected that they may have been

137 those already connected to city government. Reiterating that it was a  
138 challenge, Mr. Trudgeon admitted he wasn't sure he had the answer, but  
139 had been hopeful there would have been more responses.

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141 While not knowing who responded, Commissioner Gardella questioned  
142 why, since all eighteen supported the Cuningham Group as the choice  
143 firm, the City Council had chosen WSB instead. Commissioner Gardella  
144 opined that this could be discouraging if residents see that, making them  
145 question if and how their vote counted. Commissioner Gardella suggested  
146 that the city articulate how and why the choice was made, though looping  
147 that decision back on social media or on the city's website.

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149 Commissioner Holub agreed with Commissioner Gardella's suggestions

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151 City Manager Trudgeon noted that the City Council's decision was not  
152 unanimous, and stated he wasn't sure if any thought had been given to  
153 articulating that beyond the City Council's discussion and individually  
154 stated positions.

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156 Chair Becker noted there was a section in the *City News* for recent City  
157 Council actions, and suggested that may be the place to expand on the  
158 decision-making and rationale, connecting the dots based on their key  
159 deciding factors.

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161 From his recollections, Commissioner Sparby stated he hadn't actually  
162 heard the City Council substantively discuss the survey responses, and if  
163 so only briefly; nor did he recall them articulating all the things they were  
164 weighing in their decision. From the community engagement perspective,  
165 Commissioner Sparby opined that it would be good to highlight those  
166 survey responses especially through the email announcement.

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168 Chair Becker clarified that he was referring to the City Council summary  
169 in the paper news, but also suggested it could be included in the City  
170 Council's email summaries that went out more frequently.

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172 Based on his personal experience, Commissioner Sparby stated that he  
173 only read the online City Update frequently, and opined that applied to  
174 other residents as well, providing critical updates, and well-read, and an  
175 appropriate place to promote any types of surveys through that method. In  
176 additional Commissioner Sparby suggested some YouTube functionality  
177 that could be plugged into and updated. Commissioner Sparby stated the  
178 more information made available to draw into those updates, the better.

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180 Based on community survey responses, Chair Becker noted that the *City*  
181 *News* newsletter appeared to be the most common way for residents to get

182 updates. However, Chair Becker noted the sticky point was the long  
183 production point between preparation and distribution.

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185 City Manager Trudgeon noted that the City Council had talked about a  
186 monthly publication, but staff time and the cost to do so had been seen as  
187 prohibitive until deemed more of a priority.

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189 Discussion ensued, lead by Chair Becker, on how the City Council  
190 agendas and resulting information worked from a print and online process  
191 and how unscheduled agenda items or issues often popped up that created  
192 timing issues. However, Chair Becker suggested it may be worth  
193 exploring how to get creative in the future, perhaps with a newsletter  
194 insert that would require less lead time.

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196 Commissioner Sparby suggested a future CEC agenda item that addressed  
197 various avenues for community engagement from a city level (e.g. email,  
198 print, Speak Up! Roseville) and creating a summary of those various  
199 options along with incorporating lead time for each option, what it covers  
200 and a basic rundown of what was required and what was done. From a  
201 community engagement perspective, Commissioner Sparby suggested  
202 identifying the avenues relied on and a comprehensive review for the  
203 benefit of new commissioners with staff and the City Council referencing  
204 that review in the future.

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206 Chair Becker suggested adding that to the 2017 work list as a priority with  
207 a broader communication effort given more thought at that time.

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209 **Recommend ways to expand city learning and engagement**  
210 **opportunities** (Commissioners Manke and Holub)

211 Chair Becker noted the inclusion of Commissioner Manke’s draft proposal  
212 in the meeting packet materials (Attachment 5.A.2) detailing her initial  
213 ideas and options for a city open house.

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215 Commissioner Manke reviewed some items to consider such as: who takes  
216 the lead, who would be the CEC’s project manager to work with staff and  
217 the City Council for information handouts, but then to take the lead with  
218 different areas to map out attractions. Commissioner Manke also noted  
219 the need to define the structure of the event, suggesting city staff serve as  
220 the main contact or lead on the communications side; with perhaps  
221 separate leads for each category (e.g. children, businesses, Roseville U  
222 sessions, and city department and advisory commission involvement).  
223 Commissioner Manke noted the timing of the event and how much staff  
224 involvement was needed and their available time allotment would be  
225 considerations as well.

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227 Discussion included whether the event was intended as one big event or  
228 split into two events annually, perhaps with one smaller and one larger;  
229 whether one in the winter and one in the summer would work best; how to  
230 plan for the first event and its timing or whether to start small and build on  
231 the event each year.

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233 Commissioner Holub asked how to move the ideas to fruition.

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235 City Manager Trudgeon noted there were a lot of great ideas brought  
236 forward by Commissioner Manke and the CEC, and suggested the first  
237 step would be for staff to consider the logistics of those ideas before  
238 moving forward any further. Mr. Trudgeon noted that the last Open  
239 House was held eight or nine years ago and the scope involved city staff  
240 organizing and running the event. Mr. Trudgeon suggested crafting the  
241 event with the goal in mind (e.g. showcasing the city and services it  
242 provided) whether one department or all departments and involving  
243 opportunities for all age groups accordingly, with staff supervision. Mr.  
244 Trudgeon noted the past success and interest for Police, Fire and Public  
245 Works Department equipment tours; and while staff was happy to give  
246 tours of the city campus and possibly City Hall, he liked the idea of  
247 smaller and shorter Roseville University classes and especially liked the  
248 idea of a mock City Council meeting. Mr. Trudgeon opined that the mock  
249 meeting format may engage residents better than class time, with many  
250 opportunities brought forward.

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252 City Manager Trudgeon expressed hesitation with involving the business  
253 community (e.g. highlighting Roseville businesses) in this particular  
254 format, opining it could prove a lot of work that may go beyond the scope  
255 of what was intended and what was trying to be accomplished. Mr.  
256 Trudgeon suggested focusing on the city versus the business community;  
257 allowing space to focus on Roseville businesses down the road. As an  
258 example, the now discontinued annual Home & Garden Fair took a  
259 tremendous amount of time and pre-planning to accomplish; and while  
260 well-received, the City Council determined that the considerable cost and  
261 staff time and resources involved no longer made sense at least on an  
262 annual basis. From that perspective, Mr. Trudgeon suggested such an  
263 event may not make sense on an annual basis, but perhaps every other year  
264 would garner more interest, but certainly could not be justified twice  
265 annually. Mr. Trudgeon noted this typically involved an “all hands on  
266 deck” staff involvement, on a weekend; and while staff recognized the  
267 importance of such events, it was a big undertaking and commitment on  
268 their part.

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270 City Manager Trudgeon spoke in support of the bulk of what  
271 Commissioner Manke listed in her ideas as a good foundation, opining  
272 that it hit the mark of what the City Council was anticipating as a

273 recommendation from the CEC, with the exception of the business  
274 community and logistics of coordinating that. Regarding the program  
275 management page outlined by Commissioner Manke, Mr. Trudgeon  
276 suggested he preliminary discuss the ideas with staff internally, noting  
277 staff had the expertise to take the lead and organize it, with involvement  
278 by the CEC. Mr. Trudgeon suggested involving advisory commissions  
279 across the board. Mr. Trudgeon noted this had been previously identified  
280 by the City Council as a priority for them; and congratulated the CEC for  
281 being right on track in providing a doable format; and even though it  
282 would be a lot of work, he opined it was important.

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284 Commissioner Manke confirmed that the “business lead” block should be  
285 eliminated from the proposed team structure diagram; with City Manager  
286 Trudgeon stating that this would be his recommendation, even though its  
287 merit could be considered down the road. However, Mr. Trudgeon noted  
288 that that other areas (e.g. Historical Society, Friends of the Park, etc.) were  
289 more affiliated with the city rather than the business community, and  
290 therefore should be involved.

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292 Chair Becker concurred with City Manager Trudgeon, further suggesting  
293 that separate volunteer organizations providing resources and support to  
294 the city could be showcased during this opportunity (e.g. Roseville  
295 Visitors Association, Youth Sports Associations, etc.) and other external  
296 organizations that may be applicable. Chair Becker suggested also keying  
297 non-profits or community services in the area into the event (e.g. NYFS).

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299 Commissioner Manke noted that was her original thinking with the  
300 Historical Society and Parks & Recreation emphasis already at other city  
301 events, and this would be yet another function for them. While not hurting  
302 to have these groups seen repeatedly, Commissioner Manke opined this  
303 could have been an opportunity for Roseville area businesses to be  
304 highlighted. Commissioner Manke noted her interest was focusing on  
305 businesses that catered to a specific segment of the Roseville population  
306 (e.g. senior citizens) for educational and outreach purposes to network and  
307 make connections. Commissioner Manke suggested that would  
308 necessitate using the OVAL for more space, and could focus on those  
309 businesses and equipment or assistance they offered for seniors.  
310 Commissioner Manke opined that this was the only way she could see  
311 them having an opportunity to showcase their services and products.

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313 At the request of Chair Becker, Commissioner Manke stated her intent  
314 was ideally to focus on Roseville businesses to allow residents to get to  
315 know what their own community had to offer and interact with each other.

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317 Commissioner Gardella opined that she didn’t find tables offering  
318 pamphlets and written material as effective as offering interactive

319 opportunities (e.g. bike clinic, build a bird house) as a way to be part of  
320 the community and could include food trucks with local restaurants that all  
321 would serve to encourage family participation.

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323 Commissioner Manke questioned how businesses not offering such  
324 services could interact or how everyone could connect and immerse  
325 themselves in the community.

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327 City Manager Trudgeon suggested that focus may be more of a healthcare  
328 related opportunity or business expo; but would be beyond the scope of  
329 what this initial open house was intended from his recollection of what the  
330 City Council was seeking.

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332 With the annual Home & Garden Fair no longer offered, Commissioner  
333 Manke opined that this could bring a little of that back into the picture  
334 again, and allow businesses within a certain criterion to be available to  
335 show their products and/or services that could help Roseville residents  
336 (e.g. medical, school, preschool, etc.).

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338 City Manager Trudgeon noted that one of the reasons the Home & Garden  
339 Fair went away was that it was too costly financially and in staff resources  
340 for the small attendance each year. Mr. Trudgeon reported that there were  
341 businesses participation and they were seeking leads, but advised that the  
342 management process for the one-day event took a minimum of six months  
343 in staff time to coordinate and organize. Mr. Trudgeon stated his  
344 understanding of Commissioner Manke's proposal to involve Roseville  
345 area businesses was something entirely different, and noted that caused his  
346 hesitation in involving the business component. While agreeing to the  
347 validity of that idea, Mr. Trudgeon opined it was too broad to include in  
348 this open house format and concept. Mr. Trudgeon further advised that  
349 the Economic Development Authority has and is continuing to pursue  
350 business outreach under separate consideration. While focusing on those  
351 businesses, such as through a separate business expo, Mr. Trudgeon  
352 opined would be part of a larger event, but reiterated his recommendation  
353 to keep this first open house city-centered. If successful the first time, Mr.  
354 Trudgeon noted a different theme or other ideas prompted from feedback  
355 heard could then be pursued. Mr. Trudgeon noted his concern with  
356 attempting to make the first event too big to manage well.

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358 Commissioner Manke noted Chair Becker's suggestions of a few other  
359 organizations that could fit; but questioned if and how numerous  
360 organizations could be accommodated in the limited space at City Hall.  
361 Commissioner Manke noted that was her recommendation for holding the  
362 open house at the OVAL as well; but questioned what could be used to  
363 entice residents to gravitate from City Hall to the OVAL or from one  
364 building to another.



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Chair Becker reiterated that he saw this first open house focusing on city resources and then building from that foundation. Chair Becker stated that he would hate to see an attempt for this opportunity to become too commercial like the Minnesota State Fair versus the intent for it to build community and interaction with each other.

Discussion ensued regarding the format of the open house and reasonable ideas to pursue; estimated space needed; different visions needing clarification for all parties including the City Council, city staff, the CEC, and the community at large.

City Manager Trudgeon suggested he take Commissioner Manke’s draft open house concept to city staff for an internal discussion among Department Heads as a springboard to gather their feedback before moving forward as a recommendation to the City Council at this point.

Chair Becker concurred with that process utilizing the good ideas put together by Commissioner Manke.

Commissioner Holub asked how the subcommittee and the CEC could help city staff at this stage of the game.

City Manager Trudgeon said he would need to think about that and how to plug those groups to the process when the point was reached for planning. Mr. Trudgeon suggested the subcommittee might be a good resource to talk with staff about logistics. Mr. Trudgeon noted that it was obvious a good number of volunteers would be required to facilitate an open house. Excluding the business component, Mr. Trudgeon opined that the structure as laid out by Commissioner Manke was spot on; and would only require working out the details, picking a date, actual events, classes, tours, and other logistical issues.

City Manager Trudgeon asked for time to talk with city staff, using this draft setup as a springboard, and then return to the CEC with that feedback.

**Form strategies for outreach to under-represented groups**

(Commissioners Gardella and Sattler)

Commissioner Sattler referenced the November update in Attachment 5.a, with the main focus of the group being a definition of “under-represented populations.” Commissioner Sattler advised that Commissioner Gardella’s initial definition had been expanded as noted:

*“Those who are provided with insufficient information about events/topics of interest in the community (whether through lack of access to internet, decreased mobility, etc.) or who are inadequately represented within the*

411 *community (are not members of the City Council, are not active*  
412 *volunteers, are not in leadership positions within the community). This*  
413 *would include: immigrant communities, communities of color, aging*  
414 *population, renters, or people with limited mobility/handicapped).”*  
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416 While liking the first part of the draft definition, Commissioner Holub  
417 responded that it was missing the need for a context in any given initiative.  
418 Instead of trying to add specific groups, Commissioner Holub suggested it  
419 would be more useful for specific demographics chosen or given.  
420 Commissioner Holub stated her concern was in not getting lost of bogged  
421 down in who was or was not being left out.

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423 Commissioner Sattler agreed, noting it was not an exhaustive list, but  
424 definitely depended on context.

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426 Chair Becker suggested “...related to a specific issue, event or community  
427 differentiating between those who are provided information or those  
428 inadequately represented.” Chair Becker opined that the beginning part  
429 attempted to provide context, but suggested a better word be found than  
430 “context,” and should relate to a particular event or issue, or area needed  
431 for outreach.

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433 Given a program initiative or effort, intent or goal, Commissioner Gardella  
434 suggested the definition of “under-represented” could include anyone  
435 provided with insufficient information or inadequately represented in the  
436 community. However, Commissioner Gardella questioned the intent of  
437 the meaning of “members of the City Council or leadership positions” and  
438 if that was intended to mean anyone outside that group would be  
439 considered “under-represented.” Commissioner Gardella opined that this  
440 demographic could be identified by numbers, positions, or places in the  
441 community.

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443 Commissioner Sparby illustrated for CEC purposes several suggestions,  
444 including identifying who was not being identified, suggesting striking  
445 “...not members of the City Council,” and leave that open to  
446 interpretation. In context, for example, Commissioner Sparby asked if  
447 someone is an active volunteer, are they fully represented. However,  
448 Commissioner Sparby opined that it was important to include on the list  
449 those examples used, but suggested adding language that this included  
450 those mentioned, “but not limited to” should be included to make sure it  
451 was understood that this was a non-exhaustive list.

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453 Chair Becker noted that may be true, but depended on the context.  
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455 Commissioner Sparby suggested adding language after the definition such  
456 as, “This definition subject to change relative to the particular issue  
457 qualifying what was being put forward.

458  
459 Commissioner Sattler suggested striking out the language in the  
460 parentheses (e.g. City Council or community leaders).

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462 Discussion ensued attempting to wordsmith language of the definition;  
463 with no clear consensus forthcoming among CEC commissioners; but all  
464 in agreement that the examples provided in the draft definition did not, nor  
465 should not, indicate it was an exhaustive list.

466  
467 Commissioners Gardella and Holub noted there were so many different  
468 ways to be active in the community outside civic engagement (e.g. school  
469 district).

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471 City Manager Trudgeon sought clarification as to whether this definition  
472 was intended to focus on civic or city activities or, as noted by  
473 Commissioners Gardella and Holub, was the involvement considering  
474 other community activities such as sport or arts activities in the  
475 community. When talking about under-represented groups, Mr. Trudgeon  
476 asked if the focus was on city representation at City Council meetings,  
477 advisory commissions, open houses, community events; or if a broader  
478 context was intended. Mr. Trudgeon noted there were some things that  
479 could be controlled within the city’s perspective, but not everything.

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481 Commissioner Holub stated she didn’t understand the purpose of the  
482 definition; opining that it seemed to her that there were so many different  
483 things it could apply to, and questioned whether a definition was needed  
484 since it could be different for each project, issue, or event.

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486 Commissioner Manke clarified that the original intent of the CEC was to  
487 determine how to reach out to those under-represented groups. From her  
488 perspective, Commissioner Manke stated she saw outreach as coming  
489 from the city to whatever group is considered under-represented for a  
490 particular issue or event to ensure communication reaches them.  
491 Commissioner Manke suggested creating a list of different groups and  
492 what communication tools would reach them best using various scenarios  
493 (e.g. event, issue, etc.) that could change accordingly.

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495 Commissioner Sattler sought to clarify Commissioner Manke’s suggestion  
496 would be to skip the definition and focus more on the methods of  
497 outreach; with confirmation by Commissioner Manke for that effort. For  
498 example, Commissioner Manke suggested that if there were language  
499 barriers, perhaps a tool would include someone to translate for that  
500 particular under-represented group. Commissioner Sattler noted that had

501                   been the end goal for the subcommittee, but they kept coming back to the  
502                   need for a definition of “under-represented groups.”

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504                   Chair Becker suggested that identification of who was trying to be reached  
505                   and then how to perform that outreach with a given “context” but  
506                   depending on a specific project, with the definition of “under-represented”  
507                   applying to context as well in determining the population that needed to be  
508                   reached and for what purpose. Chair Becker opined that was important,  
509                   because often the city missed the mark in not receiving enough  
510                   participation or community feedback, or lacking more input from a  
511                   particular group. However, Chair Becker further opined that the key was  
512                   how to identify who was missing from that feedback, therefore the need  
513                   for context, and then having a matrix of examples in those particular  
514                   situations.

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516                   Commissioner Holub suggested that it may be more useful for the CEC to  
517                   spend its time on strategies for the City Council to identify who is under-  
518                   represented in any given effort versus focusing on the broader definition,  
519                   since it typically ends up being a case by case basis.

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521                   At the request of Commissioner Manke, Commissioner Holub clarified  
522                   that a step before creating a scenario for outreach efforts to under-  
523                   represented groups, as mentioned by Chair Becker, would be to more  
524                   accurately identify that desired representation.

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526                   Chair Becker noted his intent was not to have a definition for the sake of  
527                   definition, but reminded commissioners that the City Council was asking  
528                   the CEC for tools and strategies, not project-specific, but simply a  
529                   framework to guide the City Council.

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531                   Commissioner Gardella concurred with Chair Becker based on previous  
532                   conversations with the City Council that the goal was to get people’s input  
533                   on a project. Rather than essentially the same people showing up for the  
534                   same events, Commissioner Gardella opined that the need was to find a  
535                   way to diversity the pool of participants and those needing to feel more  
536                   involved in their community. Commissioner Gardella noted it wasn’t  
537                   difficult to figure out who was missing from the table; and opined that it  
538                   was up to the CEC to figure out – with context – the different groups,  
539                   times and tools needed to encourage and facilitate that participation.  
540                   Commissioner Gardella stated that it wasn’t necessary to identify the  
541                   under-represented population by definition but more important to seek to  
542                   involve everyone about a particular project and develop different  
543                   communication strategies based on a project and the interest groups, in  
544                   other words including everyone.

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547 Commissioner Sparby opined that he felt the term was thrown around a  
548 lot, both by the City Council and CEC; and suggested the CEC should take  
549 time to figure out what was intended. While agreeing that Commissioner  
550 Sattler’s attempt as a first step to pin down this difficult definition  
551 initially, Commissioner Sparby opined that it remained vague.  
552 Commissioner Sparby suggested a good first step was to define the term  
553 and then when talking to the City Council and others, move forward to  
554 refine the term as interpreted Roseville-specific and within a certain  
555 context, issue or project by defining which group is under-represented in  
556 that particular situation. As pointed out by City Manager Trudgeon,  
557 under-represented may mean different things to different people  
558 depending on who represents you. While it may be difficult to pin down  
559 the definition, Commissioner Sparby opined that the CEC could at least  
560 make an attempt to define in order to move forward with this particular  
561 priority objective.

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563 Commissioner Gardella suggested that the definition could involve those  
564 groups listed in the draft definition, with the goal to make sure everyone is  
565 involved in all activities and participates in the city; or to say everyone  
566 (e.g. an open house event) and specify who should be involved that would  
567 then make it about the event and who we wanted to attend versus specific  
568 groups not represented well throughout the city. Commissioner Gardella  
569 agreed that an under-represented group could be everyone or anyone,  
570 depending on the event or project; but the goal remained who you wanted  
571 to participate, making that outreach different in each situation.  
572 Commissioner Gardella clarified that she wasn’t arguing that it should be  
573 everybody, but if so the approach needed to be changed so as not to say  
574 “everybody” and rather state people who are or are not represented in  
575 Roseville and state that clearly that the goal is to get information to people  
576 regardless of who they are.

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578 Commissioner Holub noted the struggle among individual commissioners,  
579 but admitted Commissioner Gardella’s clarification was helpful and stated  
580 that she hated to lose specificity for some in the community that needed to  
581 be brought to the table. Therefore, Commissioner Holub opined that she  
582 felt there was a need to define who the Roseville community was and the  
583 constant need to defend that with specificity, perhaps later in the draft  
584 definition. Commissioner Holub stated she wasn’t comfortable with the  
585 draft as currently presented.

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587 Commissioner Sparby suggested a solution may be to create a vague  
588 definition as it relates to those with insufficient information or resources  
589 relative to a topic without getting into specifically pointing out groups or  
590 without calling attention to specific groups, but with a more general  
591 definition based on context or an event and then moving forward to look at  
592 specific instances based on the particular context to determine who it is. If

593 this first step was presented by the CEC to the City Council,  
594 Commissioner Sparby opined that it would at least show them that the  
595 CEC had thought about it.

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597 Chair Becker stated he thought the definition was getting close, and once  
598 the context was included in the draft, it would help. Chair Becker did  
599 suggest that the last sentence of the draft definition be removed  
600 completely.

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602 Consensus of the CEC was to do so.

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604 Commissioner Holub suggested a follow-up for the subcommittee would  
605 be an addendum or supplement to the initial definition.

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607 Chair Becker clarified that the City Council repeatedly asked the CEC to  
608 develop and provide them with tool sets for community engagement and  
609 identify populations that were under-represented and specific tools for  
610 them. Therefore, Chair Becker suggested as the general idea and  
611 necessary first step for development by the CEC of a matrix of groups and  
612 applicable tools.

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614 Commissioner Sattler asked about including something in the definition  
615 about not being represented to or on the City Council, noting the City  
616 Council had stated bluntly that certain populations are not represented on  
617 the City Council. Commissioner Sattler asked if that language should be  
618 included or if there was a more inclusive way to get to that point.

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620 City Manager Trudgeon noted that Commissioner Sattler seemed to be  
621 indicating that city leadership should be more reflective of what Roseville  
622 looks like demographically; with concurrence by Commissioner Sattler.

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624 Chair Becker suggested that was what he was intending with the notion of  
625 the context (e.g. city officials and whether they represented how the  
626 community looked, and if not which groups are typically under-  
627 represented. Chair Becker suggested a general definition, and then  
628 providing examples in various contexts (e.g. city officials, advisory  
629 commissioners, or other leadership) and to reflect that on applications.

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631 Discussion ensued about the definition, with various renditions suggested;  
632 consideration of a caveat stating that the definition is subject to change  
633 with an issue or venue.

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635 Commissioner Gardella reiterated that if the goal was for Roseville  
636 leadership and participation to reflect Roseville's demographics, those  
637 groups not participating could be considered under-represented.  
638 Commissioner Gardella stated she would make the case that discussion

639 should continue as to how and why they were not participating and  
640 questioned why those groups wouldn't be identified within that context.

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642 Chair Becker suggesting adding the notion of context and applications and  
643 think about that further.

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645 After further discussion, Commissioner Sattler offered to make edits as  
646 discussed tonight and send the revised draft to City Manager Trudgeon to  
647 disseminate to the CEC for consideration prior to next month's CEC  
648 meeting and discussion.

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650 b. **Update on "I Am Roseville" Photo Project** (Commissioners Sparby and  
651 Holub)

652 Commissioner Manke referenced Attachment 5.B and her initial outline  
653 for "Building the Photo Project." While not fully understanding the goals  
654 for the project, Commissioner Manke stated she had put down thoughts  
655 and past discussions and considering who the intended photographer(s)  
656 would be. Commissioner Manke suggested tapping into photographers in  
657 the community for their ideas, but defining what was intended for the  
658 photos.

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660 Commissioner Holub suggested she and Commissioners Manke and  
661 Sparby meet to further address this as a subcommittee prior to moving  
662 forward with the full CEC. Commissioner Holub also suggested that her  
663 colleagues watch the City Council video for their initial reaction to this  
664 project.

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666 In terms of an update for tonight's CEC meeting, Commissioner Sparby  
667 agreed that the subcommittee should meet and look at the feasibility of  
668 moving forward with resources and a timeline, and planning items still  
669 needing to be fleshed out in much greater detail. Commissioner Sparby  
670 suggested this fell in line with 2017 commission goals; and agreed there  
671 was no substantive update other than for the subcommittee to meet to  
672 further define parameters of the project.

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674 Commissioner Gardella suggested that there was no need to over-think the  
675 project or make it too complicated, but keeping it fun for citizens to send  
676 in photos for a contest, with winners announced perhaps at the open house.  
677 Commissioner Gardella encouraged the subcommittee to continue those  
678 discussions.

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680 City Manager Trudgeon noted the city already had a "photo posse" in the  
681 community who frequently showed up at city events and contributed their  
682 photos. If that was the goal of the CEC subcommittee, Mr. Trudgeon  
683 suggested they be tapped since they were a dedicated group of people who

684 performed this service on a regular basis depending on their time and a  
685 particular activity.

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687 As a photographer herself, Commissioner Manke expressed concern with  
688 the legalities of the project, once its goals and objectives are determined,  
689 and how the photos were intended for use and who took them and/or  
690 submitted them.

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692 Chair Becker asked that the subcommittee work offline and provide a brief  
693 update at the next CEC meeting.

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695 **6. New Business**

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697 **a. Overview of Roseville U**

698 Chair Becker referenced Attachment 6.A consisting of a memorandum  
699 from City Manager Trudgeon dated November 3, 2016 and including  
700 information on formatting and attendance for past Roseville U events and  
701 their various iterations.

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703 City Manager Trudgeon provided a review of participation levels; a  
704 history of courses and attendance; evaluations of each event; and  
705 challenges with past formats. Mr. Trudgeon expressed excitement about  
706 incorporating a short RV U as part of the open house while people are  
707 already on-site and not having to commit to another time or date.

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709 Discussion ensued regarding attendance measurements as to timing, with  
710 different times, hours, seasons, frequencies, and formats tried; fatigue  
711 encountered by those attending for the eight-week courses or for those  
712 topics considered more “boring;” attempts by staff to continually freshen it  
713 and make things more interactive; and particular subjects and shortening  
714 of classes as much as possible to keep them informative and worthwhile.

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716 Ideas were tossed out by individual commissioners, such as shorter (e.g.  
717 half-hour sessions) as part of the open house; defining how and why what  
718 a specific department did was important to the average citizen (e.g. public  
719 works); offering sessions repeatedly throughout the open house and of  
720 shorter duration; testing various formats and ideas at the open house; ways  
721 to make attending the sessions fun for the whole family through use of  
722 visual or creative means; piggybacking off existing events (e.g. open  
723 house); and highlighting the Administration and Community Development  
724 Departments beyond the typical focus on the Fire, Police, Public Works  
725 and Parks Departments.

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727 Additional ideas included involving advisory commissions to inform  
728 residents of what it meant to serve and what all it involved; whether to  
729 consider video presentations versus live presentations by staff for the



730 shorter Roseville U sessions or using YouTube or DVD's available at the  
731 open house and directing residents to longer DVD's available through the  
732 city's website if more detailed information was desired for them to watch  
733 at home versus attending a session elsewhere.

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735 Commissioner Sparby opined that this was a good opportunity for the  
736 CEC to review past materials used for Roseville U toward the objective of  
737 reformatting it and then presenting it to the City Council for further  
738 direction as to whether or not they wanted the CEC and staff to move  
739 forward collaboratively in a new format. Whatever the CEC decided,  
740 Commissioner Sparby suggested the City Council be given the  
741 opportunity to provide additional direction to effectuate this proposal and  
742 then with that buy-in, get it moving forward. Again, Commissioner  
743 Sparby noted this was a future item that could be included in the 2017  
744 work plan.

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746 At the request of Commissioner Manke, City Manager Trudgeon offered  
747 to research past sign-ups and actual attendance for Roseville U.  
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749 **b. 2017 Priority Project Planning**

750 Chair Becker clarified that based on feedback during and after last  
751 month's CEC meeting, his intent was for this agenda item to serve as a  
752 preliminary discussion for the CEC going forward into 2017. Since he  
753 would not be involved after March of 2017, Chair Becker noted the  
754 ultimate goal would be for an open discussion by the CEC to decide on  
755 next year's projects and then determining what their priorities should be  
756 from that larger list. Chair Becker noted that the CEC had decided on  
757 those priorities at the April 2016 meeting and made assignments  
758 accordingly for subcommittees to do the more detailed work and then  
759 report back to the CEC for their response. Chair Becker noted this had not  
760 been as successful as intended based on what he was seeing and the  
761 amount of time being spent working on issues he thought would be  
762 handled by the subcommittees and brought more formally to the CEC for  
763 decision-making. However, Chair Becker stated that part of that problem,  
764 as he saw it, was too many projects and several of those projects being too  
765 vague at this point. Therefore, as a learning curve, Chair Becker  
766 suggested scaling down the projects and consider the reality of available  
767 resources for 2017 projects; as well as planning for certain attrition rates  
768 on the CEC as terms end. Chair Becker suggested consideration of what  
769 success would look like for a given year for specific priority projects and  
770 those that will be dropping off from the 2016 list. From his personal  
771 perspective, Chair Becker suggested the subcommittees be more  
772 collaborative rather than the full CEC involved in a group writing exercise  
773 similar to tonight's activity. Chair Becker opined that the CEC may want  
774 to consider a workshop-style discussion on a particular priority – but not  
775 all priorities – with a considerable amount of offline work done before

776 getting to a meeting, and then allowing for a more collaborative discussion  
777 of the full CEC.

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779 Commissioner Manke opined that the key thing was to get the priority  
780 well-defined to make it easier to work as a subcommittee outside of the  
781 CEC and be able to present something without having a major discussion.

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783 Commissioner Sparby opined that the objective or goal for the coming  
784 year should be defining the CEC's mission and role and what the City  
785 Council wanted from the CEC by defining its parameters and what it was  
786 tasked with doing. From that foundation, Commissioner Sparby suggested  
787 that then specific projects and goals could fall within those parameters to  
788 be accomplished during the year based on the CEC's understanding of its  
789 role as determined by the City Council; and then in turn making sure those  
790 goals are accomplished and tangible recommendations brought forward to  
791 the City Council to meet their objectives.

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793 As one of the veteran members on the CEC, Commissioner Manke  
794 suggested alerting new members to the City Council's charge rather than  
795 wrestling with the same things every year as the CEC turned over. After  
796 three years in existence now, Commissioner Manke opined that the CEC  
797 had its role fairly well defined; but recognized that the City Council's  
798 direction may change from year to year. Commissioner Manke opined  
799 that the CEC needed to do a better job educating its new members and  
800 explaining what the CEC was here to do versus rehashing it over and over  
801 and losing more time.

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803 Chair Becker thanked Commissioner Manke for bringing up the City  
804 Council buy-in, noting that while the CEC annually reviewed its proposed  
805 projects with the City Council; he found the missing part to be  
806 accountability from them that the CEC was moving in the appropriate  
807 direction as per their charge. While priorities change annually, and  
808 sometimes even more frequently, Chair Becker noted that feedback from  
809 individual city council members was natural, but the majority rule was  
810 needed to proceed to the CEC as a charge. However, when the CEC  
811 returns to the City Council seeking their feedback on its projects and  
812 priorities, Chair Becker noted that there seemed to be no majority  
813 accountability. Also, as an advisory commission, Chair Becker opined  
814 that the CEC needed to hold the City Council accountable as well in  
815 providing clear direction.

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817 Commissioner Sparby suggested an answer to that could be for the CEC to  
818 beef-up its documentation beyond strategies and policies by improving  
819 and clarifying its goals and objections as a commission through that  
820 documentation. If the documentation were pared down as needed and then  
821 represented to the City Council to make sure the CEC had their buy-in on

822 that documentation first and foremost, Commissioner Sparby opined that  
823 the layers could be built to clear any objections and any additions to  
824 justify why the CEC was doing a specific project. Commissioner Sparby  
825 volunteered to be involved in that documentation by addressing what he  
826 saw that could be improved and represented to the City Council for their  
827 buy-in, opining that he saw this as a critical area for the CEC to address.

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829 Commissioner Gardella opined that it would be nice if the CEC and City  
830 Council each had a clear understanding of how they related to each other.  
831 While recognizing the point made by Commissioner Manke for a need to  
832 clarify whether the CEC was programmatic or advisory, Commissioner  
833 Gardella stated that it was clear the CEC was advisory, but as the City  
834 Council was involved in several community engagement projects already  
835 underway (e.g. comprehensive plan update and SE Roseville, both big  
836 efforts) they needed to define the CEC's role in those initiatives. While  
837 appreciating the City Council's desire for the CEC's input on how to do  
838 certain pieces of community engagement or improving Roseville U and  
839 the city website, Commissioner Gardella noted there were still pieces that  
840 seemed unclear in terms of how they related to the CEC or how the CEC  
841 related to them. Commissioner Gardella noted that the city had a lot of  
842 engagement already happening, but the CEC was not directly involved,  
843 calling into question what the best role was for the CEC.

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845 Commissioner Sparby suggested something the CEC could do to assist in  
846 moving those efforts forward was to document tonight's discussion  
847 through documentation on which to focus at the next joint meeting with  
848 the City Council as one specific objective to present with all involved.  
849 Commissioner Sparby suggested that the CEC present its review of the  
850 "Speak Up! Roseville" website and provide their recommendation,  
851 allowing the City Council to provide direction on the CEC's  
852 recommendations, putting the ball in their court and advising the CEC  
853 what direction to go. Commissioner Sparby noted that this would provide  
854 the CEC with their feedback and then work toward those goals for the next  
855 joint meeting with the City Council.

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857 Commissioner Sattler expressed her appreciation for this discussion,  
858 opining it served to address a number of the concerns she brought forward  
859 in her email to the CEC, and her concerns with the number of resignations  
860 from the CEC and apparent loss of direction and what it would take to get  
861 back on track. Commissioner Sattler opined this was good timing for  
862 priority planning projects for 2017, as part of this discussion, and  
863 reassessing the direction the CEC wants to go and what the City Council  
864 wants from the CEC; as well as making sure CEC commissioners are  
865 happy with the time they're spending on this advisory commission.  
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867 Discussion ensued regarding possible work sessions of the CEC outside  
868 the normal meeting format for a valuable use of its time; meeting logistics  
869 for public information and viewing per City Council direction for  
870 broadcast on C-TV; and the schedule for the next joint meeting.

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872 City Manager Trudgeon suggested that the CEC's December 2016  
873 meeting focus only on the 2017 priority projects to hit the new year with a  
874 good start on those priority projects.

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876 Further discussion included feedback from or a survey of former advisory  
877 commissioners over the year about their experience and lessons learned  
878 about what they found to work and what didn't work; their satisfaction  
879 levels with serving in that capacity (Commissioner Holub); understanding  
880 what an advisory commission is and its responsibilities and the role they  
881 played in the community and for the City Council; recognizing differing  
882 viewpoints and personalities and taking advantage of those challenges and  
883 opportunities; and experiences and turnover among other advisory  
884 commissioners and if that was similar to that realized on the CEC.

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886 Commissioner Gardella provided an historical perspective on the  
887 formation of the original Community and Civic Engagement Task Force  
888 and then the CEC and the uniqueness of its evolution; challenges in  
889 identifying community versus civic engagement; and how different the  
890 CEC is from other advisory groups.

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892 Chair Becker concurred, noting the evolution of the CEC and the first two  
893 years spent struggling with program versus policy; improved  
894 documentation as addressed by Commissioner Sparby; and learning by  
895 trial and error without a model. However, now that the CEC is in its third  
896 year, Chair Becker agreed with Commissioner Gardella that this group is  
897 now reflective of where the commission is moving and the work done to-  
898 date.

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900 Commissioner Gardella encouraged individual commissioners to contact  
901 former commissioners, opining they would be interested in sharing their  
902 experiences and would probably be more than happy to have those  
903 conversations. Commissioner Gardella suggested that process versus a  
904 formal survey.

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906 City Manager Trudgeon also noted the need to respect the privacy of those  
907 no longer considered public officials; noting that it wasn't routine for city  
908 staff to give out their contact information. Instead, Mr. Trudgeon  
909 suggested new commissioners' review past CEC meeting minutes as a  
910 way to research that information if their intent was to inform planning for  
911 2017. Mr. Trudgeon admitted there was a lot of history with the CEC, but  
912 noted all of it wasn't relevant to the direction the CEC was now moving.

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Commissioner Manke opined that the CEC was now starting to accomplish some things she wouldn't have thought possible three years ago.

To Chair Becker's point of putting objectives on paper that area very achievable as a good first start for newer CEC members, Commissioner Sparby noted that would provide some of those accomplishments that people could feel proud of and be checked off the list through that learning curve. Commissioner Sparby opined that since there would always be turnover in any commission or organization, it shouldn't discourage those remaining to contribute and make sure they were putting forth a good effort and work product for the City Council, as well as receiving reinforcement from the City Council to guide direction based on its initial intent when creating the CEC.

Commissioner Sattler clarified that her concern was with 3-4 senior commissioners resigning within a six-month period, including the Chair and Vice-Chair, making it seem to new commissioners that something was wrong or there was a core problem with the CEC. If a survey would point that out or identify areas the CEC needed to stay away from as it moved forward, Commissioner Sattler stated she was open to that option to avoid going down the same mistaken road.

Commissioner Manke noted the staggered terms when the CEC was established to ensure the process kept some experienced commissioners on board with newer commissioners bringing fresh ideas.

Chair Becker concurred, noting that this provided that the CEC was not entirely repopulated with each appointment process.

Commissioner Manke noted the attrition at this point was in part due to three commissioners having served from the beginning, opining they were probably the best people from which to get that historical perspective of the CEC's formation and evolution. Commissioner Manke lauded Chair Becker for the phenomenal job he had done in presenting to the City Council and keeping the CEC focused and moving forward. With that in mind, Commissioner Manke asked Chair Becker to provide his perspective on an outline for the CEC moving forward in 2017 and beyond and guidelines he'd suggest going forward and for archival purposes for newer commissioners coming on board.

Since Commissioner Sattler was personally struggling with the role of the CEC with the City Council, she asked Chair Becker to get that down as well, if that had been part of a past struggle.

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Commissioner Gardella stated she wasn't sure if that had been figured out yet, and suggested more work was needed to clarify those roles and the direction of the City Council to the CEC, opining that this would prove a good use of CEC time. Commissioner Gardella opined that she still found openness on the part of the City Council to help the CEC define its role, or what line they didn't want it to cross; agreeing that would be a good use of their time. Commissioner Gardella opined that there were many reasons people chose not to re-apply or resigned from their service, including lack of clarity or direction, personalities, or a mismatch of what they expected that service to look like versus the reality of that service. Commissioner Gardella stated this was a great opportunity for new commissioners to have a voice in what the work of the CEC could be as part of their conversation with the City Council.

Chair Becker agreed that not all past or recent resignations were due to being disgruntled, but some were time commitment issues.

Commissioner Gardella concurred, and noted her personal time and life commitment issues at this time; and since she felt that she wasn't doing good work on behalf of the CEC, she wanted to open it up for someone who could do a good job at this point in time and dedicate themselves to those efforts. Commissioner Gardella noted that she was leaving at a time when she felt there was a stronger table for the CEC, and thus it had helped her decision; but reiterated that her resignation was not out of frustration.

Chair Becker concluded this discussion by agreeing with City Manager Trudgeon's idea to focus the bulk of the December CEC meeting on policies and 2017 work planning. Chair Becker suggested each commissioner and/or subcommittee list or identify their themes in measurable and attainable goals for consideration by the full CEC in deciding the next step to seek City Council buy-in as the next step immediately following the new commissioner appointments in April of 2017.

At the request of Commissioner Sparby, Chair Becker asked that individual commissioner's priority items be sent to City Manager Trudgeon for forwarding to him to meet the next meeting's packet deadline (Thursday prior to the next meeting) via email.

**c. Election of Vice Chair**

Chair Becker opened the floor to nominations for election of a Vice Chair to complete that role being vacated by Commissioner Gardella from December 1, 2016 through March 31, 2017.

1005 **Commissioner Sattler moved nomination of Commissioner Holub,**  
1006 **Commissioner Gardella seconded; and with acceptance by**  
1007 **Commissioner Holub and with no additional nominations,**  
1008 **nominations ceased and she was unanimously appointed to serve out**  
1009 **the position as Vice Chair of the CEC for the term from December 1,**  
1010 **2016 through March 31, 2017.**

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1012 **Ayes: 6**  
1013 **Nays: 0**  
1014 **Motion carried.**

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1016 **d. Additional New Business Item**

1017 YouTube Capabilities for City Meetings (added to agenda by Sparby)  
1018 As he had discussed with Commissioner Sparby prior to tonight's  
1019 meeting, City Manager Trudgeon expressed curiosity as to the purpose in  
1020 proposing that tool, noting that the city already had a robust presence on  
1021 C-TV with its advisory commissions.

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1023 Commissioner Manke agreed that, while nice, it didn't seem to her a high  
1024 priority at this point, since C-TV did a good job, even though  
1025 Commissioner Sparby's concerns was valid in not having identified stops  
1026 for particular meeting points or topics.

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1028 Commissioner Holub stated she would be more concerned with City  
1029 Council versus advisory commission meetings; agreeing with her struggle  
1030 in viewing the meeting tapes and not being able to queue into a specific  
1031 topic or item.

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1033 City Manager Trudgeon advised that the city has YouTube shorts  
1034 available on city services and operations, but as yet didn't have YouTube  
1035 available for the lengthy City Council meetings.

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1037 **7. Chair, Committee and Staff Reports**

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1039 **a. Chair Report**

1040 Chair Becker acknowledged the services of Commissioner Gardella on the  
1041 Community Engagement Task Force and then the CEC, noting she had  
1042 been one of the City Council's original appointees. Chair Becker  
1043 expressed his appreciation for Commissioner Gardella's leadership  
1044 initiatives and for her valuable assistance to him over the last eighteen  
1045 months as he'd served as Chair of the CEC, noting he had come to depend  
1046 on her support and counsel.

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1048 Commissioner Gardella stated that it had truly been an honor, noting she  
1049 had just moved into the community when she initially became involved in  
1050 the Task Force, and it provided her a great opportunity to get to know

1051 others in her new city and had proven a great benefit and perk.  
1052 Commissioner Gardella noted that as things changed in her life and  
1053 became more manageable, she anticipated returning to community service.  
1054 In the meantime, Commissioner Gardella promised her colleagues that she  
1055 would continue to watch their efforts going forward; and advised that she  
1056 would be available to them as time allowed for chats and consultations.

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1058 **b. Staff Report**

1059 City Manager Trudgeon announced the upcoming community outreach  
1060 meeting to discuss future use of the former school site repurposed into an  
1061 Army National Guard site in Roseville, now vacant, with information  
1062 provided on the city's website and noticed to a broad area of Roseville.

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1064 City Manager Trudgeon distributed handouts about the upcoming  
1065 Business Exchange.

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1067 Commissioner Sparby asked that City Manager Trudgeon provide the  
1068 CEC in their next meeting packet some of city staff's ongoing outreach  
1069 efforts through documents and forms used at this time (e.g. Park Renewal  
1070 Program) that would allow the CEC to review those community  
1071 engagement and collaboration tools currently in use.

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1073 **i. Upcoming Items on Future Council Agendas**

1074 City Manager Trudgeon briefly reviewed several upcoming items  
1075 not already covered tonight.

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1077 **ii. Other Items**

1078 Commissioner Manke advised that several City Council members  
1079 had asked her what progress was being made by the CEC in  
1080 making a recommendation to the City Council on the "welcome  
1081 packet." Commissioner Manke noted her submission to the CEC  
1082 off line an example of the packet from several years ago. In her  
1083 personal discussion with individual Councilmembers,  
1084 Commissioner Manke noted they seemed interested in the idea of  
1085 an online welcome packet, with printable options; but admitted she  
1086 needed to meet with Communications Manager Garry Bowman on  
1087 the online piece on the city's website.

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1089 City Manager Trudgeon clarified that staff and the City Council  
1090 was looking to the CEC for their recommendations on what was  
1091 important to contain in the welcome packet; and thanked  
1092 Commissioner Manke for her work in formatting it in draft form.  
1093 City Manager Trudgeon suggested that the packet not get too  
1094 bogged down in details, but instead for the CEC to lay out topics  
1095 and how they should be formatted, contact information and other  
1096 things that they found of most importance to new residents, or



1097 residents needing additional information about community  
1098 offerings.

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1100 Commissioner Manke expressed her interest in seeing the packet  
1101 online with links connecting within the website, as well as it being  
1102 printable for someone not comfortable navigating websites.

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1104 Commissioner Gardella suggested a post card directing someone  
1105 physically to the city's website for the additional resource  
1106 information.

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1108 Commissioner Manke noted her interest in involving the business  
1109 community was hoping they would advertise in the welcome  
1110 packet; but admitted that could prove time-consuming initially but  
1111 once the main part was completed, it should only require minimal  
1112 annual changes or updates.

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1114 Commissioner Holub opined that it was helpful to have a  
1115 document with a summary of possible things to include in it as part  
1116 of a future CEC packet versus a verbal discussion of what should  
1117 be or should not be included.

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1119 City Manager Trudgeon suggested a format similar to that  
1120 provided by Commissioner Manke for the open house concept,  
1121 perhaps laying out a Table of Contents as a starting point, and then  
1122 populating that with contacts or resources.

1123  
1124 Chair Becker suggested that the CEC be provided with a hardcopy  
1125 of the old welcome packet for comparison purposes going forward  
1126 as the new proposed format was presented. Chair Becker  
1127 suggested that would be a good addition to the 2017 work plan.

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1129 **8. Commission Communications, Reports, and Announcements**

1130 Referencing her experience voting early this year at City Hall, and involvement of  
1131 city staff, Commissioner Holub opined it would provide a great opportunity for  
1132 community engagement while voters were on site and waiting to vote.

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1134 City Manager Trudgeon agreed there were long waits with higher-than-  
1135 anticipated early voting due to recent legislative changes. Given the problems  
1136 encountered at most polls in processing, Mr. Trudgeon opined that there may be  
1137 some additional statewide changes for early voting.

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1139 Commissioner Manke suggested the need for additional election judges versus  
1140 such a heavy reliance on city staff.

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1142 City Manager Trudgeon advised that, while staff knew this was going to be a busy

1143 election, even more so than a typical presidential election, there was training  
1144 needed to serve, but admitted staff had not anticipated such chaos, including a  
1145 need for more space that had been an unknown until it became a reality.  
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1147 **9. Commissioner-Initiated Items for Future Meetings**

1148 Chair Becker suggested focusing on the 2017 CEC work plan at the December  
1149 meeting.  
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1151 Commissioner Sattler noted the projected joint meeting with the City Council in  
1152 February and asked if there was something the CEC should be working on that  
1153 needed completed before that meeting.  
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1155 Chair Becker advised that there was some flexibility for that joint meeting date;  
1156 with agreement by City Manager Trudgeon. Chair Becker noted it was typically  
1157 held after the CEC decided on their annual work list to gather feedback and  
1158 receive direction from the City Council before moving forward.  
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1160 Commissioner Manke suggested a major project for discussion at the joint  
1161 meeting would be the open house if that was going to be scheduled in the spring  
1162 of 2017.  
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1164 **10. Recap of Commission Actions This Meeting**

1165 Commissioner Gardella briefly highlighted action items tonight (photo project  
1166 meeting by the subcommittee, work on a definition by the subcommittee, and  
1167 individual commissioner development of ideas for the 2017 priority project list).  
1168 Chair Becker asked newly-elected Vice Chair Holub to track action items going  
1169 forward.  
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1171 **11. Adjournment**

1172 Commissioner Gardella moved, Chair Becker seconded, adjournment of the  
1173 meeting at approximately 8:57 p.m.  
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1175 **Ayes: 6**

1176 **Nays: 0**

1177 **Motion carried.**

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