

Goals for Englewood in 2016

I am not going to repeat all of the projects council and the city has in the works. I will be covering only the new projects and functions of the city we need to pay additional attention too.

Over the counter permitting process.

Identify the 10 most common home improvements done by home owners in Englewood. Produce a DIY hand out for the layman. The hand out should contain the information the resident needs to know to plan out the project.

Goal is to encourage home owners to do improvements to their property. Go into the building department on Friday afternoon for the permit and be working Saturday morning. The process needs to be quick, easy and painless. When the people have success with little to no pain the person is more likely to do more home improvements. Everyone wins.

The process is not to increase the work load on staff, but to get the departments to have some crossover training and understanding of each other to expedite the process and reduce the number of people needing to touch every piece of paperwork.

By spring to complete this part of the goal.

By the end of the year to expand over the counter process to many more residential and commercial permits.

Ordinance Enforcement

Look at how the city does ordinance enforcement.

Is it in the best interest of Englewood to have each department doing their own enforcement?

Should we have a department that is responsible for enforcing each departments requirements. Such as the building department, Code, Maintenance, public works, and so on.

Fire Departments

Give Eric Keck the authority to do a feasibility study to build a fire authority with other AHJ's. If Englewood has any intentions of having full control over fire and ambulance service in the future it is the time to do the research. Mr. Keck is one of very few who has the experience in building a successful fire authority.

Comp Plan

The comp plan is a document that will be setting the direction for Englewood for the next 5 to 10 years. Developers and city staff will be relying heavily on the document for direction, along with a sizable amount of money will be spent by all based on the comp plan.

I believe Council should have a workshop separate from study sessions to review the comp plan. The comp plan is a large document and is impossible to foresee all of the possible outcomes.

The creation of a preamble for the comp plan would be a way to help guide the people and staff. The preamble would provide the spirit along with the letter.

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