

COMMUNITY FORUM
COTTAGE GROVE ARMORY
628 E WASHINGTON AVE
COTTAGE GROVE, OR 97424
September 28, 2023

Bob Larson, GMP Consultants opened the doors at 6:00 pm and welcomed guests.

The Community Forum began at 6:32 pm. No roll was taken.

Mayor Candace Solesbee and Councilors Greg Ervin, Dana Merryday, Chalice Savage and Jon Stinnett were in attendance.

28 additional community members were in attendance.

Bob Larson presented background information regarding the purpose of the forum and explained to the attendees what they could expect over the course of the evening.

Attendees gathered in table groups of 6-7 people and one person at each table was designated as a table leader.

Bob Larson presented a list of questions (Exhibit A) and the table groups were lead through the list of questions one at a time. Attendees shared their thoughts and answers to the questions as the table leader recorded responses. The written responses were turned in to Bob Larson at the conclusion of the forum.

Bob Larson thanked those in attendance for their participation.

The Community Forum concluded at 7:30 pm

Mindy Roberts, City Recorder

Candace Solesbee, Mayor

Exhibit A

Cottage Grove City Manager Recruitment

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Questions for Table Discussions

(Notetakers: Stick with the question & allow room for all voices)

Why Apply?

1. From your perspective, what do you like about Cottage Grove? What do you believe is the appeal of the community?

Key Candidate Attributes:

2. From your perspective, describe the type of person whom you believe would make or be a good city manager – a person's character, skills, knowledge, personality, etc.

People and Culture:

3. How would you describe the community's leaders and the support they could provide to the new city manager to help them in their transition into the community and to be successful in their new position?

Opportunities and Challenges:

4. What specific projects or issues are you aware of that the new city manager will need to address within the first six to 18 months on the job?

Thank you for providing your insights.