

CIAC REPORT - PUTTING THE PEOPLE IN PLANNING

OUTREACH

Prineville, Oregon Thursday October 16, 2009 at 7:00 PM

Invitees: Citizens groups, Planning Directors and Planning Commissions, Mayors and City Councils of Prineville and surrounding areas. The local press and the Sierra Club were also advised of the Outreach.

Attendees: Gary Eder & Mollie Eder – Powell Butte, Crook County, Nunzie Gould – Bend, Deschutes County, Arlene Curths – Powell Butte, Crook County, Kim Kambak – Prineville, Crook County.

LCDC Commissioner Marilyn Worrix, Liaison to CIAC.
CIAC members Gregory McClarren and Ian Maitland.
DLCD Cliff Voliva.

The Citizen Involvement Advisory Committee hosted the first of two meetings in the 2008 series, in order to seek information on how Goal One is working in the Prineville area. The meeting took place in the Stafford Inn Conference Room, 1001 Third Street, Prineville. After welcoming the guests Ian Maitland explained the acronyms LCDC, DLCD, CIAC and how they were connected. Also Goal One and Citizen Involvement Program (CIP) which included CCI and CAC. Maitland said he had prepared notes to be handed out at the conclusion of the session. (Those notes are listed on the last page of this report.)

QUESTION: Why are you here tonight?

Mollie Eder –

My name is Mollie Eder and I'm here tonight because I'm a resident of Crook County and I've noticed that they don't really care about citizen involvement. I'm with no particular group.

Garry Eder –

My name is Garry Eder and I'm here because Crook County is not a government for the people, it's for the 'good old boys' and people don't matter.

Nunzie Gould –

My name is Nunzie Gould and I live in Deschutes County and I'm here to learn about your group, I don't know exactly what you do and I have been involved as a citizen in various land use occasions. I have attended a number of County Commissioners Meetings and Planning Commission meetings both

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in the city and in the County and I've noticed that Stakeholders tend to carry more weight with the commissions than the citizens do and that when the citizens volunteer for committees they're very often denied because they don't have the political bent. So what I'm seeing is there is a top down decision making process. I see that going on right now under the comprehensive plan for Destination Resorts Review where there are plans for review at the Planning Commission but the county is saying, "Sorry our staff is cut back, we don't have the hours but hurry up and make your decision." So I'm concerned with that type of attitude when it comes to Destination Resort Review and planning and Comprehensive Review planning update, especially given the environment where so many so many resorts have been approved and there seems to be a flurry to get more of them in the throws and in the process before the legislative review in 2009.

QUESTION: What is the largest group of people you have seen at a hearing?

Nunzie Gould –

Well, at a city council meeting, they will schedule a meeting in their council room and it will be overflowing into the stairway and the hallway of the building and very often a television monitor will be playing a Public Relations ad for the city and there won't be an audio stream of what's going on within the hearing room or giving the attendees the ability to hear anything. So I've seen overflow capacity at the city level. On the county level, they've built a new Deschutes Services Building. I have attended hearings where the accordion doors dividing the room were only partly opened so that the extra area could not be used. The staff on hand did not know how to open those doors to facilitate the space. I've been involved in hearing where the audio tape was lost and compromised at public hearing where land use decisions were made.

Garry Eder –

Probably 100 people was the largest number attending, it was for destination resorts.

Mollie Eder -

I also know that at other hearings for land use decisions sometimes no public attends. I think it's a notification issue.

QUESTION: If there is a large group in attendance do you think that it makes a difference to the decision of the Board of Commissioners or Planning Commissioners?

Garry Eder -

No I don't believe that in Crook County it makes any difference as to the number attending or the opinions of people attending the hearing.

Nunzie Gould –

I've attended meetings where commissioners felt threatened by those who were boisterous in the crowd and they say they will bring in the Sheriff. I've seen that happen. I've seen the Sheriff stand outside. I have also attended meeting where people didn't even know the item was coming up. Where the notification doesn't get mailed to neighbors. The whole gambit has been happening here and I've lived here since 1990. One of the issues on notification is that if there's a large parcel, 500 feet gets you one neighbor and if you're not a large parcel of land it might get you 2 neighbors.

QUESTION: Have you experienced any positive decisions or actions that your county or city officials have made towards citizen involvement?

Garry Eder -

We have a great receptionist in the Planning Department that seems to be very helpful. Part of our problem is when you walk into our Planning Commission Office they have the head planner's business card and the assistant planner's business card and then there is the lobbyist's card, that helps people get their resorts or their plans through right next to the planner's card and there's the attorney's card right next to those. Are these people working for the county? When we complain about this we are told it's none of our business. They have a right to have their cards right there. So it appears that they are sanctioned by the county as the best choice to use when applying for a building permit. They are on the desk of the receptionist. I'm not talking about ten or twenty business cards, I'm talking about one attorney card and one of these land use consultants. There seems to be favoritism of these people.

Nunzie Gould -

Positive things: It's been helpful having on line documents for land use. However a critique is that a color document that come into the Planning Department showing five or seven phases of development is only scanned in black and white. So you don't have the benefit of understanding that document. A lot of them are maps and a lot of them are very important on the scope of destination resorts. Especially as code requires them to build in phases housing and overnights when you can't see where those PUDs are planned to be located. You may not then understand a road as it may need to be phased or an emergency evacuation as it may need to be phased. So these are all compounded.

Deschutes County has their Clerk's Office on line, so if there's a sale of a property that can be recorded and seen the next day by the public on line. I needed to travel to Crook County to use their computer in their office to get that same data but had I had the service of having that on line that would have saved me from driving from Deschutes to Crook County.

Cliff Voliva noted that DLCD still has a black and white scanner that they copy from though they are contemplating purchasing a heavy duty color machine if the cost and maintenance will allow. So he sympathizes with Nunzie Gould.

Nunzie Gould -

If I could just add to that, if applicants were to submit in CD or DVD format their applications in addition to a paper copy, that might be the way to have it pre-scanned and it could just be a click on a Website. One thing I would like to add, with the advent of e-mail and other correspondence, it does become very hard to track a very large file. For instance an e-mail may come into someone in the Road Department of a colleague. Is that part of a file? And how does the public get access to that in a timely manner in order to comment?

Getting back to agency acknowledgement that you mentioned, I have actually notified our county that 50 line item agency contact list, that they failed to notify certain agencies who were key, for example Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife for reviewing a mitigation plan for a destination resort. When the agency isn't even notified to begin with, it makes it very easy for them never to give an agency comment.

QUESTION: Are citizen input into land use matters treated seriously?

(Laughter)

Mollie Eder -

In our county (Crook County) we were so desperate that we weren't being heard, that no one cared about our input that someone had to write a ballot measure to be voted on and then they finally heard us. It took a few months for it to get through, but that's the level of desperation that was reached.

Garry Eder -

I'll add to that. This ballot measure that was passed by the citizens who were trying to do something about the resorts asked for a moratorium plan and we were told in no uncertain terms by the county that they couldn't do a moratorium plan. But just yesterday when they decided to enact the ballot measure all of a sudden the moratorium plan would have been allowed. So when it suited their needs.

Kim Kambak -

Well, I think there are some very good people who work in these departments and I and they strive to do a very good job. I think very often that the rug is pulled from underneath their feet and staff people can be taken off a project if they're not delivering the result that is wanted of them prior to a public hearing. And I have seen relatively novice people being assigned to quite complicated applications and I think that it can be frustrating to the public if the public has a sense of the complexity of an application and yet has to work over a well meaning person to get to some basic information that shouldn't be difficult to get to. The Planning Department is run by the County Commissioners and the Planning Commissioners are appointed by the County Commissioners and they act in an advisory capacity only to the County Commissioners. So we can have an entire planning process and the planners make a decision and when it comes time for the county to consider the

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decision on what ever the topic is they don't have to listen to the Planning Commission, it's just a recommendation. So all that citizen input and all the hearings and all of the participation and letter writing and analysis that citizens often bring because the planners don't because they are not given the resources to do that. That really erodes the turnout here because people have been attending a lot of meetings and it makes them hesitant to dedicate more time as they don't see input for example at a Planning Commission they may have attended for three weeks in front of a Planning Commission to follow a topic or may be three months or six months following a topic when a decision from the Planning Commission is just disregarded by the County Commission, it makes those citizens who have been involved for so long wonder why they even bother. So it's a way of sifting through peoples' energy. It undermines the whole idea of Citizen Involvement.

Nunzie Gould -

I have attended a number of neighborhood association meetings at post-pre application. So there's a pre-application meeting with the developer and then they bring their idea to the neighborhood association to move forward and then they make their official application. I have seen times where astute builders take input. I've also been to a number of meetings where just as you have described Goal One needing to have citizen participation where that whole entire process is nothing but a mockery to say "we met with the neighborhood." So it completely depends on how the proponent of the project wants it to come out.

Kim Kambak -

I'm Kim Kambak and I have been a Crook County Planning Commissioner for nine years, but I was on the other side of the table when my husband and I filed an appeal against a development that was happening in the City of Prineville and had to do with Crook County's Comp. Plan which also takes in the City of Prineville because the City of Prineville doesn't have an acknowledged Comp. Plan. They only have portions of their plan acknowledged. So it was about Goal Five and it was about where the development was going to take place, not the merits of the development but just the place where that development was going to be allowed. It was interesting to be on the other side of the table to feel like... the word that comes into my mind, like a criminal because, "How dare you bring something up to challenge our land use." I thought it was mine too because it was the Crook County Comp. plan that I was asking to have them look at. So it was a very interesting sense and I think it's given me much more understanding and compassion about people who come to testify, with the scrutiny and the disbelief sometimes that rolls down at them from the Planning Department. Not necessarily the Planning Commission. If the Planning Director behaves in a way that is dismissive, there are members of the Planning Commission that take that to mean this is not an application that needs our full attention.

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They are also dismissive instead of listening citizen to citizen on the merit of the information. Second is social capital. In a small community where people know one another, there's a lot of social capital that gets wagered when a person comes to testify or give information at the table about an application. There's a lot of times where neighbors will not come up and testify because they're going to lose social capital and they're not just going to do that. Then you have the lone voice that comes out and that person gets mocked for being a rabble rouser or whatever. I hope in the bigger pond you can come with a little anonymity and talk about the application and the merits of the application and not on who knows what and when. You know it gets somewhat incestuous sometimes and that's difficult because you want to just listen and block all that out, but it does come into play. The thing that I love and hate about Oregon Land Use is how messy it is and how divisive it is and yet I think it's the best way for us to continue this process. I used to wear a badge that said 'World Peace through better zoning.' And I totally believe it.

Garry Eder -

Our Planning Commissioners are unpaid and we appreciate what they do and there are a few that are really insightful and read everything but I've been to the planning office at two minutes to five and many times seeing the note books (packets) that are given to the commissioners to look over applications that they are going to pass on that night. They don't pick them up 'till five o'clock. Then they're going to the hearing at seven o'clock. Not all the commissioners, but quite a few of them.

Nunzie Gould -

Getting back to your question; does the commission do a good job? I think there are some people who take their job very seriously and read up and are aware of issues and ask important questions or ask questions that may not have been fully answered within the record. I think there are also both Planning Commissioners and County Commissioners who have no clue what an application is about and have no intention of even opening the book. I think there are people appointed to Planning Commissions for policy reasons. In fact just recently I e-mailed our County Attorney stating that there could be a conflict of interest in the upcoming Planning Commission hearing and would you kindly look into it as I felt that a particular Planning Commissioner should not be involved in either the discussion of the topic or the vote. I had seen that particular commissioner on similar dialogues be involved in steering the entire discussion with the public and then saying, "Well, I'm going to recuse myself of the vote." And then you just think wow, that's weird. But what are we supposed to do? You work with people who are on the board and I suppose I need to do more due diligence to actually show that somebody stands to benefit by so many dollars. Because the onus is on the public at that hearing to show how somebody would financially benefit from the decision.

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Ian Maitland asked Nunzie Gould how she would feel while listening to repetitious experts' testimony until eleven o'clock at night only to be told to keep what she had to say within three minutes and don't repeat what somebody else had said.

Nunzie Gould -

Just at last night's meeting we were advised to please not repeat what someone else had said if we agreed with them. I think is the commission more receptive to an idea if they hear that same point from ten people? So I wonder how it is perceived by the panel. I understand the length of meetings from the timeline. But the citizens are there and that's important.

QUESTION: Does your county (those attending the session included three counties) have a Citizen Committee for Involvement and could you name one person in the CCI?

Garry Eder -

No I could not.

Molly Eder -

I'm not even certain we have a Citizen Involvement Program much less a CCI.

Gregory McClarren commented that he resides in the City of Redmond and is familiar with Jefferson County where he was involved in Land Use matters. Redmond would be a 'NO' to a CCI. Jefferson County, after much pressuring from the Citizens, reconstituted their Citizen Participation and Advisory Committee (CPAC) and along with the Planning Commission they are Jefferson's citizen representatives.

Nunzie Gould -

Well the best I can think of is the Neighborhood Association in the City of Bend. When Bend was quite small people would come to City Council and Planning Commission meetings and voice their concerns. When Bend hit a population of fifty thousand, something triggered to finance a Neighborhood Association program and money was put in place. What happened was dialogue that may have started in peoples living rooms got funneled to the Neighborhood Association and that was used to replace the need to attend meetings at City Hall. I felt that this was actually a disconnect between the populous and their electorate.

When I was at the meeting yesterday, I was kind of floored by the fact that the Resort developers and lobbyists and attorneys want to be stakeholders with the Destination Resort Review and they feel they've been excluded from the process. But the joke of it is that all the legislation that's been created is precisely by the resorts owners, the developers, their lobbyists and their attorneys. In an attempt to remedy this...

Kim Kambak -

Imbalance.

Nunzie Gould -

Well it is an imbalance but it's out of control. Suddenly they're saying, "Oh, but we're stakeholders." And so again I mentioned before what a stakeholder is. It seems to me that the politicians look for involvement, their concept of involvement is to get the top number of stakeholders, which is not citizen involvement. It's not in the broader sense; it's in the neighbor or shop owner or a community member. So there maybe, but I'm not connected to that sphere.

Ian Maitland said he was confused with the term 'stakeholder' because he cannot find a standard land use definition.

Nunzie Gould -

Anybody who will bring money to the community, they're the stakeholders, not the existing people. Lawyer can be a stakeholder because they are representing their client who could or maybe develop the land.

Gregory McClarren confirmed that stakeholders were not the citizens but rather the applicants.

Arlene Curths -

I don't see it that way, I see the next door neighbor as the stakeholder because they were there first. Those people who are not going to live in that place or send their kids to the schools; to me they are not stakeholders.

Nunzie Gould -

Well, I think that the developer is a stakeholder but the promise of what the development will bring and that shouldn't weigh any more than the adjacent neighbors. A property owner who has a plan to do something shouldn't have any greater standing than the people within the community.

Gregory McClarren remarked that in Jefferson County the applicant has greater access to the planning department than citizens.

Arlene Curths -

That's what I was trying to say yesterday at the hearings. Part of the process what's so wrong is that before this application comes before the Planning Commission and the citizens, the applicant has spent a year probably with our planning Director and the staff and they have done good work. But they have also built relationships and bonding and the county is happy because this is a rich uncle coming in. Then at the last hour it comes before the planning commission and the citizens are invited in for three minutes of testimony.

Nunzie Gould -

I have been involved in cases where in an application it references a Planner

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and an Agency collaborating on a wildlife mitigation plan. As I'm reading this several hundred pages of an application I e-mailed the Planner saying, 'Please provide me with copies of the correspondence between the Planner and the Agency.' And then I get faxed back the seven page application.

Arlene Curths -

The frustration I have is that the public doesn't have access to the note books. The applicant makes ten copies for the Planning Department and Commissioners but the Planning Department are reticent to share that with the public. Why doesn't that developer have to make two extra copies for the public to check out? The Planning Department gets pissy when the public asks for copies and that's the problem. Some of this is actually housekeeping stuff. We are not moving through the process being respectful of Goal One just because of housekeeping.

Nunzie Gould -

The application is applied for and intended that way. And in a somewhat threatening manner and a superior staging of the applicant over staff and over the Planning Commission and that is one reason why some commissioners won't even open it up.

Garry Eder -

In Crook County if I call up and say I want a certain document, a lot of times I'm told I can't get that until the secretary asks if it is OK with the Planner to release it to a citizen, even though it's in the file for a Resort or anything else. I've called the County Attorney and asked the question and I'm told, 'Well, we don't really represent you, we represent the county.'

QUESTION: Have you applied to become members of the CCI or members of a citizen group?

Arlene Curths -

Our Land Use Planning Commission has been identified as the Citizens' Representation Group in Crook County. Most of us have never even known that we carry that title.

Ian Maitland -

Are you a member of the Commission?

Arlene Curths -

Yes I am. I've been on the Planning Commission six years and I just found that out this year because I said that we needed to form a Citizens Action Group, we don't have that. And they said to me, 'You are it.'

QUESTION: Is there a subject that you may have come with to this meeting that hasn't been dealt with?

Arlene Curths -

I am a candidate for County Commissioner (applause) and my partner here (Kim Kambak) is the candidate for County Judge (applause) and together, both barrels are drawn.

Kim Kambak -

In 1973 I was involved as a high school student when Senate Bill 100 had just passed. I attended a meeting that stands out in my mind, the issue was the basic thing that we have just discussed this evening, 'my land is my retirement... I was going to give my land to my kids and... blah, blah, blah.' Well, this discussion had gone on for a long way longer than necessary and this 85 year old potato farmer got up and he said, "If you sell the land and give the money to your kids, what about your grand kids?" The room got very quiet and it was like that's what these people from Salem are trying to tell us. They're trying to tell us about how to preserve land for the future but nobody said it in a way that made more sense than this old man. We were so mixed up with lawyer talk and traffic studies and all that crap and yet there are moments like that in public meetings and I just want to make sure that citizens stay involved in the process. I want a balance between state imbalance and local control.

Arlene Curths -

I have an idea. I want to propose that in our land use system in Oregon, we fund a Public Defender. I want there to be a Public Defender at every appropriate land use hearing. We always have well funded teams of experts for the developer who stands to win big while our citizens stand to lose big. They don't have the background, the legal knowledge or the funding. So they come into a hearing unprepared. They don't know what they're up against and if one of the commissioners on the Planning Commission says, "Oh you folks over there, you need to pay attention, here is a law you should use." When I've done that I've been accused by my county attorney of being an advocate and that I have crossed the line because it's not up to me to bring evidence and information into these hearings that's up to the opponents if they wish to do it. And I say, "But they don't know about this law and they don't have a team of attorneys." The attorney says, "Arlene, in land use law there is no public defender. Get used to it. Citizens are on their own." That is the big empty hole that we've got here. There is no defender for citizens.

Ian Maitland said the on the east coast people giving evidence are first sworn in and those giving testimony for the applicant are warned that if it is found that the evidence given has deliberately misled the Planning Commissioners, the application will become null and void.

Nunzie Gould -

I think taking an oath at these events would be very helpful for citizen participation because the teams supporting developers have very few scruples

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and the mighty legal teams of applicants very often threatens commissioners and even the county's legal counsel. So they come in with quite a lot of beef behind them and some of what they say is misleading and wrong and they know it.

Ian Maitland asked Gregory McClarren to sum-up.

Gregory McClarren -

There is real frustration from Arlene Curths and there is unequal access in that proponents have easy access and pretty much at their beck and call, I'm not talking about Planning Commissions we're talking about County Commissions. That it's generally very hard for citizens to get access to the same things that the applicants have and the planning staff have. There is also the fact that the process is intimidating and there's a hopefulness that it doesn't have to be this way. We should strive for KISS (keep it simple stupid).

Ian Maitland -

I would like to add that this has been one of the longest meetings the CIAC has had in its outreach program, it has been one of the most eye-opening and fruitful, certainly the most eloquent and certainly one of the most sincere and objective group of people we have had the pleasure of visiting. I will now call upon Commissioner Marilyn Worrix to give us her thoughts.

Commissioner Worrix -

This was all very informative. I can't help but be encouraged because two of the participants are also decision makers and this is really helpful for decision makers. We get to that from being on the other side. I've challenged decision at my city level and I've made applications and then decided now it's time to get on the other side of the table. We talked about politics in making changes. Well there are a lot of ways to serve and one is just do it. You don't have to be appointed you just have to do your thing. Or you can get involved just like these Kim and Arlene. I also did both and I enjoyed being on the City Council, I did not enjoy running in an election, you might both agree with me on that. It's an inhuman thing to do, but I wanted to serve in the legislature and that has to be through an election. It was worth it, it was a great experience. But I did leave that experience saying, 'from here on out, I want appointments. I loved doing the work but I don't want to campaign.' I remember Arlene's comment about Public Defender. I would be calling it a Citizen Advocate. What a wonderful position in that it's clear what they need to do, it's not a huge expense. It's really a great idea.

As I was sitting here I got to think what would happen if six people in a community got themselves together and said, 'we're called...' whatever you want to call yourself and you ask for a slot on the agenda and you go to the meeting and say, "We would like to be your Citizens Committee for Involvement and in case you are not aware how that is supposed to be working this is Goal One, this is how it works, why are we prepared to do it

Commissioner Worrix (Cont'd)

and here is a resume for each person and we are volunteering our services.' It's going to get a lot harder to say no, we're not going to have a CCI here. The other point I'd like to make is that elected officers are influenced by persistence. Not gadfly persistence necessarily but just sheer persistence so that people who don't think they are being listened to should always take advantage of that public comment time, even if it is just to say, "I'm just here to remind you that sometimes citizens don't feel included in decision because they can't go to pre-application conferences." Whatever your reasons are, it doesn't have to be the same person every time when you have a number of citizens with you.

Thank you, and thank you for coming to this meeting and I know you are all mindful of the Chair's direction of not repeating what someone else has said. I though you were very good in not doing that, but there was a similarity and I found it very comfortable because we got it. And that's because we heard it in different formats even though it was the same issue.

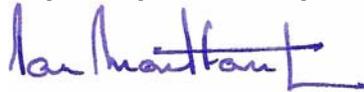
At 9:30 PM the outreach was concluded and Ian Maitland thanked those present for attending and handed out packages that included;

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- UNDERSTANDING THE SYNONYMS CCI & CAC
- LAND USE - INTERNET WEB SITES

and

Information regarding applying for the vacated District 2 position on the CIAC.

Respectfully submitted by;



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Attendees

Guests: Lisa Phipps - *Coastal Resource Planner, Tillamook County Department of Community Development*, Bradford Sheets – *Tillamook Planner*. Richard Bowers, Tillamook. Donna & Peter Schuller, Pacific City. Gus Meyer, Tillamook. Larry & Eileen Rouse, Pacific City. Kris Woolpart, Tillamook.

CIAC members: Chair Ann Glaze, Vice Chair Ian Maitland and John Kilian.

The Citizen Involvement Advisory Committee hosted the second of two meetings in the 2008 series, in order to seek information on how Goal One is working in the Tillamook area. The meeting took place in the Best Western Inn & Suites, 1722 North Makinster Road, Conference Room. After welcoming the guests Ian Maitland explained the acronyms LCDC, DLCD, CIAC and how they were connected. Also Goal One and Citizen Involvement Program (CIP) which included CCI and CAC. Cliff Voliva and Ian Maitland prepared notes to be handed out at the conclusion of the session. (listed on the last page of this report)

QUESTION: Why are you here tonight?

Richard Bowers –

I think we have a very effective Citizens Advisory Committee.

Ian –

How many people?

Richard Bowers –

We have a quorum of 37 and we usually make it. We meet regularly and I think we accomplish quite a bit. Good discussions. However there are never-the-less problems and I thought we were going to discuss ways of getting

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around those problems and solve those problems, conflicts and so forth with our Planning Commission and commissioners.

Ian –

One of the things that we do not do here is advise you. Our job is to listen to you and to pass along your thoughts to the Land Conservation and Development Commissioners. They may have questions for us or ask our opinion on topics that people from all over Oregon have presented during these outreaches. If you wish we can talk after the outreach.

Richard Bowers –

Thank you.

Kris Woolpert –

I'm from the Oceanside Neighborhood Association of which we have quite a few active members. We are both on a Plan Review Committee. We sent out a survey and have been reviewing those surveys looking to see how we can further the community's concerns and interests. However we don't feel very connected to other CPACs (Citizen Planning Advisory Committee) in the county and that is something that would broaden our effectiveness. That was something I was thinking about when I came to this meeting.

Ian -

You have mentioned you have referred to a CPAC and a Citizens Group, are they appointed by elected officials?

Kris Woolpert –

No, they are not. But I think that the County through Lisa Phipps has supported, she helped to develop the Citizen Advisory Committees. They came out of being developed for the Periodic Review when LCDC was looking for citizens to become involved in the Periodic Reviews back in the 1990's.

Larry Rouse –

I'm from Pacific City and I've been very active in our Citizens Planning and Advisory Committee; however my interests in land use goes back ten years before we started the CPAC. I saw a developer doing something that I thought was inappropriate so I started going through the process including going to LUBA, hiring an attorney and arguing in Salem. LUBA gave us a very good hearing, but we lost.

When CPAC started years after, I thought this should be an easier way for people to solve differences and find compromises rather than spending thousands of dollars suing somebody. You have a lot of acronyms up there. LCDC is one I recognize and in some parts of the state that's like saying a four

Larry Rouse (Cont'd) letter word. In our area I don't think LCDC is looked on very well. I hope to break down barriers and get more people involved, not just people who come out when the hot button hits. When we have a big issue, we cannot find a room big enough to put everybody in. What I want to do is discover a way to have people to show up for all issues, hot button or not.

Peter Schuller –

When I received the e-mail for to-night I saw the issue of Goal One issue and I was interested in how our CPAC mounts into what you are doing here. Maybe Lisa can shed more light on exactly what that mapping might be. I'm seeing right now that there are some shortfalls in the CPAC system versus what you have up here.

Donna Schuller –

I'm from Pacific City as is Peter. We are both involved with the CPAC and I don't have any exotic experience to relate. I just wanted more information and discover if you know how we could involve people. We make phone calls to our neighbors to try to get them involved at times other than hot button. It's very difficult.

Eileen Rouse –

I'm from Pacific City and I've always been interested in Land Use issues. In particular when we bought land in Tillamook County. It is such a beautiful area and we wanted to see it protected. In the very beginning I was totally adverse to development. I didn't want to see Pacific City change. Well, through my experiences I have found that with the Urban Growth Boundary it has already been pretty much predetermined just how big Pacific City is going to be. So I have since resigned myself to the fact that there will be development. I want it to be responsible development. We have been very active probably since they built that big hotel on my favorite dune.

I believe that thanks to Lisa our CPACs are very active and very useful. In Pacific City's CPAC we have 200 plus members taken from 1,100 people and only half of those people live there full time. So we're very proud of the numbers that we have. I believe we have made a difference in several areas. Probably one of the biggest things that got me interested was going to our local Chamber of Commerce Meetings. The Chamber in dealing with our Commissioners though that they were the voice for Pacific City and they were not my voice. We want CPAC, we don't want more government and as local citizens we can make that happen.

One more thing, I believe in the very beginning when information was given to us from the County Planning Department. It talked about the CCI, in fact when we started our CPAC that this was another step for us to go into. Although we are only a couple of years old, we have got a lot of problems and we are trying to improve what we are dealing with. The best thing that's

Eileen Rouse (Cont'd) happened is that going to a Chamber (of Commerce) meeting where there might be 30 or 40 people in attendance, we've had meetings when 70 people have come and they are talking about Land Use Issues. It's a very good thing and I'm very proud of our CPAC.

Gus Meyer –

I'm a small forest woodland owner and very interested in Forestry/Land Use Decisions. I got started when riparian issues, the 4 'D' Rules came out and got quite involved. Then I got appointed to the County's Directors Focus Team under riparian protection areas and got quite deeply involved into the application of the process. Today I promote the EC process the Economic Social Environmental and Energy and all 4 of those areas hit us here in Tillamook. You can't talk about one without talking about the other.

My major emphasis today is, I'm watching the City of Tillamook kind of degrade. I'm also an economic pusher as well as protecting the environment. I'm on the Tillamook County Soil and Water Conservation District and very interested in farm related issues also. We're a 11 member Board in Soil and Water also. A number of us participated in the Tillamook Bay Watershed Council, so my goal is to balance the interest of all areas and to get the community to come together instead of the "us and them" approach.

Ron Strohone –

Hi, I just stumbled into this; I'm staying in the room across the hallway. I said this looks interesting so I popped in here. I'm a small land owner here in Tillamook but I live in Portland. I though, may be I can educate myself. All of this is interesting, fascinating.

Bradford Sheets –

I'm a Planner with the Tillamook Department of Community Development. I work as a liaison to two of the Citizen Planning Advisory Committees. The Neetarts Community and the Barbie Goodwin Western Or. I gather their citizen input and along with the other CPAC opinions, I integrate all their recommendations into our Planning Reports that we issue and into the decisions that we make.

Ian –

What made you decide to enter into the Planning World?

Bradford Sheets –

I graduated with a Masters Degree in Public Administration with an emphasis in Natural Resource Management. Tillamook County has got a lot of natural resources and so I came out here to get involved with planning issues.

Lisa Phipps –

I'm a Manager and Long Range Senior Planner for the County. After hearing what has been said here tonight I would like to give a little background. In the 90's when Tillamook was going through its Periodic Review, one of the things we faced was the Goal One aspect and out of that came the formation of the Oceanside Neighborhood Association. In several other communities' visions and plans they also talk about formation of Individual Citizen Planning Advisory Committees. Pacific City Woods is one of those. Everything was moving along, they had the East, South North and West all coming together to talk about the formation of the Comprehensive Plan and even up to and through the Periodic Review and then it just sort of stopped.

Back in 2005, I got the OK from the Board of Commissioners to start bringing forward these Citizens Planning Committees. We utilized the ONA as an example and then when they started forming we were able to have more examples to bring to the different communities. We currently have five communities that have Citizens Advisory Committees; we are presently forming the sixth. We have twelve unincorporated communities and the goal is to have a Citizens Planning Advisory Committee in each one of those communities. Ultimately to come out of that our Goal would be to have people come from those CPACs into the CCI.

Currently our Planning Commission acts in that roll. Up until the formation of the CPACs, with the exception of the ONA, they were the sole source of Citizen Involvement. Along with the proper notice which allows people to interact. It's a daunting process and it really does force the person to be proactive. That's not bad, but when you have a citizen body that you can come to, you know the people there, you've got some friends there, you are not alone and you can sit and have a dialogue in a safe place where presumably you can disagree.

The developers are now utilizing this more and more and although it's not a requirement, we do strongly recommend that all developers go to their CPACs. I would say the 95% of them do. The ones that haven't are either afraid or afraid to come because of controversial issues are currently at the forefront for that particular group and the developers don't want to get involved in it.

Ian –

Are these repeat developers who have been there before?

Lisa Phipps –

Very often and we are getting a good response from repeat developers because they're kind of used to the process. They balk a little, but they end up participating.

Lisa Phipps (Cont'd)

We might be a little bit behind in some ways, in that we are just bringing all these groups together, but I know we are ahead of many other communities.

Ian –

I don't think you are behind at all.

Lisa Phipps –

I'm very please with the response that we've had; Pacific Sea Woods has over 200 members, Neskowin has over 300, Oceanside has over 300, It is just a phenomenal way for us, as planners and as elected officials to touch different parts of the community. I think that as the groups become more solid and we fully understand how to use citizens groups, I mean using groups for Land Use is specific, but they have a much broader application in the County. They are great tools from what we have found, there is information exchange.

All the CPACs have people coming in to examine sewer issues, Social Services or Public Works will come and talk to them. They are learning more about the community, they are learning more about the county, they are learning a lot more about land use and understanding that 'hating something is ok, but I have to explain why according to the criteria.' And so we are getting a much better input from the public and the Planning Commission appreciates that and the Board of Commissioners is very supportive of the process. Eventually we are working our way up into the CCI and CAC and then we will be where we are supposed to be.

Question:

Have you ever been to a well attended meeting of the Planning Commission?

Richard Powers –

It was in the Court House, may be about 80 people. I've attended several of these meeting on a number of issues with large groups attending. Some times the Planning Commission appeared interested in what the citizens had to say, other times not.

Gus Meyer –

I have been to several Planning Commission meetings both with the county and the city. I have found them to be very open and very receptive to community input. You may not get the answer you want but I was listened to.

Eileen Rouse –

I have been to several Planning Commission meetings both city and county. Often times I know that I am being listened to at the city level, but when it gets to the County Board of Commissioners' level I believe it becomes very political. I don't know if they are always listening to what their staff has told them regarding the rules and this is what they should be following.

Ian –

Did County Counsel attend these meetings? The County Lawyer?

Eileen Rouse –

Yes and the commissioners at times will ask him for his advice. The County Planning Commission only made a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners. I believe it's political and the people don't always win.

Larry Rouse –

I've been to numerous Planning Commission meetings. For the most part, I think the volunteer Planning Commissioners do an excellent job. I don't always agree with them, some time I agree with their decision, sometimes not. However, at one hearing it was very clear that the law and the rules were broken and this application should be denied so they denied it. Then the applicant appealed the case to the County Board of Commissioners. They dismissed the reasoning of the Planning Commissioners and then overruled their decision by approving the application. I was astounded at their irresponsible decision. Now, I am concerned to hear any application that ends up before the County Commissioners. If they don't use the rules for their decision, it's just a crapshoot.

Question:

What positive experiences have you received from your Planning Department?

Richard Bowers –

One of the really good things about our Planning Department is the liaison, Lisa Phipps and this outreach is an opportunity to thank her.

Kris Woolpert –

I have had some very good things. When I make a call to the Planning Department my questions are always answered or if they don't know the answer they will get back to you or refer you to somebody else.

Gus Meyer –

The thing that I appreciate most is with the recent changes in the head of the Planning Commission, I am getting accolades after accolades from people in our citizens group. It's really good to hear that when people go down there now are getting full service and in a timely manner. Also our sanitation department has come up to speed. The Planning Department has young people like Brad digging in and participating and the counter service which is the department's image to the public has really improved over the last six months and that's really good news.

Question:

Are your CPACs acknowledged by the County Board of Commissioners?

Lisa Phipps –

Yes, the formation and the actual CPACs themselves are acknowledged by the County Commissioners but it's an open membership. The Commissioners cannot tell them who can and cannot be a member. It is open to all citizens within the defining boundaries for each CPAC. So the County Commissioners have acknowledged the CPAC and the CPACs are being encapsulated in Goal One, we're rewriting it. But the Commissioners don't appoint individual citizens. So for the Planning Department, we do look at it as the CAC. So there could be an issue there regarding our interpretation of CPAC to CAC. But the CCI is where you would see the appointment by the commissioners.

Note: A discussion of the parameters and scope of obligations of the CCI and CAC to write reports both specific individual. Annual reports are generally disclosed in the enabling ordinances when the County or City establishes their CCIs and CACs. John Kilian spoke about "Putting the People in Planning" and its value in establishing citizen involvement.

Ian invited anyone who had something to discuss which has not been covered so far.

Eileen Rouse –

Some of our CPACs meet every other month, but the one that I am in meets every month and we do have minutes that cover what our issues are, what we have talked about. My suggestion would be if CIAC were a member of our CPAC then we could e-mail you the minutes of our meetings and get your suggestions to assist us because we are all volunteers and we are passionate about land use. Now if you read our minutes you could come to us and help us.

Ian –

Eileen, my answer may sound cowardly but it's not. I don't think we have the authority as a state group to become a member of a county organization, particularly as we all live outside of Tillamook County and also without first going to LCDC and asking them for permission to.....

Eileen –

You don't have to vote or anything, just read the minutes....

Ian –

On the other side of things, there is nothing to stop you from sending your minutes to CIAC.

Eileen –

Thank you.

Ian –

Is there anyone else who has a question, particularly if they are part of the Planning Department?

Lisa Phipps –

What do the people here see as barriers to Citizen Involvement in Tillamook County?

Larry Rouse –

Many people in my area look at our CPAC as being an advisory group and that we don't have enough weight to make any difference. They don't care how many acronyms you have, but unless you have some enforcement or some stick, they say we're wasting our time coming to hear you. We have a lot of people that don't show up because we don't have any weight.

Richard Bowers –

I would like to second Larry's point. We are only advisory and they don't have to listen to our advice and the squashes some people's involvement. I would like much more connection to the other CPACs and we have 6 of them now. We are all in isolation even though we are all part of Tillamook County. One of the problems is the distance between us, this is a big county.

Ian –

Could perhaps a small executive group be formed from each CPAC to meet together?

Richard Bowers –

We are trying to do that now.

Kris Woolpert –

I think another barrier is the Periodic Review that LCDC initiated that Lisa said; it is good for one time only. So what's the point if you just do it one time and drop it?

Eileen Rouse –

About the barriers. Number one, I believe it depends who your director is, after all Goal One was law a number of years ago. It has taken 10 or 12 years for our county to find out about Goal One and to get it started again. I take that back a little bit, 10 years ago there was some action and then it stopped until we got information and we were able to move forward again. But I do believe a lot of it depends on the director.

The second thing is that you can have the best director in the world, but if you don't have enough staff to pull off what needs to happen to give confidence to your county, you are going to lose them quickly. I mean things have ground to a halt because as you know we went through this terrific boom, we did not have enough staff to take care of it and so that made our county staff look bad when it was not their fault at all.

Eileen Rouse (Cont'd)

The third thing I wanted to say is that the Big Look has gone around and I don't know what's going to come out of the Big Look. But the process is so cumbersome that people want to give up before they even start and then once again the staff are the bad people because things aren't happening fast enough so it's very cumbersome. I believe there are a lot of short cuts that could be taken in the process from the application to the tentative plat plan to the approved plat plan to the tentative subdivision plan I mean I get lost it's so cumbersome.

I guess my final point is it is so disappointing to see the numbers in this room. I think that you should have a room full of people and you should be listening to a lot of people from this county and that's the disappointing thing to me. I don't know what I can do to get them here.

At 7:30 PM the outreach was concluded and Ian Maitland thanked those present for attending and reminded them to pick up their packages on the table.

PUTTING PEOPLE IN PLANNING
GOAL 1: CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT - OAR 660-015-0000(1)
UNDERSTANDING THE SYNONYMS CCI & CAC
LAND USE - INTERNET WEB SITES

Respectfully submitted by;



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12/26/08

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OBJECTIVE: Position on the Citizen Involvement Advisory Committee.

QUALIFICATIONS

Having just written a county initiative petition and succeeded in putting in on the ballot in Crook County, I feel uniquely experienced in citizen involvement. I enjoy writing, and while employed at PGE (see below), I was often appointed to write technical instructions and manuals for the Mapping Department.

OCCUPATION: My husband Gary and I raise cattle and hay on 120 acres.

EDUCATION

1978 Associate of Science Degree, Business Administration, Portland Community College
1980 Bachelor's of Science Degree, Economics, Portland State University
1989 Master's of Science Degree, Geography, Portland State University
Major: Urban geography; Minor: Computerized mapping

EMPLOYMENT

1985-2004 Mapping Technician, Portland General Electric (later Enron).
Created and updated maps using pen and ink on linen, pencil on mylar, and computers. Was instrumental in testing and implementing computerized mapping system for PGE's electrical distribution service area including Portland, Beaverton, Oregon City, and outlying areas. Worked as a telecommuter from home for last four years, as sole mapper for downtown Portland networked primary electrical service area.

2005-2006 Receptionist, Edward Jones (Prineville, Oregon).
Met public, accepted deposits to clients' accounts, answered phones.

VOLUNTEERING

2003-present—Hospice of Redmond-Sisters

Coordinate ten or more volunteers once a month to put on a luncheon to support bereavement counseling services. Also provide office support, and occasionally do gardening for patients.

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Application Questions

Why I am interested in the position:

In the past year or so I have myself become interested in involvement in land use issues in my own county. It was completely new to me, and as I became more involved, I saw that other people who might like to participate had no idea how to start. I felt like I was only effective in a limited way in helping people get involved. Participating on this committee seems like a way to both learn about how to encourage citizen involvement, and to be a part of expanding citizen participation.

Experience I have had with local land use planning actions or issues:

In my county, a large number of my friends and neighbors became disillusioned with county government when a fourth destination resort was proposed in our small farming area. I was part of the initial group which wrote letters to county officials and to editor of the local paper. When we felt disrespected and ignored, I decided it was time to let government know the opinion of all the voters. My thought was that if everyone had a chance to weigh in, then government would be closer to becoming "for the people." I wrote an initiative petition, formed a signature-gathering team, and got the initiative on the ballot. It was exciting to know we could succeed in hearing from everyone on an important land use issue.

Experience I have had with citizen involvement committees:

I was chief petitioner, and treasurer, of the Committee to Prevent More Destination Resorts in Crook County. This was the political action committee I formed in order to legally run a campaign for my ballot measure, which asked the voters to say "yes" or "no" to the question: "shall Crook County remove the destination resort overlay map from its comprehensive plan, thus preventing approval of any more resorts?"

Experience I have had in writing, editing or producing educational materials:

I really enjoy writing, and if you count letters to local government officials, letters to "the editor," and letters to state senators and representatives, I have been doing a lot of it lately. I recently wrote, petitioned, and successfully passed by a wide margin, an "advisory" citizen's initiative in Crook County which has now been implemented legislatively. While employed at PGE, I was often appointed to write technical instructions and manuals for the Mapping Department.



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October 31, 2008

Cliff Voliva
Communications Officer
Department of Land Conservation and Development
635 Capital St. NE, Suite 150
Salem, Oregon 97301

RE: Letter of recommendation for Mollie Eder

Dear Cliff:

I'm writing to recommend Mollie Eder of Powell Butte, Oregon for the District 2 position on the state's Citizen Involvement Advisory Committee.

I know Mollie as a result her community work in Powell Butte regarding destination resort development and quickly came to realize that she possesses a rare blend of talents. She's personable, passionate yet level-headed, intelligent, and a quick study who has in a relatively short amount of time has gained a solid understanding of the state's land use planning program.

I've reviewed some of the details regarding the CIAC, both what committee members are asked to do and what you're looking for in an applicant, and believe that Mollie is clearly capable of achieving the objectives set forth. She's very well written, has been very successful in connecting with others in her community, and in conveying the ways in which issues will impact people's lives and interests as well as eliciting a strong and organized response.

In short, I think she'd be an excellent addition to the CIAC. Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Regards,

Erik Kancler
Executive Director



Via e-mail: cliff.voliva@state.or.us

October 17, 2008

Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development
635 Capitol Street, NE, Suite 150
Salem, Oregon 97301

Re: Citizen Involvement Advisory Committee
Mollie Eder

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the distinct pleasure to write this Letter of Recommendation on behalf of Mollie Eder of Powell Butte, Oregon. I have come to know Ms. Eder over the past two years as she has led a campaign to involve all citizens of Crook County in the destination resort issue. Prior to her initiative petition calling for the removal of the DR Overlay Map in Crook County, few people understood the process of siting resorts. Now they do, all because Mollie Eder worked tirelessly to bring the process to the voter when our county officials ignored voices of reason and compromise. She conducted herself in an extremely professional manner, all throughout the highly contentious, politically divisive campaign. Some people will refer to her as an anti-resort activist, but a more accurate label would be citizen involvement activist. She cares what people think.

Mollie Eder has developed, and continues to develop, broad knowledge about Oregon's land use system. She has submitted public testimony on a variety of issues and is comfortable in a public forum. She is soft spoken, listens well, and works hard to make the people around her comfortable. She has a knack for communicating at any level.

Again, I am pleased to recommend Mollie Eder for a position on the Citizen Involvement Advisory Committee. She is anxious to serve.

Sincerely,

/s/ Dale P. Tompkins

Dale P. Tompkins
President
DPT/d

October 27, 2008

Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development
Attn: Communications Officer
635 Capitol St. NE, Suite 150
Salem, Oregon 97301

Regarding: Citizen Involvement Advisory Committee
Mollie Eder

We are happy to write a letter in support of Mollie Eder to fill a position on your Citizen Involvement Advisory Committee. She has been extremely active over the past year being involved herself in land use issues in Crook County, and in involving other people. She wrote a county initiative petition and built a team of signature gatherers to see that the initiative became a ballot measure. She also educated the voters of the county to the extent that the ballot measure passed. As well, she has a wonderful penchant with people, and great skill endearing new groups to work for a common cause.

We believe Mollie is very good at writing, speaking, and listening to others.

Please accept my warmest support for Mollie's application to be on your Committee.

Sincerely,

Dr and Mrs. Thomas R. Scherer
P.O. Box 152
Powell Butte, Oregon 97753
541-410-7707

NOTE: This letter was received on Monday, November 3 – one business day after the deadline of Friday, Oct. 31. -Cliff

Good morning, Mr. Voliva --

I am writing to heartily recommend Ms. Mollie Eder, of Powell Butte (Prineville), Oregon, for the LCDC Citizen Involvement Advisory Committee opening. As staff attorney at the Goal One Coalition, I have worked with a number of neighborhood advocates over the years, and Mollie is one of the best!

Mollie truly believes in every citizen's obligation to get involved in creating and maintaining the livability and sustainability of her community. Moreover, she has the skills and experiences to organize and motivate others to get involved in their community too. As you probably know, as central Oregon is being inundated with destination resort proposals that threaten the ranching lifestyle (not to mention farm products) of the area, Mollie organized the successful ballot initiative campaign that capped the number of destination resorts in Crook County, where she lives and farms. She did much of the organizing, the fundraising, the outreach, and the media contacts. She recruited others to the campaign and capably managed their talents and interests to best effect. She has also traveled to Salem and met with state legislators and agency staff (and testified before LCDC itself), in order to help share her experiences with others across the state who are facing similar threats to agricultural lands and lifestyles.

When you meet Mollie, you will immediately notice how she makes everybody comfortable and clearly evidences respect for differing opinions and viewpoints. It's one of the secrets of her success, and I think it should serve the CIAC quite well. She will fully engage, will thoroughly prepare for every meeting, will ask insightful questions, and will listen carefully to the other members, in an attempt to discover the "win-win" solution, rather than to "prove a point" or make a stand. Obviously, working in conservative Crook County, she has to know something about coalition-building to have gotten what could have been characterized as an "anti-development" initiative passed by more than 60% voter approval. It's unlikely that anybody else could have been as successful.

I understand this is supposed to be a "short" recommendation, so I will finish here. But do contact me if you have any questions or would like further information about Mollie's qualification or suitability for the CIAC. I am one of her biggest fans, among many!

Sincerely,

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October 27, 2008

Department of Land Conservation and Development
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RE: Citizen Involvement Advisory Committee

Attn: Communications Officer

I am very interested in serving on the Citizen Involvement Advisory Committee (CIAC) for District 2. I believe that I have the experience and expertise that will greatly benefit DLCD and CIAC. After you have had a chance to review my Resume and materials, I sincerely hope you will consider me for this committee.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me and/or any of the references.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Roberta Donovan

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PROFESSIONAL SKILLS:

MANAGEMENT

Proven ability to develop policies and goals consistent with the City Council directives; effectively administer projects and operations consistent with city policies and goals; supervised staff; plan, direct, and evaluate the work of staff; work effectively under the pressure of deadlines, conflicting demands, and emergencies; establish and maintain effective working relationships with all levels of city staff, elective and appointive bodies, and members of the general public; gain cooperation through discussion and persuasion; collect, interpret, and evaluate narrative and statistical data pertaining to policy, fiscal, and operation matters; analyze policies, regulations, projects, activities, and methods; select alternatives; project the consequences of proposed actions; implement administrative policies and goals; understand, interpret, and apply laws and regulations; present findings, recommendations, and policies to individuals and groups in an understandable and persuasive manner; communicate effectively in writing on matters related to department policies, funding and operations.

KNOWLEDGE

Deep-rooted understanding of principles and practices of management organization and supervision; principles of public budget preparation and administration; principles of public personnel administration and employee relations; laws and regulations which pertain to city operations, services and programs. Extensive knowledge and understanding of DEQ, NWR, ODH regulations.

TEAM BUILDING

Established ability to recruit, train and motivate staff.

COMMUNICATION

Proficient in effective communication with colleagues and customers. Established public relation skills.

ATTRIBUTES

Recognized reputation for dedication, honesty, confidentiality, reliability, enthusiasm, resourcefulness and decision making.

WORK EXPERIENCE:

City of Nyssa, Nyssa, Oregon

May 07-Present

Provide overall management to department heads under the auspices of the City Council. Provide immediate direction to the staff; contract administration of consultants and contractors for capital projects.

Develop and implement administrative policies and procedures to meet City Council's goals and objectives; supervise and evaluate the performance of city departments under the jurisdiction of the Council; direct the establishment of administrative standards, goals and objectives; coordinated the activities of city departments to ensure timely, efficient and effective delivery of programs and services

Preparation of budget; develop operating and capital budget estimates and targets to guide departments; recommended budget and staffing levels to the City Council; projected budget needs; reviewed and commented on the justification for funding requests; established budget control systems; monitored expenditures to assure compliance with budgets.

Analyze proposals and develop recommendations to the Council regarding policies; programs and services; analyze information pertaining to services and operations.

Prepare City Council meeting agenda and attended Council meetings; make oral and written presentations to the Council and to other public and private organizations. Provide information the news media and the public regarding city operations; represent the city with other government agencies and public meetings.

Provide direction and support to staff; provide advice and consultation to the members of the Council; investigate and resolve complaints and concerns regarding city programs, services and facilities and acted as liaison with other regional, state, and federal agencies on a broad range of matters.

Negotiate and supervise the negotiation of all city contractual agreements subject within the limitations of law; administered agreements.

Work with DEQ, DLCD, ODOT, OECDD, Nyssa Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture and other agencies on various projects.

Project DOVE, Ontario, Oregon

October 06-May 07

Provide overall management for non-profit organization, including direction to staff, grant writing and monitoring, contract administration and strategic planning process for Board of Directors.

Town Manager, Town of Lakeview, Lakeview, Oregon

March 04 – Jan.06

Provided overall management to department heads under the auspices of the Council. Provided immediate direction to the staff; contract administration of consultants and contractors for capital projects.

Developed, evaluated and implemented administrative policies and procedures to meet City Council's goals and objectives; supervised and evaluated the performance of city departments under the jurisdiction of the Council; directed the establishment of administrative standards, goals and objectives; coordinated the activities of city departments to ensure timely, efficient and effective delivery of programs and services

Administered the development of procedures for preparation of budgets; developed operating and capital budget estimates and targets to guide departments; recommended budget and staffing levels to the City Council; projected budget needs; reviewed and commented on the justification for funding requests; established budget control systems; monitored expenditures to assure compliance with budgets.

Administered the preparation of City Council meeting agenda and attended Council meetings; made oral and written presentations to the Council and to other public and private organizations. Provided information the news media and the public regarding city operations; represented the city with other government agencies and public meetings.

Negotiated and supervised the negotiation of all city contractual agreements subject within the limitations of law; administered agreements.

Worked with DEQ, Oregon Department of Transportation, Oregon Downtown Development Association, Oregon Economic and Community Development, Homeland Security, Lake County Crisis Center, Lake County Chamber of Commerce and other agencies on various projects.

Researched and obtained outside funding sources for capital and special projects, prepared and submitted grant proposals to obtain funding for service programs. Monitored and ensured that all grant guidelines, reports and services were provided in compliance with funding source requirements.

City Manager/Recorder, City of Mt. Angel

December 97 – July02

Mt. Angel, Oregon

Accountable for the professional, technical, administrative and supervisory duties of the City. Provided all aspects as outlined under the Town Manager position for the Town of Lakeview and City of Nyssa.

City Administrator, City of North Powder
North Powder, Oregon

Mar 93 – Nov. 97

Manager/Finance Officer/Recorder/Budget Officer for the City. Provided all aspects as outlined under the Town Manager position for the Town of Lakeview, plus provided hands on financial management as City Recorder/Finance Director, including but not limited to payroll, Accounts payable and receivable, utility billing, general ledger, and budget.

Legal Assistant, Coughlin, Leuenberger & Moon, LLC
Baker City, Oregon

Jan 91-March 93

Performed the job as legal assistant to Bob Moon. Typed all correspondence, prepared court documents, researched court cases, interviewed clients and victims, attended court as necessary.

Legal Assistant, Carbon County Attorney
Red Lodge, Montana

April 89-Dec. 90

Prepared all court documents and correspondence for both the County Attorney and Assistant County Attorney. Researched cases and prepared documentation for the County Attorney's review. Prepared court documents and assisted in court as necessary. Maintained all records of expenditures for the office.

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Patricia Brewer, 406 S. 7th, Nyssa, OR	541-372-3354
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VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATIONS:

National Ski Patrol	1976-1990
Boyd Booster Club, Boyd, Montana. - President	1985-1990
Carbon County Crisis Board, Red Lodge, MT	1989-1991
Powder Valley Booster Club, North Powder, Oregon	1991-1997
Powder Valley School Board, North Powder, Oregon – Board Member	1994-1997
LaGrande-Union County Leadership, LaGrande, Oregon – Team Member	1997
Union County Crisis Board, LaGrande, Oregon – Board Member	1995-1997
Mt. Angel Lions Club, Mt. Angel, Oregon	1996-2002
Kennedy Booster Club, Mt. Angel, Oregon	1997-2002
Oregon City County Managers Association	1997-Present
Oregon Association of Water Utilities, Silverton, Oregon – Board Member	2000-2002
Marion County Risk Management Board, Salem, Oregon - Board Member	2001-2002
All-American City Delegation, Lakeview, Oregon -Team Member	2004
Lake County Crisis Center, Lakeview, Oregon – Board Member	2005-2006
Lake County Crisis Center, Lakeview, Oregon - Volunteer Advocate	2005-2006
Lakeview Rotary Club, Lakeview, Oregon – President Elect	2004-2006
Klamath-Lake Housing Association, Klamath Falls, Oregon – Board Member	2005-2006
Southeast Oregon Regional Partnership (SCORP), Klamath Falls, Oregon	2005-2006
SE Oregon Area Commission on Transportation, Klamath Falls, Oregon –Board	2005-2006
Eastern Oregon Rural Alliance, Member	2004-2006
The Ford Family Foundation, Graduate	2005-2006
Malheur County Commission on Children & Families	2007-Present

CIAC Application – Roberta Donovan

Please explain why you are interested in this position.

- I would like to serve on the CIAC because I am interested in the different aspects of DLCD and believe that my experience and expertise will be a valuable asset to CIAC. I have worked with planning commissions during the past 15 years as a City Manager and understand the basic concepts and believe I have knowledge and understanding of the land use law. I would also like to expand my knowledge and this would give me the opportunity to learn, share and grow.

Please explain any involvement you have had with community planning or citizen involvement committees.

- As City Manager, I have been involved with numerous citizen involvement committees and have come to value these committees. I believe that in order to make a good decision for the community, you need citizen involvement and a lot of patience and participation.

Please explain any experience you have had with local land use planning actions or issues.

- I have been City Manager in four cities and have had to learn land use planning and understand the law. In two of the previous positions, I had the opportunity to work closely with a City Planner and we held numerous planning meetings where citizen involvement was crucial to the decisions that were made.
- As City Manager of Nyssa, I have not had a City Planner, so planning director is now another hat that I wear. It has been a hard process to learn; however with the assistance of the DLCD Regional Representative and Malheur County Planning Department, they have been able to walk me through the processes to finalize land use processes and decisions.

Please explain any experience you have had in writing, editing or producing educational materials.

- I have not had experience writing educational materials; however as a City Manager I have had to continually write Staff Reports for City Council, Planning Commission and other boards along with countless reports and correspondence to various organizations.

Please explain any involvement you have had with state, regional or local advisory boards.

- As you will read in my resume, I have been involved with numerous state, regional and local advisory boards. Currently, I am serving on the Southeast Regional Alliance Board and on the Malheur County Commission on Children and Families. During my entire career, I have served on boards at all levels and believe I have gained a tremendous amount of experience that should be a tremendous asset to CIAC.

Roberta "Bert" Purcell
618 N. 8th St.
Nyssa, OR 97913

October 27, 2008

Department of Land Conservation and Development

Dear Sir:

It is with great pleasure that I recommend Roberta Donovan to be named on your Advisory Board.

Roberta displays a high degree of responsibility, honesty, and motivation. As a member of the City Planning and Zoning Commission, I have worked closely with her and she is very knowledgeable concerning State OAR's. She meets the public very well and is very interested in assisting Eastern Oregon with new projects, as well as maintaining her position as City Manager of Nyssa. She is a very good listener and eager to help in any situation.

Roberta would be an asset to any committee or commission. I am happy to give her my wholehearted endorsement.

Sincerely,



Roberta "Bert" Purcell
Chairman of Planning and Zoning Committee

October 27, 2008

Dear DLCD,

I'm writing this letter of support on behalf of Roberta Donovan. Roberta is seeking appointment to your Citizen Involvement Advisory Committee. As you know she is currently the City manager for Nyssa, Oregon. I have had the pleasure of working with Roberta for over a year on Economic Development concerns for Nyssa. She has been a delight to work with and many of our conversations center on how we can make Nyssa a better place for Oregon citizens to live in, especially if we can bring meaningful jobs to that small community.

I enjoy the exchange of information because Roberta is a good listener but also she is able to represent her concerns and ideas in a collaborative way. We regard each others efforts as teamwork with each of us contributing ideas, sharing concerns and information as we work through an item.

I believe Roberta would make an excellent addition to this Advisory Committee and would encourage you to select her. The work you are engaged in is important and Roberta can make a meaningful and thoughtful contribution to this work.

Sincerely,

Jim Jensen

Jim Jensen – Director
Malheur County Economic Development

Patricia L. Brewer
406 S. 7th Street
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October 27, 2008

Department of Land Conservation and Development
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RE: Letter of Recommendation

To Whom It May Concern:

I have worked with Roberta Donovan since May of 2007, since she was appointed first Interim City Manager and then full-time City Manager for the City of Nyssa. I am a City Councilor and have been involved with the City since 1991 as a City Councilor. I have seen many things; both positive and negative but since Roberta has been employed here, this is the most positive I have seen this city government.

Roberta has a fantastic working relationship with the employees, City Council and other government agencies around the area. Her ability to work with and bring other agencies together is truly a gift.

I understand that the DLCD Community Involvement Advisory Committee is seeking a representative from District 2 to fill this position. I believe that we need a representative who has the qualities that Roberta processes and we need someone from Eastern Rural Oregon to serve on this Committee.

I highly recommend Roberta for the District 2 position on the Community Involvement Advisory Committee. If you would like to discuss Roberta's qualifications with me further, please feel free to contact me at 541-372-3354 or epbrewer@fmtc.com.

Thank you for considering Roberta for this position.

Sincerely,



Patricia L. Brewer