

## **Summary of CIAC Activity, July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010**

### **1. Star Award**

Initial award presented to City of Newberg at LCDC meeting in November.

Applications requested for second award; none received. Discussion on whether timing should be different and if advertising could be in additional locations and media.

### **2. County web survey to review status of on-line land use applications statewide.**

Survey taken of every county website and selected city websites to determine availability of land use applications. Also surveyed whether clear information is available on Citizen Involvement. Data compiled. Next fiscal year CIAC will determine next steps to encourage local governments to improve, where necessary.

### **3. Participation in DLCD work groups**

RLUIPA rulemaking

Greenhouse gas reduction task force (not on work group, just monitoring)

Urban and Rural reserves

### **4. Phone meetings**

To reduce CIAC costs, June, 2010 was the first use of telephone conference meeting, rather than in-person meeting. Included discussion of concerns relating to public meeting law, availability for public input, etc.

After the conclusion of the June meeting, CIAC members felt that meetings in person are the preferred style. It seems important to be able to see members of the public who attend, and without meeting together we do not have access to any handouts or presentations.

Could other cost-cutting measures be implemented, and return to having meetings together? Some members would be willing to attend without mileage reimbursement or with a reduction. Members would be happy to provide their own lunches. Perhaps alternating phone and in-person meetings would be workable.

### **5. Training**

Received offer through Phil Stenbeck from Todd Cornett, Wasco County Planning Director, for CIAC members to go through planner training. Originally the August, 2010 CIAC meeting was to have been held in The Dalles and incorporate this training for all members; with change to telephone conference meetings, only members who wish to take training at their own expense will do so. Three or 4 members expressed an interest.

## **6. Citizen Involvement Guidelines for Policy Development**

CIAC bylaws call for annual review of these guidelines. Discussion was to be held at June meeting, but the newness of the phone meeting caused postponement of this. Initial review suggests no changes necessary at this time.

## **7. Recruiting and membership study**

Currently CIAC is comprised of 8 members representing the congressional districts plus 3 at-large members. Expectations of a 6<sup>th</sup> congressional district being formed after the 2010 census stimulated discussion of possible CIAC changes. Discussion of the theoretical “nine states of Oregon” (Edutopia, Portlandia, Valley, Cowboy country, etc.) was interesting, but proposals for any change will wait until after the census report comes out.

## **8. Cleaned out Goal One library in DLCD office.**

## **9. Proposal to modify notification changes**

Notification now seems too limited, especially in rural areas; notification is often too late in the process for citizen involvement. Will discuss further opportunities to increase awareness of this concern, with an eye toward a future proposal for change.

## **10. Ongoing project for citizen involvement training**

Preparing to assist DLCD with training modules to include citizen involvement information. Upcoming year will see more development of such modules. Training could focus on elected and appointed officials, and on citizens.

## **12. Upcoming discussion:**

Possible proposed addition to DLCD’s Key Performance Measures for the next budget cycle.