

Oregon

Citizen Involvement Advisory Committee

Statewide Land Use Planning Goal One:

To insure the opportunity for citizens to be involved in all phases of the planning process.

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The Citizen Involvement Advisory Committee (CIAC) has reviewed proposed plan amendment changes related to Goal 1 Citizen Involvement for four jurisdictions. While CIAC is required to review such changes, CIAC does not have the authority to approve elements of local submittals or to require changes. The following jurisdictions were before CIAC recently:

1. City of Forest Grove -- As part of its Periodic Review of the Comprehensive Plan, the City developed a new citizen involvement strategy.

CIAC discussed this strategy with the Senior Planner via conference call. CIAC suggested that the City make additional outreach efforts to ensure that it is connecting with all its citizens and providing them with adequate, understandable information. There was interest in a software package developed by the City that puts technical information into a visual format on a laptop, which will improve community understanding of proposals and options.

2. City of Portland – As part of its Periodic Review, Portland is combining two separate commissions into a new Planning and Development Commission, and is making changes to its periodic review work task to implement the change.

CIAC discussed this proposal with the Assistant Community Development Director and the Community Outreach Director via conference call. CIAC did not raise any issues with the change and noted that the City had done impressive outreach efforts to diverse populations.

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1. City of Tigard -- The City of Tigard is shifting its citizen involvement responsibilities to the Planning Commission, reorganizing the old Committee for Citizen Involvement into a more focused work on the Neighborhood Network program and requiring all boards, committees and commissions to include citizen involvement in their charge. This will be done by amending bylaws, and the City Council will review the progress annually.

CIAC discussed this proposal with the Assistant Community Development Director via conference call. CIAC noted that the City's proposal could serve as a new model of citizen involvement going forward. CIAC invited the City to return in one year to provide an update on how it is working.

2. Wasco County – Wasco County is making non-Goal 1 changes to its Land Use and Development Ordinance and Comprehensive Plan. However, because of the citizen notification involved, the County is taking the opportunity to update other language changes related to the local committee for citizen involvement. One of those changes is to recognize in the ordinance that the Planning Commission functions as the Committee for Citizen Involvement (and has for 20 years).

CIAC discussed this proposal with the County Planning Director via conference call. CIAC raised no issues, but recommended that the County not overlook providing notice to newly-forming communities that aren't yet cities. CIAC thought that the language changes made the wording more contemporary.

CIAC appreciates the opportunity to review these changes and the explanations provided by the local government staff members.

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