



AGENDA

Lincoln City Planning Commission Work Session
Tuesday, April 18, 2023, 6:30 PM
NW Conference Room,
801 SW Hwy 101 - 3rd Floor, Lincoln City, OR 97367

I. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

II. DISCUSSION ITEMS

2.1. Economy and Urbanization component

2.2. Coastal Resources component

2.3. Natural Resources component

2.4. Citizen Involvement draft

III. ADJOURN

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Planning Commission Communication

Economy and Urbanization component

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Discussion Packet for April 18, 2023 Work Session

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & URBANIZATION

Informational packet in preparation to develop Draft #1. Contents include relevant Statewide Planning Goals, Current Lincoln City Comprehensive Plan Goals and Objectives, Community Feedback as available, and sample objectives from other Oregon community's comprehensive plans or other relevant resource documents.

Statewide Planning Goals Covered

Goal 9 – “Economic Development” “To provide adequate opportunities throughout the state for a variety of economic activities vital to the health, welfare, and prosperity of Oregon’s citizens

Goal 14 – “Urbanization” “To provide for an orderly and efficient transition from rural to urban land use, to accommodate urban population and urban employment inside urban growth boundaries, to ensure efficient use of land, and to provide for livable communities.”

Current Lincoln City Comp Plan Goals/Objectives – The items listed below are what is in the Comprehensive Plan right now.

Urbanization *“To promote an orderly and efficient transition of land uses from rural to urban.”*

1. Lincoln City shall coordinate its planning efforts with Lincoln County.
2. Lincoln City and Lincoln County shall establish urbanization policies which are mutually agreeable.
3. Within the UGB, the City shall have planned utility capacity to service all growth.
4. Within the urban growth area, proposals for subdivisions and major and minor partitions shall be accompanied by a redivision plan. This redivision plan shall show the proposed location of future streets, lot lines and any proposed structures.
5. Proposals to change the Urban Growth Boundary shall be considered Plan amendments to the City and County Plan. The boundary alteration must be mutually agreed upon by the City and County. The compelling reasons for alteration of the UGB shall include at a minimum, an analysis which indicates:
 - a. Why existing land inventory is not sufficient to meet present needs.
 - b. That alternative location within the existing UGB cannot be employed for the proposed uses.
 - c. That the short and long term negative, environmental, economic, social, and energy impacts from the proposed alternatives are inconsequential to the City, the County, and the State.
 - d. That findings will be presented which indicate the land uses proposed for the new boundary will be compatible with existing City and adjacent land uses.
 - e. That the boundary alteration will not interfere with the orderly extension of utilities.
 - f. And that the boundary alteration is consistent with statewide planning goals.
 - g. Annexation of sites within the UGB shall be reviewed by the Planning Commission and shall be in accordance with relevant Oregon statutes.
 - h. Lincoln City shall exclude forest lands identified in the "inventory map of forest lands" from its Urban Growth Boundary.
 - i. Lincoln City shall encourage Lincoln County to develop adequate protection for agricultural lands.
 - j. Lincoln City will not provide utility services outside the UGB to properties beyond existing connection.

Economy *“To support the tourist industry and achieve a degree of diversity in the community which will allow a balanced economy that will, in turn, support an adequate level of services for all members of the area.”*

1. Lincoln City shall work with Lincoln County in implementing recommendations for regional economic development.
2. Lincoln City shall periodically analyze the commercially and industrially zoned lands. The analysis shall include a summary of economic activities within the City including residential development in commercially or industrially zoned properties. The report shall make projections of future commercial land needs based on economic activities, residential development, and the supply of available

commercial and industrial lands. If current demands exceed supply, the Planning Commission shall hold a public hearing as soon as possible to consider lands which may be suitable for conversion to commercial or industrial uses.

3. Lincoln City shall encourage local financial institutions to support low interest loans to rehabilitate deteriorating structures and to upgrade city center areas.
4. Lincoln City shall explore incentives for economic development in order to expand and increase the productivity of commerce and industry.

Community Feedback – This is the feedback provided from the community in the surveys done last year.

- Out of 13 total choices, Attracting and Creating Living Wage Jobs was the highest community priority in the both surveys. Economic Development/Business Support was 4th in the first survey and 5th in the second survey.
- Additional revenue
- Allow large companies to build here, such as Walmart or Target
- Another hardware store besides Ace, Home Depot or Lowe's. More grocery stores like Fred Meyer as an alternative to Safeway which would benefit from some competition
- Encourage a variety of sectors-we rely too heavily on tourism
- Encourage in commercial zones
- Focus on local, unique businesses rather than chains
- Need more jobs beyond tourism
- Need to be tourist friendly to attract the people that spend money in shops and restaurants
- Only if there is attention paid to affordable housing and location for the businesses.
- Protect/encourage small local businesses that make our town feel welcoming and special
- Small business is always good for the community
- Sustainable businesses with environmentally sound practices
- These are businesses that depend on low wage employees who can't afford to live here
- We live in a beautiful place, but as you drive through town one is struck by peeling paint, a lack of any architectural theme. The place looks worn out and tired
- We need living wage jobs here, I doubt these would give us that
- We need more higher paying jobs than minimum wage
- We need to put retail away from 101 and consolidate it to make it a destination location
- Lincoln City needs a core downtown area; currently it's just a long, ugly strip. Priority should be given for when there is an opportunity for new buildings or remodels in business areas to group them together. The new visitor center location isn't going to create this; it should have been put in an area that people can walk to other businesses and public areas such as nature and history kiosks
- Protect the watershed
- Provide affordable healthcare
- Provide services for people with mental disabilities
- Rainy season entertainment options where kids and adults can unwind and get some energy out
- Remove old buildings and replace with new
- Sense of community and safety is important
- Stable housing will bring stable people

GOAL: To provide adequate opportunities in the city for a wide variety of economic activities vital to a high quality of life and the health, welfare, prosperity, and well-being of the citizens of Lincoln City.

SAMPLE OBJECTIVES: Economy/Economic Development

- 1** Promote a level of growth that allows the city to maintain the important elements of its small-town character and preserve its unique natural setting.
- 2** Strengthen the local economy in a manner that retains the community's small town character and benefits the entire community, while still providing living wage jobs.
- 3** Work with Lincoln County in implementing recommendations for regional economic development.
- 4** Promote economic development through proactive engagement with and support of business and industry that provide living wage jobs.
- 5** Support the growth of businesses and industries that provide living wage jobs for the citizens of the community.
- 6** Encourage the marketing and recruit traded sector businesses that are determined to be viable within the city's economy, promote community values, and provide year-round living wage jobs.
- 7** Improve and then maintain existing, and install and promote new, policies, codes, and infrastructure to support the efficient movement of people, goods, and information through the community to encourage the development of new commerce and industry.
- 8** Develop partnerships to foster a culture of creativity and entrepreneurship to encourage the establishment and growth of commerce and industry.
- 9** Expand the tourism industry through maintaining and enhancing the aesthetics of streets and public spaces, working with partners to market the area for visitors, and supporting events that promote the community for visitors.
- 10** Foster a culture of creativity by working with partners to support local workforce in obtaining technical and employability skills, recruiting out of area talent and supporting the needs of an innovative workforce.
- 11** Provide opportunities for a variety of goods, services, and employment options to work toward a dynamic, ecologically sound, and socially equitable economy.
- 12** Ensure a suitable amount of land is dedicated to commercial and industrial uses.
- 13** Support retention and expansion of local businesses, as well as recruitment of new businesses, across a variety of sizes and types.
- 14** Create and maintain cooperative partnerships with other public agencies and private business groups interested in promoting economic development.
- 15** Promote the city's natural resources, open spaces, and scenic areas to grow the tourism industry.
- 16** Support a healthy and balanced workforce through a variety of programs and policies.
- 17** Accelerate the growth of local businesses and attract new businesses that balance the city's tax base, provide stable, high-wage jobs and capitalize on Lincoln City's location and enhance the quality of life.
- 18** Prioritize and promote economic development to provide year-round living-wage jobs by maintaining a supply of land to target growth businesses and industries.

GOAL: To provide for an orderly and efficient transition from rural to urban land use, to accommodate urban population and urban employment inside city limits and the urban growth boundary, to ensure efficient use of land, and to provide for livable communities.”

SAMPLE OBJECTIVES: Urban Growth/Urbanization

- 1** Adequate sanitary facilities and water capacity, including fire flow requirements, must be available prior to the approval of all proposed developments, including subdivisions at their projected densities.
- 2** Establish, enhance, and/or maintain livability of Lincoln City while providing appropriate land-use designations and adequate areas to accommodate needed commercial, industrial, and residential growth.
- 3** Encourage and promote the development of industrial and commercial lands in such a way as to ensure diversification of the local economy.
- 4** Provide for the orderly and economic extension of public facilities to land in city limits.
- 5** Provide a sufficient amount of land available for commercial and industrial land use designations to ensure a wide variety of choices in the market place for the citizens.
- 6** Encourage redevelopment and the development of infill lots and parcels before conversion of urbanizable areas.
- 7** Promote efficient use of land and public infrastructure and plan for appropriate infill development, redevelopment, and new development.
- 8** Coordinate with adjacent jurisdictions, local service providers, and regional and state governmental agencies to manage growth and development.

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND URBANIZATION

Lincoln City is a treasured location for residents, retirees, and tourists, and thus it serves as the foundation of the local economy. People from all over – the state, the Pacific Northwest, and the nation – choose to enjoy their vacations here, making tourism our largest industry and business is thriving. Thanks to community events, attractions, and proximity to key markets, Lincoln City generates \$330 million annually in aggregate tourism revenue and has witnessed consistent year over year growth for almost a decade. The majority of employers are locally-owned small businesses, many of which are family owned and operated. Larger employers include city government, Lincoln County School District, Samaritan North Lincoln Hospital, and the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, who own and operate the Chinook Winds Casino, the Chinook Winds Golf Resort, and the Chinook Winds Resort Hotel.

Lincoln City’s Urban Renewal and Economic Development Departments focus on investments to support the business community. These investments include: workforce/affordable housing, infrastructure and utility enhancements, public parking facilities, transit and charging stations, placemaking, public art, and safety investments. They also have a variety of programs to provide funding to leverage private investment, including façade improvement loans, energy efficiency loans, business expansion loans, and a local economic development program support grant for partnering organizations. The city also serves to connect businesses with a variety of local, state, and federal resources to assist with business development, expansion, relocation, exporting, financing, and more.

Because our economic health depends on our community’s natural resources, the way in which the city grows is a vital economic concern. By establishing and maintaining an urban growth boundary, the city provides for an efficient and cost effective transition of lands from rural to urban uses.

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GOAL

To support a balanced, diverse, and resilient local economy that considers the social and environmental values of the Lincoln City community for the long term as the city grows to accommodate urban population.

POLICIES

1. Support retention and expansion of local businesses, as well as recruitment of new businesses across a variety of sizes and types.
2. Work with key partners to support regional economic planning and development, including the Lincoln City Chamber of Commerce, Lincoln County, and the state of Oregon.
3. Ensure a suitable amount of land is provided for diverse economic development, including office, retail commercial, service commercial, entertainment and leisure activities, hospitality, and industrial.
4. Coordinate capital improvement investments with economic development planning, including transportation, parks and open space, and public facility expansion.
5. Provide adequate housing to support the unique characteristics of the Lincoln City workforce.
6. Preserve and enhance the key attributes of Lincoln City's physical location and natural amenities as part of an overall economic development strategy.
7. Consider the value of arts, history and culture to the health of the local economy.
8. Provide for the orderly and efficient transition of land within the urban growth boundary from rural to urban uses, and from lower density to higher density development.

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Coastal Resources component

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2nd Draft Coastal Resources (PDF)

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COASTAL RESOURCES

Lincoln City's single greatest resource is the Pacific Ocean. The scenic vista of the Pacific Ocean and its wide expanse of beaches is the element that draws tourists and provides the inspiration for the community's vigor. The shores and beaches of Siletz Bay and the Siletz Bay Estuary, Devils Lake, Schooner Creek, and Drift Creek are other important resources that enhance the experience of visiting and living in Lincoln City.

These areas contain fish and wildlife habitat, exceptional aesthetic quality, or have historical or archaeological value. Shorelands also help protect our water quality, and the fish and wildlife habitat. Because they have such a strong nexus with the coastal waters beyond, and the estuarine resources in and among the coastal shorelands, Lincoln City seeks to conserve and protect them, while directing development to the places that are most appropriate and present the lowest risk to human life or property.

A classification of dune forms on which Lincoln City is built is contained in inventory material from Beaches and Dunes of the Oregon Coast, O.L.C. & D.L., 1975 and Environmental Hazard Inventory, Coastal Lincoln County, RNKR Associates, 1977. Lincoln City is predominantly developed on older stabilized dune formations. Development has additionally occurred on older foredunes. Some beach and dune forms are identified as hazard erosion areas and are submitted to provisions of the Natural Hazards goals and policies.

In the Cutler City area, development has occurred on stabilized foredunes. The Cutler City area is protected by the Salishan Spit, and active foredune. It is unlikely, given the extensive residential development and shoreline protection undertaken along the Spit that breaching of the foredune would be allowed to occur. In addition, extensive development occurring along the stabilized foredune in the Cutler City area will prevent the breaching of this area.

Lincoln City has three isolated areas of open dune sand. These three areas are surrounded by development. Extensive sand mining has occurred in two of the areas in the past. Protection of any of these dune areas for low intensive uses is prohibitive. However, Lincoln City recognizes that protecting the existing dune forms from further degradation is vital to the subsistence of the community on, along, and in proximity to these dune forms.

Statewide Planning Goals Covered

Goal 16 – Estuarine Resources “To recognize and protect the unique environmental, economic, and social values of each estuary and associated wetlands; and to protect, maintain, where appropriate develop, and where appropriate restore the long-term environmental, economic, and social values, diversity and benefits of Oregon’s estuaries.”

Goal 17 – Coastal Shorelands “To conserve, protect, where appropriate, develop and where appropriate restore the resources and benefits of all coastal shorelands, recognizing their value for protection and maintenance of water quality, fish and wildlife habitat, water-dependent uses, economic resources and recreation and aesthetics. The management of these shoreland areas shall be compatible

with the characteristics of the adjacent coastal waters; and to reduce the hazard to human life and property, and the adverse effects upon water quality and fish and wildlife habitat, resulting from the use and enjoyment of Oregon's coastal shorelands."

Goal 18 – Beaches and Dunes "To conserve, protect, where appropriate develop, and where appropriate restore the resources and benefits of coastal beach and dune areas; and To reduce the hazard to human life and property from natural or man-induced actions associated with these areas."

Goal 19 – Ocean Resources "To conserve marine resources and ecological functions for the purpose of providing long-term ecological, economic, and social value and benefits to future generations."

GOALS

To ensure land use planning considers the significant coastal resources of our community, including our shorelands, beaches, estuaries and ocean resources.

OR

To conserve, protect, where appropriate, develop and where appropriate restore the resources and benefits of Lincoln City's shorelands, beaches, and ocean and estuarine resources, recognizing their value for protection and maintenance of water quality, fish and wildlife habitat, water-dependent uses, economic resources, recreation, and aesthetics.

POLICIES

1. Using methodology from Oregon Administrative Rules, periodically review designated water-dependent shorelands (marine waterway) boundaries in Lincoln City for accuracy; re-define marine waterway area boundaries as determined by the outcome of the review to ensure continued protection of water-dependent uses.
2. Continue the designation of Devils Lake as a marine waterway area and review its boundary to ensure maximum protection of Devils Lake for water-dependent uses.
3. Review the portions of Siletz Bay, Schooner Creek, and Drift Creek within city limits to identify the establishment of new or additional marine waterway areas for protection of water-dependent uses.
4. To maximize the preservation, protection, and enhancement of marine waterway areas, review periodically and update if needed the rules and regulations surrounding allowed development, development restrictions, and prohibitions in marine waterway areas.
5. Update and adopt the estuary management plan for the Siletz Bay Estuary.
6. Prohibit the breaching of foredunes.
7. Partner and cooperate with Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to protect fish and wildlife habitat in shorelands, beaches, dunes, and the Siletz Bay Estuary.
8. Continue to rely on Lincoln County and the State of Oregon to ensure that the Salishan Spit protects the Siletz Bay, including the Taft and Cutler City areas of Lincoln City.
9. Review and update rules and regulations for ocean erosion control structures, such as jetties, bulkheads, seawalls, rip-rap, and similar to minimize impacts on water currents and erosion and accretion patterns, for consistency with Oregon Revised Statutes and Oregon Administrative Rules.

10. To prevent further erosion of bluffs and dunes to the extent possible, periodically review the requirements for development in erosion hazard areas to ensure bluff and dune protection and the least amount of erosion possible.

POSSIBLE ADDITIONS

- Foster community awareness of the unique environmental, economic, and social values of the Siletz Bay **Estuary** and associated wetlands; and protect, maintain, where appropriate develop, and where appropriate restore these areas.
- Consider the benefits of our **coastal shorelands**, recognizing their value for protection and maintenance of water quality, fish and wildlife habitat, water-dependent uses, economic resources and recreation and aesthetics.
- Conserve, protect, where appropriate develop, and where appropriate restore the resources and benefits of coastal **beach and dune** areas.
- Conserve **marine resources** and ecological functions for the purpose of providing long-term ecological, economic, and social value and benefits.
- Reduce the hazard to human life and property from natural or human-induced actions associated with use and enjoyment of our beaches, dunes, and coastal shorelands.

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Natural Resources component

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3rd Draft Natural Resources (PDF)

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NATURAL, SCENIC, AND HISTORIC RESOURCES

Lincoln City is located in an area of phenomenal natural beauty and possesses an abundance of natural resources, not the least of which is the magnificent vista of the Pacific Ocean. Other bodies of water include Devils Lake, Schooner Creek, Drift Creek, D River, Logan Creek, and Siletz Bay, along with accompanying tributaries. Riparian corridors, marshes, wetlands, and fish and wildlife habitat are present in and around the bodies of water.

Forested areas are interspersed throughout Lincoln City, as well over 350 acres of parks, open spaces, trails, beach access, and pathways. Designated open spaces include Agnes Creek, The Knoll, Spyglass Ridge, Friends of Wildwood, and Spring Lake.

The city's appearance needs to complement its abundance of natural resources, rather than detracting from them. Community feedback from public outreach sessions and surveys indicates that improvements to the city's appearance are warranted to accomplish the desire of the citizenry to exemplify the beauty of Lincoln City's natural setting.

Lincoln City has one building on the National Historic Register – the Dorchester House. The Dorchester House is located at 2701 NW Hwy 101 and was registered in 1980. The “colonial-style” Dorchester House was constructed for use as a hotel and business building, housing visitors and providing space on the first floor for an automobile service station and restaurant. The second story was used for hotel rooms. During the early years of the building's existence, and for many years thereafter, the Dorchester House was the only hotel on the coast in the Lincoln City area. Construction commenced in 1929 and the building opened for business on July 4, 1935. The building has seen many owners over the years, but is in good condition and in active use as retirement apartments. There are no historic districts in Lincoln City, or any designated historic areas, sites, structures, or buildings, other than the Dorchester House.

Although not officially designated as historic, since 1929 the historic DeLake School has been a center for education for the children of Lincoln City. Today, the school building houses Lincoln City's cultural center and continues offering education for all ages in the form of classes in art, dance, music, literature, and theater. Lincoln City Cultural Center was first known as The Lincoln City Arts Forum when established on August 10, 1992. It was renamed the “4C's” (Coastal Communities Cultural Center), and received its Articles of Incorporation on December 20, 1996. The organization obtained non-profit status on October 14, 1997. In September 2006, the 4C's leased DeLake School from Lincoln City and adopted its new business name of Lincoln City Cultural Center in February 2007.

Another site that does not have the official historic designation is the Taft Pioneer Cemetery. The permanent residents of Lincoln City rest at Pioneer Cemetery, namely the pioneers and settlers from the early days of the area. The cemetery is on top of a large hill in the Taft Village Core, with a gorgeous panoramic view of the Pacific Ocean.

In the summer of 2019, a Main Street Survey was performed by Oregon Heritage. The survey comprised commercial buildings bordering Hwy 101 and an assessment of the city's historic resources.

Recommendations for the next steps in historic preservation were given as well for future planning purposes. Of the buildings surveyed, one was deemed eligible/significant, 34 were deemed eligible/contributing, 94 were deemed not eligible/non-contributing, and two were deemed not eligible/out of period. Overall recommendations were to use historic resources in one of five ways: 1) engender an ethic of heritage conservation; 2) utilize the Oregon Main Street Network; 3) apply for the Diamonds in the Rough grants; 4) leverage resources for heritage tourism; and 5) embrace placemaking initiatives. The full survey is incorporated herein as part of this comprehensive plan as Appendix **XXX**.

Statewide Planning Goals Covered

Goal 5 – “Open Spaces, Scenic and Historic Areas and Natural Resources” “To protect natural resources and conserve scenic and historic areas and open spaces.” Note that open spaces are covered in another chapter.

Goal 6 – “Air, Water and Land Resources Quality” “To maintain and improve the quality of the air, water and land resources of the state.”

Goal 13 – “Energy Conservation” “To conserve energy.”

GOALS

To ensure land use planning considers the community’s significant natural, scenic, and historic resources in building for the future, addressing the elements of air, water, land, wildlife, and energy.

POLICIES

Historic Resources

1. Promote and encourage the preservation and restoration of sites, buildings, structures, and appurtenances that are indicative of the city’s historical heritage.
2. Encourage property owners to preserve historic resources in a state as close to their original construction as possible while allowing the resource to be used in an economically and environmentally viable manner.
3. Establish an historic preservation chapter in the zoning ordinance to encourage and facilitate the protection, restoration, rehabilitation, and then maintenance, of designated historic buildings or structures.
4. Provide appropriate visible recognition of the historical significance of sites, structures, or elements within the city; maintain and update as necessary.
5. Identify and protect important natural and cultural historic resources through programs, designation, interpretive display, signage, and other means to increase awareness and increase appreciation of the city’s history.
6. Investigate community interest and support for expanding historic preservation activities and establishing historic districts.

Natural Resources

1. Identify and implement methods to protect Devils Lake and the Pacific Ocean from pollutants carried from stormwater systems.
2. Adopt and implement the city's drinking water protection plan and the city's water management and conservation plan
3. Develop, adopt, and implement a climate action plan.
4. Ensure current erosion and sedimentation control measures for new development adequately protect water quality, fish and wildlife habitat, native vegetation and trees, and the stormwater drainage system. Update erosion control measures as needed.
5. Minimize impacts on natural resources, and avoid degradation or loss of wetlands, natural vegetation, and wildlife habitat.
6. Utilize a variety of measures to protect native trees and forestlands.
7. Update existing natural resource inventories as needed.

Energy

1. Consider methods for energy conservation in all city-owned buildings, structures, and facilities.
2. Actively explore funding sources, such as federal and state grants, for the use of alternative energy options for city-owned buildings, structures, and facilities.
3. Encourage property owners to utilize federal, state, regional, and private energy conservation programs and rebates.
4. Ensure that the municipal code does not restrict or penalize the use of or access to alternative energy sources.

Scenic

1. Improve and enhance the natural visual beauty and scenic quality of the community by removing weeds and invasive, noxious vegetation and replacing with site-appropriate vegetation.
2. Identify funding mechanisms to replace existing overhead power lines with underground lines.
3. Enforce property maintenance codes.
4. Identify scenic resources within Lincoln City, including critical viewpoints.

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Citizen Involvement draft

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CHAPTER 1: CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT

The effectiveness of government can be measured by the extent to which it truly meets the needs of all citizens. Good decision-making is predicated on engaging a complete cross section of the community and encouraging all to participate in the decisions that will affect them. Community engagement is foundational to successful and effective land use planning and further, it is a required part of land use planning in Oregon. Citizen involvement is the first of the planning goals in the statewide land use planning system and is the first chapter in Lincoln City's comprehensive plan.

The statewide planning goal requires a committee for citizen involvement (CCI) to monitor and encourage public participation in planning. It also requires the city to have a citizen involvement program that addresses: 1) opportunities for widespread public involvement; 2) effective two-way communication with the public; 3) the ability for the public to be involved in all phases of the planning process; 4) making technical information easy to understand; 5) feedback mechanisms for policy-makers to respond to public input; and 6) adequate financial support for public involvement efforts. City council officially designated the Lincoln City Planning Commission as the CCI for Lincoln City to act in accordance with Oregon revised statutes and Oregon administrative rules.

Community engagement is foundational to successful public plans and projects. Engaging the public in a meaningful way as land-use decisions are made is key, rather than simply conducting participation activities that are required. A great citizen involvement program gives participants assurance that they will be heard, and gives elected leaders confidence that land-use decisions will be balanced and positioned for the public good.

GOAL

Provide opportunities for all Lincoln City residents to be involved and informed in all phases of the land use planning process; ensure public engagement activities are equitable and inclusive.

POLICIES/OBJECTIVES

1. Ensure that the committee for citizen involvement (CCI) guides public participation in land use planning applications and the land use planning process, by emphasizing the need to inform, consult, involve, and collaborate with the community.
2. Create and maintain an inclusive and transparent citizen involvement program that develops consistent procedures and outlines how staff will plan, implement, and evaluate public involvement activities within the context of land use planning applications and land use planning projects in Lincoln City.
3. Provide information regarding land use planning applications and land use planning projects in a variety of accessible and easy to understand formats, including other languages where appropriate.

4. Create project-specific public involvement programs as needed for larger scale community-wide land use planning projects, such as updates to the comprehensive plan.
5. Uphold effective traditional methods of involvement while embracing emerging technologies to extend accessibility, participation and engagement in the land use planning process through a variety of media, outlets, and formats.
6. Continue to improve the city's website interface and platform for better ease of access to information, services, news, records, and maps pertinent to land use planning applications and projects.
7. Harness current and emerging technologies and availability of open source data for interactive participation in all phases of the land use planning process.
8. Identify options to increase participation with the community's underrepresented groups in the land use planning process.
9. Develop partnerships with community groups, such as neighborhood organizations, faith groups, business interests, schools, and other interest area representatives to take advantage of existing communication networks for disseminating information pertaining to land use planning applications and projects.
10. Ensure adequate resources are available to meet the community's need for public information and public involvement.
11. Foster a culture of collaboration and partnership between residents, community groups, businesses, service providers and government.