

For Further Information *continued*

Land Development Code and Map:

Corvallis' zoning regulations.

- Community Development Department
- Downtown Public Library
- www.ci.corvallis.or.us/cd/zoning.html

Comprehensive Plan and Map:

*Land use policies for the Corvallis City Limits/
Urban Growth Boundary.*

- Planning Division
- Downtown Public Library
- www.ci.corvallis.or.us/cd/pl/compplan.html

Planning Commission Information:

- Planning Division
- www.ci.corvallis.or.us/cd/pl/pc.html

Public Hearing Staff Report:

*Available from the Planning Division one week
prior to the public hearing date.*

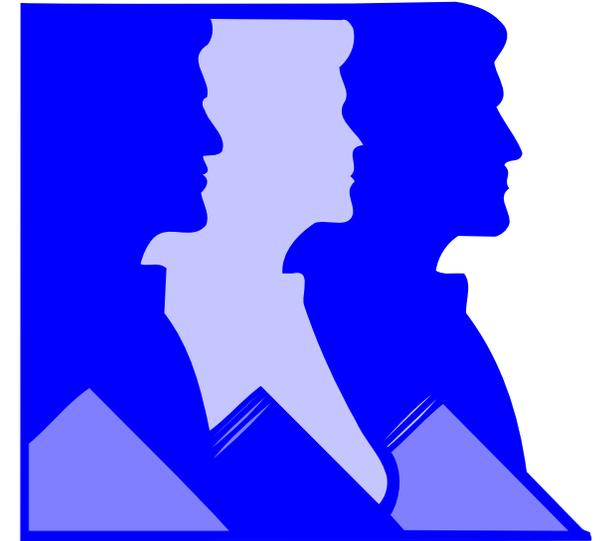
Committee for Citizen Involvement (CCI):
*Facilitates citizen involvement in the City's land
use planning and decision making.*

- Regular meetings: fourth Wednesday of the month, 7:15 PM. Citizens are welcome to attend.
- Contact the Planning Division at (541) 766-6908 for more information about the CCI, or to request additional brochures.
- www.ci.corvallis.or.us/cd/pl/cci.html

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Participating in Corvallis Land Use Decisions



City of Corvallis
Committee for
Citizen Involvement

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The City of Corvallis encourages, promotes, and uses citizen input in its decision making. An important way that you can influence land use matters in the City of Corvallis is to provide comments on a proposed land use action.

Your participation in the land use decision making process does not guarantee that the final decision will be the one that you favor. However, by providing comments, known as “testimony,” you ensure that your opinion is heard and considered by decision makers.



Finding Out About Pending Land Use Actions

Many people find out about a proposed land use action when they receive a mailed land use notice from the City. The City is required to send these notices to property owners and residents within a certain distance (often 500 feet) from the affected property. The notice describes the land use request, the property, the hearing date, and the relevant sections of the Land Development Code and Comprehensive Plan that apply to the application. A staff contact is listed for further information.

Other ways that the City notifies the public of pending land use actions:

- “Prenotifications” sent to neighborhood organizations
- Signs posted on the affected property

- Legal notices and meeting announcements in the *Gazette-Times*
- Planning Commission public hearing information on the City’s Web site.

Gathering Background Information

Here are some ways you can learn more about what is being proposed:

- ✓ Discuss your questions and concerns with the City planner working on the application.
- ✓ Review the land use criteria that will be used to evaluate the case. The relevant criteria are taken from the Land Development Code and Comprehensive Plan. The criteria that staff has identified as relevant are included in the land use notice and a staff report prepared for the public hearing. Other criteria that you feel are applicable also may be identified.
- ✓ Make an appointment to meet with a staff person or review the case file.
- ✓ Review the staff report, available one week before the hearing.

Options for Providing Input

There are several options for providing comments on the proposed land use action. Some may find it inconvenient or intimidating to testify at a hearing. You may want to prepare written comments



instead of, or in addition to, oral testimony. You also may want to consider preparing your comments with other individuals or organizations.

It is recommended that you try to send any written comments to the City at least 10 days before the hearing, so that your comments can be included in the staff report that is provided to decision makers and the public. This will give other interested citizens and the decision makers the most amount of time to consider your comments. Comments received after the staff report is prepared will be distributed at the hearing. You may choose to comment again after reviewing the staff report.

The brochure “Tips for Providing Effective Public Testimony” provides additional suggestions. Contact the Planning Division to obtain a copy.



For Further Information

Community Development Department:
The Planning Division processes land use applications that are reviewed at a public hearing. Some other land use applications are processed at the staff level by the Development Services Division.

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