

1 Summary of August 15, 2019
2 Countywide Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting #3
3 Judge Guy Boyington Building
4 857 Commercial Street
5 Astoria, OR 97103
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7 **The meeting was called to order at 4:01 p.m. by Andy Davis, CCAC Chair.**
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CCAC Members Present

Andy Davis
Jan Mitchell
Harold Gable
Patrick Corcoran
Robert Stricklin
Theodore Lundy
Cheryl Johnson
James Coughlin
Andrea Mazzarella

CCAC Commissioners Absent

Jim Alegria - excused
Ron Weber - excused

Staff Present

Gail Henrikson

Public Present

Lesley Payne
Tita Montero
Chris Farrar
Nancy Ferber
Margaret Minnick
Comm. Kathleen Sullivan
Victoria Sage

9 **Welcome and Introductions**

10 The CCAC members, staff and members of the public introduced themselves.
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12 **Review of July 17, 2019 Meeting Summary:**

13 The Committee reviewed the meeting summary. No comments or corrections were provided.
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15 **Planning Area CAC Liaison Reports:**

16 **Lewis and Clark Olney Wallooskee (LWCOWCAC):** Jim Coughlin and Andrea Mazzarella discussed the first
17 meeting which had been held on July 25. The stated that the LCOWCAC members had decide to meet on
18 the fourth Thursday of each month at 5pm. The meetings will also include a potluck dinner.
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20 **Clatsop Plains (CPCAC):** Robert Stricklin summarized the committee's discussion on Goal 2. He emphasized
21 that there appears to be a lack of environmental groups within the county that are working on behalf of
22 wildlife. He also stressed the importance of non-interconnected habitat preservation throughout the
23 county.
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25 **Northeast (NECAC):** Cheryl Johnson discussed the composition of the five-member committee and talked
26 about their diversity. The committee has three young persons, including one who has started a new
27 business. She commended and encouraged the cross-pollination between the various CACs. Ms. Johnson
28 also stated that some of the ideas considered by the NECAC with regard to public participation included the
29 use of postcards to notify residents and to increase the size of the notification area, due to the large-lot
30 rural natural of the Northeast planning area. She also discussed how the lack of broadband in that area of
31 the county can and does hinder public participation.
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33 The committee discussed the minimum distance requirements for public notices and the budget for
34 mailings included as part of the comp plan update. Ms. Henrikson stated that there was money budgeted
35 for advertising and mailings. It was suggested that the nearest 100 neighbors to a property should receive
36 land use public notices
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1 Commissioner Sullivan stated that residents and property owners needed to think about how the
2 comprehensive plan might affect what they can do with their property and what their neighbors could do
3 with their properties. For example, what if owners want to have smaller parcels or partition a parcel? How
4 can the county protect farm lands? What about activities on forest lands that might be next to my
5 property?
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7 **Southwest Coastal (SWCCAC):** Tod Lundy discussed the SWCCAC's second meeting. He noted that of the
8 SWCCAC committee members, all but one had previously served on the previous Southwest Coastal CAC.
9 He stated that the SWCCAC developed more locally-based recommendations for Goal 1. Mr. Lundy read a
10 draft of nine recommendations on which the SWCCAC had voted.
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12 Ms. Henrikson asked for a copy of the recommendations to include with the meeting summary. Mr. Lundy
13 stated that he wanted to bring them back to the SWCCAC before making them an official part of the record.
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15 Mr. Lundy stated that the SWCCAC had discussed the idea of creating an ombudsman position. This person
16 would equal standing to County Counsel and would be available to represent the public at Planning
17 Commission and Board of Commissioners meetings.
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19 Mr. Stricklin discussed the idea of placing informational kiosks around the county in addition to sending
20 postcards.
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22 Mr. Lundy stated that the SWCCAC has a unique point of view and that he hopes all the other groups will
23 adopt it as well. This statement was followed by general discussion regarding the dissolution of the
24 previous SWCCAC and the composition of the Planning Commission.
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26 Ms. Mitchell stated that she had been on the Planning Commission at the time the SWCCAC had been
27 disbanded and stated the Board of Commissioners felt that the SWCCAC was overstepping its boundaries.
28 The committee members continued to discuss the dissolution of the SWCCAC.
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30 **Goal 2 Overview:**

31 Ms. Henrikson provided a brief summary of the PowerPoint handout (attached).
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33 The committee members continued to brainstorm ideas to increase public outreach and participation.
34 Suggestions included land use trivial pursuit and town hall-style meetings.
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36 The group generally discussed information in the PowerPoint. Chair Davis asked what the takeaway was. A
37 question was raised as to how much of the "buildable" land identified in the housing study was tidal and
38 what could be developed in reality.
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40 The committee discussed system development charges. It was stated that when the LNG plant was
41 proposing to build in Warrenton, the city did not raise system development fees because it thought the city
42 would be getting significant tax monies from the LNG plant.
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44 The committee discussed the demographic information included in the background materials. Particularly,
45 discussion centered around the overall aging of the population, in/out migration and housing. The need for
46 student housing was raised.
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48 The committee then discussed the schools within the county, the quality of those facilities and the role of
49 public transportation.

1 Ms. Johnson asked for clarification regarding the tide gate exceptions to Goals 16/17.

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3 Ms. Mitchell stated that there was an overwhelming need for worker housing. She stated there is also a
4 need to support small farmers. She stated that she would be interested in hearing from people who are
5 concerned about watersheds and toxic spraying.

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7 A question was raised as to whether other counties receive timber revenues for timber that had been
8 harvested in Clatsop County.

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10 Mr. Gable discussed the need to make sure are still jobs which will ensure that there are people to fill
11 housing if we building more. He stressed that the economy is important and that much of the housing
12 need in the county is for seasonal jobs housing.

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14 Ms. Mazzarella stated that the County should adopt language that would discourage short-term
15 rentals/vacation homes. She stated that second homes are an abuse of a house.

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17 The committee discuss the loss of community-owned businesses and forest lands. The consensus was that
18 the County and its residents should be able to share in the benefits and rewards of foreign investments.

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20 Mr. Coughlin stated that short-term rentals do provide many jobs, including maintenance, repair and
21 management.

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23 **Public Comment and Input:**

24 No further public input was provided.

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26 **Distribution of Background Materials for Meeting #4:**

27 Ms. Henrikson distributed background materials for the committee's upcoming Goal 3 discussion in
28 September. She stated that this did not signal an end to the discussion of previous goals, as it seemed quite
29 apparent that there were still additional items in Goal 2 that the committee had not finished discussing.

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31 **Closing Comments and Adjournment:**

32 ***There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:27pm.***

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