

# Citizen Involvement Committee

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- Goals:
1. Increase citizen involvement in all aspects of local government.
  2. Improve communication between local government, residents, and businesses.
  3. Meet Oregon Goal 1 OAR 660-015-0000(1)
  4. Meet City of Yachats Comprehensive Plan Goal K

Although the approach of having a “Planning” group, and a separate “Non-Planning” group is tempting, I worry that it will diffuse the community interest, and cause greater difficulty in getting community participation in both. Therefore, I would recommend a single CIC group with the following characteristics:

**MEMBERSHIP:** One representative from each of the four Commissions (Planning, Parks and Commons, Streets and Public Works, & Library). The purpose of these four participants is to insure that the tasks chosen by the CIC do not duplicate tasks in progress for any of the Commissions. It is also intended to improve communication, in both directions, between the CIC and the four Commissions. Specifically, there may be Commission activities in which the CIC may choose to be involved. The rest of the membership will be unlimited representatives from the community at large, as well as Yachats business representatives.

## DUTIES:

1. Identify a Chairperson to run the meetings, as well as one or more alternates. The Chair should rotate to provide opportunities for cross training, as well as coverage for absences. The representatives from the Commissions should not act as Chairperson.
2. Report directly to the Yachats City Council concerning all active projects. Identify the person to do this report, and rotate the function to provide opportunities for cross training. Have a representative at each Yachats City Council meeting even when there are no CIC activities to report so that the City Council activities can be reported to the CIC.
3. Write a column for the Yachats monthly newsletter whenever CIC activities provide information to share.
4. Identify community projects which require volunteer help, including participation in the CIC and the Commissions, and advertise and recruit this volunteer help.