

Citizen Involvement Committee

Comments by The Planning Commission

1/18/2022

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)

During discussions of the CIC in the January 18th Planning Commission meeting it was agreed that we should focus on the requirements of Oregon Goal 1, and emphasize getting citizen involvement in the planning process. Toward that end we are making the following recommendations.

MEMBERSHIP:

We should advertise for community volunteers to fill up to **5 seats** on the CIC. Their only qualification is that they be Yachats residents with an interest in community involvement. These people will report to the **City Planner** as a primary contact.

[\(John Ayer has indicated that he is in touch with several potential volunteers.\)](#)

DUTIES:

1. Identify a Spokesperson to organize their meetings, as well as one or more alternates. The Chair should rotate to provide opportunities for cross training, as well as coverage for absences.
2. Report directly to the Yachats City Planner concerning all active projects. Identify the person to do this report, and rotate the function to provide opportunities for cross training.
3. Outreach and Education are the primary duties of the CIC.
4. Increase citizen input to long range planning. This may include input to Comprehensive Plan updates. It may also include preparation, distribution, and analysis of community surveys as required by Planning Commission projects.
5. Have a representative to attend Yachats City Council meetings when requested.
6. Write a column for the Yachats monthly newsletter whenever CIC activities provide information to share.
7. Identify community projects which require volunteer help, which may include participation in the CIC and the Commissions, and advertise and recruit this volunteer help.

RELATIONSHIP TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION:

Advisory, reviewed by the Yachats City Planner. This is not a policy making committee.