



**Comprehensive Plan  
Citizen Advisory Committee  
Meeting # 15**

**September 28, 2011  
City Hall  
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm**

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**Members in attendance:** Sally Moncrieff (Chair), Katie Abbott, Dorothy Atwood, Tom Brennan, Christopher Clee, Doug Cushing, Tom Fahey, Bill Gaar, Nancy Gronowski, Liz Hartman, Tim Mather, Teri Oelrich

**Members not in attendance:** Jim Johnson, Bob Needham

**Members of the public:** Sherry Finnegan, Tom Coffee (+7 others, not signed in)

**Staff in attendance:** Sid Sin, Laura Weigel, Kirstin Greene (Cogan Owens Cogan)

### **1. Public Comment**

Councilor Moncrieff noted that Todd Prager submitted an e-mail discussion regarding lake access. He expressed concern over the lack of public access to Oswego Lake, specifically for swimming and kayaking, and how that might be involved in the recreation component of the community culture summit. She asked CAC member Nancy Gronowski to describe Parks and Recreation's thoughts on the topic. Nancy responded that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, in the context of the Master Plan, considered it beyond the scope of the Master Plan.

Staff apprised the CAC that the Planning Commission requested the CAC to include it as a discussion item at the upcoming summit. CAC members discussed the issue and the scope of the CAC's charge quite extensively. Members acknowledged that while the explicit question about whether Lake Access was desired had not been asked through the process, they concluded that this issue is complex and its legal considerations may represent a significant barrier to further exploration in a reasonable timeframe. In response to a question, staff responded that, while the issue was raised during the public outreach meetings, it was not raised as frequently as other issues. Jeff Ward, general manager of the Lake Corporation, gave a brief history of Oswego Lake and provided clarifications regarding lake easements. Members also discussed the need to have a framework within which to address special requests for issues to be considered. The CAC passed a motion (9 yes, 0-no, and 4 abstained) that, in the interest of keeping the committee on task in the scope of the charge to the CAC, it would not take up this item.

### **2. CAC Feedback**

There were no corrections to the last meeting minutes.

### **3. Agenda Review & Announcements**

Sid Sin explained that the city has submitted for a Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) grant associated with Statewide Planning Goals 9 and 10. This grant will build upon an earlier DLCD-funded grant by looking at potential barriers and incentives to implementing mixed-use areas identified in the 2035 vision map. The scope also proposes to develop code amendments to implement housing and economic strategies from the Housing Needs Assessment and Economic Opportunities Analysis.

Laura Weigel announced a city-wide poetry contest. The winning poem will be selected by a committee that includes Oregon Poet Laureate Paulann Petersen, Dorothy Stafford, and former planning commissioner and published poet Scot Siegel.

Laura announced that final consultant selections have been made for the Transportation System Plan update and all candidates have been notified.

#### **4. Bus Tour Debrief**

Sid Sin took CAC comment on their impressions from the recent city bus tour. He also asked CAC members to put forth any observations they might have to help describe the areas visited on the tour for the 2035 Vision Map descriptions.

##### **a. CAC Observations**

The Mountain Park area was praised for attracting businesses despite perceived gaps in connectivity to other parts of the city. CAC members indicated that it would be a good location for a study of the 20-minute neighborhood concept.

CAC members highlighted that they saw more multi-family housing than expected and remarked on the development potential for Forest Highlands. Sid Sin noted that there is a lot of potential, but also remarked about the preservation of neighborhood character present in the vision plan. The Pilkington (Rosewood) neighborhood village was identified as an area that might benefit from some commercial and multi-family housing development.

It was stated that special attention should be given to the integration of neighborhood hubs into the current residential fabric. Staff noted that the 2035 vision map builds upon existing neighborhood commercial areas or other non-residential zoned areas.

Mary's Woods resident engagement was discussed, highlighting the need for improved transit access and better strategies for civic engagement vis-à-vis the comprehensive plan. Mary's Woods and Marylhurst were seen as extremely important due to their combined role as large local employers and community culture contributions.

##### **b. 2035 Vision Map Descriptions**

Kirstin Greene mentioned that the Hybrid Scenario Map is being called the 2035 Vision Map.

Concern was voiced over the aptness of the term "Neighborhood Mixed Use District" within the Vision Map. Some CAC members stated that "Mixed Use District" might evoke the idea of a higher than envisioned level of density. Staff will work on compiling a list of potential alternatives for further discussion with the CAC.

#### **5. Summit Schedule and November 3 Community Culture Summit:**

Laura Weigel presented the Community Culture Summit Memo in Sarah Selden's absence.

##### **a. Community Summit Schedule**

Based on feedback from the TAC, Planning Commission and City Council, the CAC discussed the feasibility of condensing the seven comprehensive plan action items into three to five summits.

CAC members stated that, while fewer summits would mean less chances to participate given schedule conflicts, seven meetings would be too many. It was suggested that 3 meetings would ensure an adequate number of participants at each summit.

It was suggested that the option for additional summits remain a possibility if they were deemed necessary. Concern was voiced over trying to combine several topics in a shorter timeframe.

Laura Weigel mentioned that online opportunities such as surveys, presentation media, and podcasts be explored as a way to involve citizens who are unable to attend community summits in person.

#### **b. November 3rd Community Culture Summit Format**

Laura Weigel described the proposed 30 minute “community mixer” prior to the summit. Two break-out sessions would follow that are focused around high level policy questions related to each action item and performance measures for each policy. A CAC member will facilitate discussions at each table during breakout sessions, while staff will record comments. Dorothy Atwood suggested that the summit introduction should be limited to 15 minutes, and that the “We Love Lake Oswego” video need not be shown.

#### **c. Draft Background and Policy Questions**

Laura Weigel explained that summit attendees will be provided with a one page summary of each topic area as well as corresponding policy questions.

The following topic areas will be addressed in the community culture summit:

- **Education** – The current comprehensive plan includes education policies, but could be made more applicable. Staff is working with LOSD to develop a policy question about education as well as the learning community.
- **Arts** - The current comprehensive plan does not include an arts policy. Sarah Selden has been working with the LO Arts Council to develop policy questions.
- **Recreation** – The Parks and Recreation workgroup have developed goals and objectives as part of the Parks System Plan. Staff will use the draft goals and objectives from that plan to solicit public feedback on possible policy questions for the comprehensive plan.
- **Library Services** - The current comprehensive plan does not include a policy relating to library services. The September Library Advisory Board (LAB) meeting was cancelled. The LAB is scheduled to discuss potential goal or policy questions at their October meeting.
- **Historic Resources** – Laura Weigel spoke to the HRAB and identified one existing goal with four associated policies. These will likely be condensed and new policies relating to sustainability: retrofitting, reuse, and deconstruction, will be crafted.
- **Civic Engagement** – Staff would like to create policy questions around volunteerism and new technologies to garner civic participation.

Laura Weigel asked CAC members to review background reports and provide comments for the next meeting.

#### **6. Public Comment**

**Sherry Finnegan** asked how summit attendees will be able to comment on updated policy questions if they do not know the corresponding policy stance in the 2035 vision plan. Laura Weigel stated that staff plans to display large posters at the summit which will outline the policies surrounding community culture as they are outlined

in the current comprehensive plan. Finnegan suggested that smaller-format versions be provided for use during break-out sessions.

**Todd Prager** sent an email which, due to its length (25 pages), can be viewed [online](#).

**Craig Stevens** sent an email which was included in the packet and is [online](#).

Mr. Stevens also provided a follow-up email to his original which is here:

*I feel the written comment should serve to express my view which is basically that Oregon Goal 5 should be a primary purpose of the Comprehensive Plan and that other things are not a substitute. Furthermore Goal 5 represents what most people espouse in terms of natural resource protection because we want to preserve and protect some Open Spaces for our children to experience nature in an unaltered condition without herbicides or restoration or development. Plus not doing any of that has a matching cost that is zero.*

*I think it goes without saying that I and most people ALSO support organic gardening and flowers and want Lake Oswego to be a leader in such programs while not degrading watersheds. I want to see sensitive lands protection for wetlands and riparian areas and I want to see common sense protection of these that includes public property and not using herbicides, pesticides, biocides or any other harmful chemicals that pollute wetlands and riparian areas and degrade habitat protection. And I ALSO want Lake Oswego to continue to be a leader in amenities such as sports fields, a muni golf course, tennis and maybe even some day a skate board park and a swim center for the community. Of course these DO cost money and need to be prioritized. But these should not be mixed in with protecting and preserving Open Spaces because they are not the same!*

*This is my point of view only and does not necessarily represent any organization or group nor should it reflect a position that might be taken or not taken by any organization or group. The charter/mission statement of NRAB does include protection of "necessary open spaces" and NRAB was formed for the purpose of compliance with Goal 5 according to the Comprehensive Plan formulated at that time but other than that there is no connection or authorization from NRAB for this POV which is mine alone.*