
Common CI Issues & Problems In Josephine County

A common theme to all the citizen involvement (CI) issues and problems in Josephine County is a CI program that can be improved.¹ According to the Oregon Citizen Involvement Advisory Committee (CIAC) the first 10 of the following CI issues and problems are common statewide.²

1. Common Land Use Issues & Problems
 2. Funding
 3. Staffing
 - 4. Time**
 5. Legal Constraints
 6. Apathy
 7. Technocracy
 8. The Need for Predictability
 9. State and Federal Mandates
 10. The Overburdened Citizen
11. Oregon Citizen Involvement Advisory Committee



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1. Josephine County Ordinance 93-13.
 2. Oregon Citizen Involvement Advisory Committee (CIAC). July 1992. *Putting the People Into Planning*. Salem, OR. Web Page - <http://darkwing.uoregon.edu/~pppm/landuse/docs/toc.htm>
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Oregon CIAC Time Observations & Suggestions

CIAC Time Observations³

“Effective CI also takes time — sometimes a great deal of it. To hold a single public hearing on a local land use decision, for example, usually requires more than a month. Notice must be mailed at least 20 days before the hearing. Then there is an appeal period of at least 10 days after the hearing before the decision becomes final.”

“Remind managers and decision makers that inadequate CI is likely to lead to litigation, opposition to or misunderstanding of the plan, and bad planning decisions. Those problems may cost a great deal more time and money than would a strong CI effort.”

“Concern about time is one of the most potent forces working against CI. Developers want to get their permits fast. Planners want to keep their projects on schedule. Decision makers want to make decisions and get on with other business. Such wants create strong and never-ending pressures to shorten appeal periods, limit standing, reduce the extent of notification, and so on.”

More Information

CIAC Suggestions³

“Allocate adequate time for notice, hearings, appeals, and other CI activities in the agency work program. Inform permit applicants, citizen groups, managers, and elected officials about state and local time limits and deadlines. Remind managers and decision makers that inadequate CI is likely to lead to litigation, opposition to or misunderstanding of the plan, and bad planning decisions. Those problems may cost a great deal more time and money than would a strong CI effort.”

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More Information. Would you like to learn more? Contact a member of the Hugo Land Use Committee.

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Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society's Mission

This information brochure is one of a series of documents published by the Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society (*Hugo Neighborhood*). It is designed to be shared with neighbors for the purpose of helping protect our rural quality of life by promoting an informed citizenry in decision-making. The *Hugo Neighborhood* is an informal nonprofit charitable and educational organization with a land use and history mission of promoting the social welfare of its neighbors.

Land Use & History

The *Hugo Neighborhood's* land use mission is to promote Oregon Statewide Goal 1 — Citizen Involvement, and to preserve, protect, and enhance the livability and economic viability of its farms, forests, and rural neighbors. It will act, if requested, as a technical resource assisting neighbors to represent themselves.

Its history mission is to educate, collect, preserve, interpret, and research its local history and to encourage public interest in the history of the Hugo area.

Volunteer membership dues are \$10.00 annually per family and normally used for paper, ink, envelopes, publications and mailings. Make checks to the *Hugo Neighborhood* and send them to our Treasurer. Send us your e-mail address if you want to know what we are doing.

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