
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>
 3. Rohse, Mitch & Ross, Kim. 1992. *Putting the People Into Planning*. Funding. by DLCDC for CIAC. pps. 42 - 43. Salem, OR.

Oregon CIAC Apathy Observations & Suggestions

CIAC Apathy Observations³

‘Government officials sometimes hold well-advertised public meetings and send out broad mailings on an important policy issue but then receive little response. Later, they may hear people complain that the officials provided no opportunity for CI. The officials are likely to reply, with justifiable indignation, “We tried, but nobody showed up!”’

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“It’s true that many citizens regard planning as a dull topic. They may not see how an abstract planning policy or issue could affect them. They therefore have little interest in attending a hearing, serving on a committee, or otherwise getting involved — until they hear a bulldozer start to work in the vacant lot next door. By then, it may be too late to get involved.”

“But officials sometimes blame “apathy” for the failures of a CI program when the real cause is inadequate funding or management of the program. Citizens will not participate in the planning process if they lack access to it.”

More Information

CIAC Suggestions³

“Maintain an effective CI program, one that communicates issues and information clearly to all interested persons and groups. Develop educational programs and workshops to inform citizens about policies and issues. Encourage citizens to get into the planning process *early*.”

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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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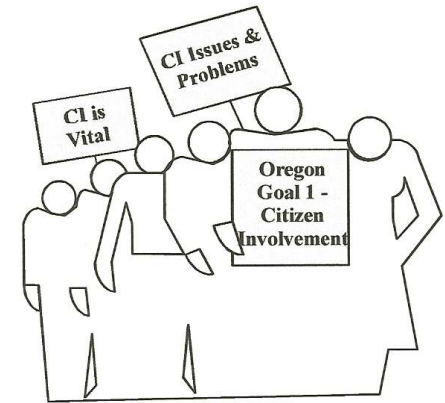
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