
Role Of Josephine County's Citizen Involvement Committee

CIC¹ A local group appointed by the Josephine County Board of Commissioners (BCC) for: assisting the BCC with the development of a program that promotes and enhances citizen involvement in land use planning; assisting in the implementation of the Josephine County Citizen Involvement Program (CIP); and evaluating the process being used for citizen involvement. A CIC differs from a citizen advisory committee (CAC) in that the former advises the local government only on matters pertaining to citizen involvement and Goal 1. A CAC, on the other hand, may deal with a broad range of planning and land use issues. Each city or county has only one CIC, whereas there may be several CACs.

Oregon Statewide Goal 1 - Citizen Involvement identifies the role of the CIC.² The CIC is responsible for three very important jobs.

- **Assisting the county with the development of a program that promotes and enhances citizen involvement in land use planning.**
- **Assisting in the implementation of the county's citizen involvement program.**
- **Evaluating the process being used in the county for citizen involvement.**

1. Development Of CIP How has the CIC assisted the BCC with the establishment of the CIP³ that insures the involvement of the county's citizens in all activities that involve land use?

How has the CIC involved the county's citizens in developing a CIP?

¹ Definitions section of the Oregon state-wide goals.

² Oregon Statewide Goal 1 - Citizen Involvement [OAR 660-015-0000(1)].

³ Josephine County Ordinance No. 93-13.

Development & Implementation Of CIP

2. Implementation of CIP How has the CIC assisted the county in the implementation of the CIP that insures the involvement of the county's citizens in all activities that involve land use? For example, has a "Citizens Handbook" or guide for CACs or neighborhood associations (NAs) been developed and implemented? What kind education or training program is there for citizens interested in the CAC program?



How has the CIC assisted the BCC to ensure funding for the CIP?

Has the CIC assisted the BCC in ensuring that adequate human, financial and informational resources are allocated for the CIP?

How has the CIC assisted the BCC in ensuring that sufficient financial, human, and informational resources for the CIP become an integral component of the county's planning budget?

How has the CIC assisted the BCC in being accountable for obtaining and providing ample human, financial, and educational resources to make citizen involvement happen?

In what ways has the CIC involved the county's citizens in implementing the CIP?

Evaluating The CIP

3. Evaluating the CIP Has the CIC evaluated the effectiveness of how the process being used in the county for citizen involvement is working?

- . How has the CIC evaluated the effectiveness of its own approach for implementing the CIP?
- . Has the CIC assessed the adequacy of how the human, financial, and informational resources allocated for the CIP are being used?
- . Has the CIC measured the effectiveness of resources available to assist citizen involvement groups to perform organizational functions?
- . Has the CIC evaluated the effectiveness of how well the CAC and NA programs are working?
- . How has the CIC rated the trust citizens in the county have for its CIP?
- . How has the CIC evaluated the county's land use notification process? How has the CIC evaluated the effectiveness of the notification process in achieving the goal of "informed citizens" and "informed decision-making"?

Josephine County has had a CIC since 1975. Has the CIC been successful in performing its three jobs during the last 27 years? The *Hugo Neighborhood* believes the CIC is in the best position to answer these questions.

If you agree with us make your concerns known to your neighbors and our county commissioners, and/or become a co-sponsor of this issue paper.

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 a nonprofit association composed of a voluntary group of citizens interested in both the land use and history of the Hugo area, which is located in Josephine County, Oregon.

Land Use & History

The *Hugo Neighborhood's* land use mission is to promote the social welfare of the citizens of the area by working to promote Oregon Statewide Goal 1 — Citizen Involvement, and by preserving, protecting, and enhancing the livability and economic viability of its farms, forests, and rural neighbors. It will act, as requested, as a technical resource assisting neighbors to represent themselves.

On January 1, 2003 the *Hugo Neighborhood* is initiating the concept of volunteer membership dues. The dues are \$10.00 annually and will be used strictly for paper, ink, envelopes, and stamps to publish and sometimes mail documents.

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