



CITY OF TROUTDALE

"Gateway to the Columbia River Gorge"

AGENDA CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Citizens Advisory Committee
Regular Meeting

Wednesday, October 5, 2016
7:00 p.m.

Troutdale City Hall Council Chambers
219 E. Historic Columbia River Hwy. (lower level, rear entrance)
Troutdale, Oregon 97060

1. Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance
2. Approval of Minutes – None
3. Public Comment
(Citizen comments are welcome.)
4. Discussion Items
 - A. Comprehensive Plan Discussion
 - B. Halsey Street Plan - November
 - C. Port of Portland TRIP tour/presentation - December
5. Department Report
6. Committee Concerns
7. Adjourn

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INTRODUCTION

THE CITY

Troutdale, incorporated in 1907, is a small city of approximately 10,000 residents located near the confluence of the Sandy and Columbia Rivers within the easternmost boundary of the Portland Metropolitan area. The principal transportation link between Troutdale and Portland is Interstate 84. The Union Pacific Railroad main line runs through the City just north of Troutdale's city center. The Troutdale area is the Gateway to the Columbia River Gorge Scenic Area and Sandy River Canyon recreational areas. Troutdale's neighbors include Wood Village and Fairview to the west, Gresham to the south, and unincorporated areas of Multnomah County to the north and east.

THE PLAN

Troutdale's Plan was originally acknowledged by the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) in 1983. The preparation of this Policy document, along with a separate "Inventory" document and implementing ordinances, has been partially funded through an LCDC grant.

The Troutdale Comprehensive Land Use Plan is a set of maps, policies, and implementing measures affecting land use within city boundaries. Plan policies are formal public commitments that public action will be taken (through implementing measures) to actually do what the policies call for. They define the direction, quantity, and quality of future development and redevelopment. They serve as a guide for both public officials and the general public in the use of zoning powers, subdivision regulations, the design and construction of streets, as well as other land improvements.

Implementing measures, such as zoning and development ordinances, are specific approaches or techniques for implementing plan policies. They delineate criteria and standards for development addressed within the broad outlines of the Comprehensive Plan.

WHAT DOES THE PLAN DO?

The purpose of land use planning is to indicate the most appropriate land uses within a given area and to provide the means for effectively and efficiently facilitating and guiding development activity. It is to ensure that residential, commercial, and industrial land uses are properly located and suitably related to one another and to other City features. Moreover, it is to ensure that new developments enhance and help maintain the type of community the residents of Troutdale want.

The Comprehensive Plan and the development coordination process help ensure that City decision makers get the information necessary about development proposals in order to make informed

decisions. The information provided includes, but is not limited to, assessment of planned development impacts with regard to compatibility with surrounding uses and environments, adequacy of facilities and services, and conformity to, and consistency with, the Comprehensive Plan.

A well-defined planning and development process helps developers, builders, and the public understand the City's position and approach to existing and proposed developments. For example, developers will have an understanding of what information decision-makers will use to determine the desirability and acceptability of their proposals, as well as an indication of the considerations they must include to make their proposals both desirable and acceptable.

As a guide, the Plan also helps in the coordination of public and private sector activities in the area of community development. It also helps coordinate city departmental activities by indicating the municipality's development goals and objectives. The staff, therefore, can use it as a decision-making tool.

This document comprises the goals, objectives, and policies of the Troutdale Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

GENERAL GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The policies and recommendations made in this Comprehensive Plan implement the statewide planning goals and address the future needs of Troutdale. These goals and objectives evolved from the conclusions reached in preparation and research of the background inventory and the citizen involvement process.

1. To encourage regional coordination between the City and Metro in order to implement the Regional Urban Growth Goals and Objectives (RUGGO), the 2040 Growth Concept, and the Regional Framework Plan.
2. To provide a sound basis for urbanization by establishing proper relationships between residential, commercial, industrial, and open space land uses.
3. To encourage City and County cooperation in the provision of urban services in order to bring about a more orderly development pattern and thereby avoid unnecessary tax burdens and excessive utility costs usually associated with scattered, unrelated development, and fragmented services.
4. To bring about a general increase in population density throughout the community in order to facilitate the efficient use of public transportation systems; water, sewer, and storm sewer systems; and other public facilities and services.
5. To provide a safe and coordinated transportation and circulation system that will bring about the best relationships between places where people live, work, and play.
6. To significantly improve the appearance of the community, particularly along I-84 and in the downtown area, as one means of recapturing the individual and distinct identity of the Troutdale area as a balanced community with commercial and industrial areas supporting the City within its urban context, and in relationship to the adjoining communities of Gresham, Fairview, and Wood Village.
7. To retain and enhance desirable existing areas and to revitalize, rehabilitate, or redevelop less desirable areas.
8. To continually encourage excellence in all private developments and public services within the constraints of economic reality. Economic reality should not be interpreted as maximum profit for minimum investment or as minimum local budgets for maximum services, but as optimum initial expenditures justified by the long-range social, economic, and aesthetic benefits derived from those expenditures.

GENERAL GOALS AND OBJECTIVES continued

9. To encourage and promote innovation in development techniques in order to obtain maximum livability and excellence in planning and design for all new developments that respond to the specifics of the site and the need for continued awareness of energy use consequences.
10. To continually work to maintain the high air, water, and land quality, and to protect and preserve those identified significant environmental and ecological resources in the area.
11. To provide an adequate supply of open space and park and recreation areas to meet the recreational needs and desires of the City's residents.
12. To continually involve the citizens of Troutdale in the planning process and to encourage maximum neighborhood participation within the constraints of citywide concerns and interests.
13. To encourage a mix of commercial and industrial development which will provide an economic base for the City.
14. To promote the retention and expansion of existing businesses and the location of new businesses by developing flexible requirements which can accommodate the specific nature of a proposed project.

GOAL 1 - CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT

The City of Troutdale encourages involvement of its citizens in its planning process through service on the Citizen Advisory Committee, the Planning Commission, or by testifying at public hearings. The City makes every effort to inform its citizens about land use actions occurring in their neighborhoods.

CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM

A major component of the City's Citizen Involvement Program is its Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC). The CAC is comprised of Troutdale residents from throughout the city. CAC members not only represent the interests of their particular neighborhood, some members are selected on the basis of their ties to business, environmental resource organizations, or other community service interests. The CAC reviews plan content and implementation measures, and participates in the periodic review process. CAC members monitor neighborhood development to ensure conformance to plan policies and guidelines.

The Troutdale City Council serves as the Committee for Citizen Involvement (CCI) which is responsible for evaluating the performance of the CAC and the City's overall Citizen Involvement Program.

POLICIES

1. Inform the citizens of Troutdale of land use changes affecting their neighborhoods. The City shall continue to involve citizens in all phases of the planning process via the Citizen Advisory Committee, special task forces, and other appropriate means.
2. Keep the public informed of land development proposals occurring in their neighborhoods.
3. Attempt to balance the costs of providing public information with the public's right-to-know.