

CLACKAMAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Study Session Worksheet

Presentation Date: October 27, 2009 Time: 11:00 Length: 15 minutes

Presentation Title: Committee for Citizen Involvement (CCI) Overview

Department: Public and Government Affairs

Presenters: Barbara Smolak, Citizen Involvement

ISSUE & BACKGROUND

The Committee for Citizen Involvement (CCI) is one of a number of County Advisory Boards and Commissions (ABCs). A Citizen Participation Policy was adopted in 1973 as Board Order No. 73-1659 which established the Committee for Citizen Involvement. CCI is an integral part of a larger public involvement program which includes CPOs, Hamlets and Villages and Complete Communities. Together the program provides multiple opportunities for citizens and the County to engage in meaningful interactions. CCI is a process-oriented committee which advises and assists the Board of County Commissioners with the development and implementation of an outreach program that promotes and enhances citizen involvement in land use planning, and assists the BCC with special projects, events and activities.

According to the Bylaws CCI membership consists of no less than five and up to nine members appointed by the BCC and meets on a monthly basis. Members shall be a resident of Clackamas County and be as representative as possible of the geographic, demographic and diverse characteristics of the County. CCI recommends to the BCC, through a recruitment process, applicants to fill vacant positions.

Staff coordinates with CCI the CPO Leaders Meetings, workshops/training sessions, special forums, CPO mentoring, staffing the County booth for a day at the annual County Fair and acting as a conduit between citizens and the BCC. Past projects have included updating the CPO brochure, assisting in disseminating information on Measures 37 and 49, Urban/Rural Reserves, and providing feedback relative to the boundary change process for CPOs to name a few. In addition, CCI is available to work on special projects and requests from the BCC. Most recently, CCI was asked by the Board to review and make recommendations on citizen communication at the weekly BCC business meetings.

At the monthly CCI meetings members receive updates by County staff from Planning, Department of Transportation and Development (DTD), Hamlets and Villages and Citizen Involvement. In addition, a CCI member sits on Metro's Committee for Citizen Involvement (MCCI) and reports back to the committee on a monthly basis. Updates from various other County staff are also presented as interest and topics arise.

With publicized monthly meetings occurring the third Tuesday of each month citizens often attend to observe or participate in whatever capacity they wish. CCI members are also available to attend CPO meetings or meet one-on-one with citizens. In their role as advisory to the BCC, CCI chairs have been contacted by citizens who wish to ask questions and share information on a variety of issues and topics of interest.

QUESTION(S) PRESENTED FOR CONSIDERATION

None

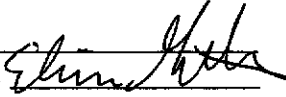
OPTIONS AVAILABLE

N/A

RECOMMENDATIONS

Public and Government Affairs respectfully submits this as an informational overview of the Committee for Citizen Involvement (CCI).

SCHEDULE FOR STUDY SESSION

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