

1 Summary of July 17, 2019
2 Countywide Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting #2
3 Judge Guy Boyington Building
4 857 Commercial Street
5 Astoria, OR 97103
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7 **The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Andy Davis, CCAC Chair.**
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CCAC Members Present

Andy Davis
Jan Mitchell
Harold Gable
Jim Alegria
Patrick Corcoran
Robert Stricklin
Theodore Lundy

CCAC Commissioners Absent

Cheryl Johnson - excused
Ron Weber - excused

Staff Present

Gail Henrikson
Ian Sisson

Public Present

Comm. Lianne Thompson
Comm. Pamela Wev
Katy Pritchard
Lisa Phipps
Rick Bowers
Gretchen Allen
Brian Allen
Nancy Ferber
Maritza Romero
Viviana Matthews

9 **Welcome and Introductions**

10 The CCAC members, staff and members of the public introduced themselves.
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12 **Goal 1 Background Report and Presentation:**

13 Gail Henrikson, Community Development Director, stated that rather than providing an overview on the
14 materials they CCAC members had been provided, staff had arranged for two speakers to address the
15 committee.
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17 Ian Sisson, Planner, introduced Maritza Romero from the Lower Columbia Hispanic Council (LCHC). Ms.
18 Romero discussed the history of the organization and provided an overview of the programs and services
19 offered by LCHC. Ms. Romero listed the following barriers that can prevent individuals of Hispanic origin
20 from becoming involved in processes such as the Comprehensive Plan update:
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- 22 • Lack of affordable housing / limited resources
 - 23 • Immigration policies
 - 24 • Pre-school / daycare affordability
 - 25 • Fear of government and/or unfamiliar systems
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27 In order to address some of these issues, she suggested that meetings provide daycare services, preferably
28 with a Spanish-speaking daycare provider and that a light dinner also be provided. She stressed that the
29 Hispanic culture is very family-oriented and that events should recognize and accommodate that. She also
30 recommended that meetings be held in a non-government meeting space and that meetings and materials
31 be translated into Spanish.
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33 Mr. Sisson then introduced Viviana Matthews with Clatsop Community Action (CCA). Ms. Matthews
34 provided the committee members with an overview of the programs offered by CCA. She stated that 470
35 households are served by their housing program and that over 22,000 emergency food boxes had been
36 prepared and distributed by the CCA regional food bank. Ms. Matthews stated that 30% of applicants
37 cannot be served due to lack of funding.
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1 Ms. Matthews discussed CCA’s Project Homeless Connect and the point-in-time survey. She stated that
2 there are various levels of homelessness as well as various causes. She stated that Clatsop County has 20%
3 more homeless persons than Yamhill County.
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5 **Discussion of Goal 1 – Citizen Involvement:**

6 Robert Stricklin read a statement to the committee regarding grants (attached). The statement related to
7 grant funding that might be used for a study with a pre-negotiated and pre-determined outcome. The
8 committee discussed Mr. Stricklin’s request and various grant experiences that had lacked public
9 transparency.
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11 Theodore Lundy stated that there should be citizen advisory committee that continue to meet in each of
12 the planning areas even when the comprehensive plan update is completed. Mr. Stricklin stated that he
13 preferred a countywide approach rather than a “slice and dice” system of representation.
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15 Jim Alegria stated that he would like to have two organization presentations each month.
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17 The committee discussed the Southwest Coastal Citizen Advisory Committee that had been discontinued by
18 the County in 2017. Commissioner Thompson stated that people were afraid to come forward for fear of
19 retaliation.
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21 Rick Bowers stated that homeless persons don’t see public notices.
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23 Harold Gable stated that he was in favor of retaining the citizen advisory committees after the update was
24 completed.
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26 Katy Pritchard talked about various forms of social media and the need to include representatives from
27 Timber Unity, fisheries and the timber industry. Mr. Alegria discussed the need for more organizations to
28 be notified and included in the process.
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30 Andy Davis said that the county should develop specific lists of contacts for specific territories and/or
31 topics.
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33 Patrick Corcoran suggested that flash mobs and food carts would be a good way to reach out to
34 stakeholders. He also suggested pub talks at Fort George and stressed the need to go where the people
35 are.
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37 Commission Thompson stated that the County has a cable access channel on YouTube.
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39 Mr. Davis stated that perhaps the Community Development Department needed to hire a public relations
40 person. Mr. Alegria stated that an emerging technology person might be a better position. The committee
41 members discussed whether a public relations position was required.
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43 It was suggested that the County conduct County government classes to educate residents on how Clatsop
44 County government operates.
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46 **Public Comment and Input:**

47 No additional public comment was provided.
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1 **Distribution of Meeting #3 Materials:**

2 Ms. Henrikson reviewed the materials that had been distributed to the committee members at the start of
3 the meeting.

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5 **Closing Comments and Adjournment:**

6 *Motion by Theodore Lundy, seconded by Harold Gable to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed*
7 *unanimously on a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30pm.*

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