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Feedback, Policy Survey and Mapping

Community Workshops Draw 350 Portlanders

During February and March, roughly 350 Portlanders attended seven community workshops to learn about and discuss the

Comprehensive Plan Update draft goals and policies.

In schools and community centers all over the city, community members engaged with City staff and neighbors in the general sessions, open houses and breakout sessions.

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Stay Involved

All Portlanders are invited

The breakout sessions, especially, engaged participants through interactive exercises and conversations about infrastructure equity, growth scenarios, watershed health, transportation and industrial land supply.

Feedback from the workshops indicated that many people felt they had learned something new and appreciated the opportunity to have in-depth discussions with staff and get their questions answered. But others noted the lack of diversity of the participants and not enough publicity to get the word out about the community events.

People also want to know what will happen with their feedback and what the next steps are — and, of course, how the updated Comprehensive Plan will affect their neighborhood.

Feedback Loop

Even though the Part 1 workshops are over, Portlanders can still give their feedback on the Working Draft Part 1 through an online comment form.

Portlanders can also provide their perspectives on more detailed, complex questions that have come up during the planning process around watershed health, job growth, housing and industrial land. If you take the <u>Policy Survey</u> before May 1, you'll help us reach our goal of 500 responses. We're close: More than 300 Portlanders have taken the Policy Survey since the workshops started in February.

Paper copies of the <u>Policy Survey</u> are available at the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability, located at 1900 SW 4th Avenue, Suite 7100, Portland, OR 97201-5380 between the hours of 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. until May 1.

A Community Feedback Report summarizing the input from the workshops and policy survey will be available in June. And, as for next steps, keep reading to see what lies ahead in the updating process.

Getting Ready for Part 2

The Working Draft Part 2 will include draft maps and infrastructure plans that will shape how the city grows and invests in the future, and that implement the policy direction in

to participate in the
Comprehensive Plan
Update. There are a
variety of ways to be
engaged based on your
level of interest, including:

News and Updates

The News and Updates blog is your best source for project news and announcements. We'll be updating this page frequently with project news, agendas for upcoming meetings, draft proposals and other information.

Policy Expert Group Meetings

All Comprehensive Plan
Update Policy Expert
Group meetings are open
to the public. Check out
the <u>calendar</u> on
our website for up-to-date
meeting information.

RSS Feeds

If you use an RSS reader, like Google Reader, BlogLines or My Yahoo!, you can subscribe to the the Working Draft Part 1 of the Comprehensive Plan Update.

To prepare for Part 2, the City's District Liaisons will be talking with stakeholders during the spring to gather district-specific information, ideas and preferences to help create draft maps that will shape future neighborhoods and the city. For more information, please contact your District Liaison or call 503-823-7700.

Part 2 of the Comprehensive Plan Working Draft will be published in mid-summer. It will include a series of maps, including an updated Urban Design Framework and Comprehensive Plan land use map, and first drafts of the Citywide System Plan, including infrastructure project lists.

In early Fall, the City will hold another series of community workshops focused on mapping questions and infrastructure choices. Based on that input, staff will refine maps and infrastructure plans and publish a Proposed Draft Comprehensive Plan Map in December 2013. The Planning and Sustainability Commission and City Council will consider the proposed draft in early 2014.

Teamwork: How the Portland Plan and Comprehensive Plan Work Together

Recently, Portland residents have been asking us what it means to say the Comprehensive Plan is a Portland Plan implementation project. Others wonder why we need the Comprehensive Plan if we have the Portland Plan.

The <u>Portland Plan</u>, which was adopted by the City Council in 2012, is the city's strategic plan that provides the public and decision-makers a way to evaluate budget requests and proposed projects against citywide goals. It is also the strategic plan for the City of Portland's partner agencies.

It highlights four focus areas: equity, education, prosperity and health. Each focus area has a strategy, which includes policies to guide how the City approaches work in that

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area, and a list of potential actions to take over the next five years.

The Portland Plan was adopted by a resolution. Plans adopted by resolutions serve as a guide for future government action and are not legally binding.

The Comprehensive Plan, however, must be adopted by an ordinance; plans adopted by ordinance are binding. The Comprehensive Plan is a state-mandated plan to prepare for expected population and job growth as well as infrastructure investments. It will also guide the City's community engagement practices to ensure inclusion, transparency and equity in the decision-making process around key priorities.

Staff used an open-ended and flexible process during the creation of the Portland Plan to gather feedback from thousands of residents to help shape the future direction of our city. The Comprehensive Plan builds on that input, as well as lessons learned about community involvement.

In addition to new, more detailed policies, the draft Comprehensive Plan includes many of the policies from the Portland Plan Guiding Policies. Once adopted, these will all become binding and guide land use, transportation and investment decisions for the next 20 years.

Key concepts from the Portland Plan are incorporated throughout the draft Comprehensive Plan:

- The Healthy Connected City strategy is a core component of the Urban Design Framework, as well as the Urban Design and Development and Watershed Health and Environment goals and policies.
- Issues related to freight movement and providing land for traded sector development are addressed in the Economic Development and Transportation goals and policies.
- Policies that support youth success can be found in the Housing, Economic Development, Urban Design and Development, Public Facilities and Transportation chapters.

As a legally binding policy document, the Comprehensive Plan is an important

Twitter: openstand-blan implementation tool of the Portland Plan.

CLICK & COUNT!

Take the policy survey and help us move forward on some of Portland's toughest land use issues.



A Healthy Dose of Recognition

No joke! On April 1, Bureau of Planning and Sustainability Policy Analyst Michelle Kunec-North was honored for her contributions to Portlanders' well-being with the Multnomah County Health

Department's 2013 Governor John Kitzhaber Public Health Leadership Award.

The annual Public Health Heroes Celebration recognizes "deserving people and organizations in the community who support and promote public health." Nominees have been singled out for their work making a significant difference in the community, built on existing strengths and assets in the city, brought individuals and groups together for common causes, honed in on social justice and diversity and could be described as, "unique, innovative or fill an identified gap in a specific community."

Michelle was one of the primary authors of the Healthy Connected City strategy in the Portland Plan. And today, her work and continued vigilance on health and wellness efforts are shaping the goals and policies in the Comprehensive Plan Update.

"I am proud to have been a part of a number of plans advancing our city's policies toward a more thoughtful and intentional consideration of health and equity," Michelle said. "Through our partnerships with the Multnomah County Health Department, organizations and individuals, I believe we're making critical progress in promoting and protecting the health of our families and communities."

Congratulations on the award, Michelle, and for all of your hard work on behalf of the health of all Portlanders.

Policy Expert Groups Updates

March Meeting Summaries

The eight Policy Expert Groups (PEGs) are meeting each month to provide feedback on the Comprehensive Plan Update. The public is invited to attend any of the PEG meetings, and time is held at the end of each meeting for public comment. To learn what else members discussed in their March meetings, read the highlights below. If you would like to learn more, full meeting notes (in addition to PEG calendars and agendas) can be found on the PEG webpage.



Community Involvment

The PEG reviewed and critiqued the Working Draft's Community Involvement goals and policies. After key findings from the equity group were presented, members used the equity review tools with the community engagement policies and procedures and discussed improvements for more equitable outcomes for the Comprehensive Plan. The PEG also considered the organization of the Working Draft Part 1 with respect to the state's "Blueprint for a Citizen Involvement Program."

Economic Development

The group shared their reactions to the Working Draft. A common request was for more clarity in policy language advancing business issues and increasing job growth, especially reconciling policies between chapters. Several policies were discussed and edits were recommended for the economic development, implementation, watershed health, urban design and transportation chapters.

Education and Youth Success

Members heard a brief presentation from Portland Public Schools about their construction bond program and reviewed the Working Draft. They examined the policies through a youth success lens — focusing on how well the policies support the physical and social health of young people and advance their academic and intellectual growth. The PEG also discussed the roles of City government, school districts and community partners in reaching higher levels of youth success.

Infrastructure Equity

This PEG discussed the draft policies in Chapter 7 - Transportation, using an infrastructure equity lens. They also identified and reported to staff several terms that need further clarification.

Neighborhood Centers

The group discussed the draft housing policies and the Growth Scenarios report, focusing on housing choice and access to employment. Members generally supported the policies, but felt there should be stronger focus on affordable housing for low-income households, housing stability and aligning other Comprehensive Plan policies with affordable housing goals. In the growth scenarios discussion, the group was interested in identifying efforts and investments to improve outcomes in deficient areas, while acknowledging the need to use limited resources as strategically as possible.

Networks

The PEG reviewed the transportation chapter. They requested that it more strongly reflect the role of the transportation system in economic prosperity, particularly the use of roads for the movement of goods and services. In addition, members recommended developing performance measures for safety and reliability to inform decision-making as well as a green and active transportation hierarchy. The group emphasized that the exclusivity of modes should be avoided, except when absolutely necessary, and advocated building a process to resolve conflicts among modes to prevent differing interpretations of the hierarchy. They also noted that the draft policies focus heavily on mobility, so policies are also needed for network design and connectivity.

Residential Development and Compatibility

Members engaged in an in-depth conversation comparing and contrasting the policies presented in the Working Draft to the topics discussed since the first meeting in July 2012. However, no final conclusions or recommendations to staff were reached, and further discussion is expected at the April meeting.

Watershed Health and Environment

The PEG didn't meet in March, which gave members more time to attend the citywide workshops, as well as develop the April 3 Environment Workshop at Portland State

University. In collaboration with the PSU Environmental Club and with assistance from PEG member and PSU Professor Judy BlueHorse Skelton, environmental planners and other staff created the environment-focused workshop, held at the Native American Student and Community Center. On-campus tours of ecoroofs, gardens and stormwater systems were offered, followed by a Comprehensive Plan presentation and question and answer period. Participants then moved into breakout sessions on Healthy Environment/Healthy Economy, Designing With Nature and Environmental Justice. As with the business-focused workshop at Mercy Corps, attendance was high and people were focused and engaged.

Equity Group

Team member Tom Armstrong presented an overview of the Growth Scenarios report. The PEG then discussed key questions for assessing how the Growth Scenarios can contribute to a more equitable Portland. Questions included, what are the City's assumptions for concepts such as "livability" and "centers," and how do these concepts take form in infrastructure? What can data tell us about gentrification risk, who lives in neighborhoods that don't fit the definition of "complete," what health risks can be directly identified with populations who live in incomplete neighborhoods and what are the travel patterns for Portlanders with disabilities? Finally, the PEG asked, "What are some of the 'root issues' contributing to the problems addressed in the Comprehensive Plan?"



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