



City of

PORTLAND, OREGON

Development Review Advisory Committee

DRAC Mission, Role, & Activities

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Mission

City Code Chapter 3.30.030 states that the DRAC's mission is to "foster a timely, predictable and accountable development review process that implements the City's goals for land use, transportation, housing, economic development, neighborhood livability and the environment." The DRAC advocates for and supports the consistent and fair application and implementation of regulations.

Role and Activities

The DRAC provides public input into the development review process by:

1. Providing leadership and expertise on issues affecting development;
2. Providing feedback to bureaus, review bodies, and the City Council on the impact of potential regulations and administrative rules on the development review process, taking into consideration the full range of City goals and objectives;
3. Providing recommendations for regulatory, code, and administrative rule changes affecting the development review process;
4. Monitoring the application and enforcement of regulations for their effectiveness in achieving the City's development goals;
5. Recommending customer service, permitting, process, and compliance improvements to Bureaus, Review Bodies, and/or City Council;
6. Serving as an advisory board to Development Review Directors and bureaus on development review processes and procedures;
7. Providing input to ensure budgets of development review agencies are adequate to meet service goals and desired system outcomes.

Membership

The DRAC's 17 members represent those with interests in the outcome of policies, budgets, regulations, and procedures that affect development review processes. The areas of interest of members include, but are not limited to, development, planning, construction contracting, public works, design professions, neighborhood interests, business interests, historic preservation, environmental organizations, and institutional properties.

Attendance

DRAC members are expected to attend each meeting of the Committee. The Commissioner-in-Charge may replace any member who accrues unexcused absences from three or more consecutive meetings or more than 50 percent of the meetings in any year.