

# Southwest Community Plan Vision, Policies and Objectives

July 13, 2000

## Citizen Involvement

**Ensure that the policies and objectives of the *Southwest Community Plan* are used to guide the collaborative actions of the city and Southwest citizens for the next 20 years. Involve citizens integrally in the *Southwest Community Plan* from concept through evaluation and revision.**

### **Objectives**

1. Create partnerships based on a collaborative, consensus-seeking, community-based approach between community organizations, neighborhood and business associations, city bureaus and officials, all implementing bodies, and individual citizens when creating, developing, or implementing policies and programs for the *Southwest Community Plan* or Southwest area.
2. Establish clarity as to the roles, rights, responsibilities, and degree of accountability of the participants, including city officials, bureau directors, staff, citizen leadership, organizations, and individuals for creation, development, and implementation of policies or programs for the *Southwest Community Plan* or Southwest area.
3. Address community concerns and goals during creation, development, implementation, monitoring, evaluation, and revision of the *Southwest Community Plan*.
4. Identify, strengthen, and use communication links between the Planning Commission, City Council, city staff, and citizens throughout the creation, development, and implementation of the *Southwest Community Plan*. Ensure that citizens receive responses from policymakers, including the rationale for decisions.
5. Use the *Southwest Community Plan* policies and objectives to create, develop, implement or evaluate new citywide policies, programs, or project proposals to ensure that the concerns of the Southwest community are addressed.
6. Engage the Southwest community and all relevant stakeholders in discussion of the economic and demographic factors that could affect the current and future needs of development, business, and in the creation, development and successful implementation of the *Southwest Community Plan*.
7. Support the activities of recognized organizations when creating, developing, or implementing policies or programs for the *Southwest Community Plan* or Southwest area.

8. Review the progress of the *Southwest Community Plan* in concert with the citizens of Southwest Portland through ongoing monitoring and periodic evaluation of plan implementation, including refinement or modification of implementing actions with public input as circumstances change.

9. Obtain active participation from Southwest neighborhood associations, business associations, and other community-based organizations by soliciting recommendations from their leadership for participation on any citizen advisory committee to engage in any phase or facet of the *Southwest Community Plan* or plan area. Seek balance and variety on all citizen advisory committees.