



7688 SW Capitol Hwy, Portland, OR 97219

March 12, 2015

Charlie Hales, Portland Mayor  
[mayorcharliehales@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:mayorcharliehales@portlandoregon.gov)

André Baugh, PSC Chair  
[psc@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:psc@portlandoregon.gov)

Susan Anderson, PBS Director  
[susan.anderson@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:susan.anderson@portlandoregon.gov)

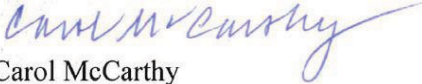
**Re: Role of Neighborhood Associations and Coalitions  
2035 Comprehensive Plan**

The Multnomah Neighborhood Association requests that the Planning and Sustainability Commission include the attached language in the 2035 Comprehensive Plan. This language will formalize the role of these organizations in implementing Goal #1, Citizen Involvement, of Oregon State Statute 660-015-0000(1). The 2035 Comprehensive Plan is being implemented to fulfill this statute and without providing for a meaningful Citizen Involvement program, the City will fall short of meeting its obligations under the statute.

The goals and policies in Chapter 2 of the draft plan that address community involvement are consistent with Goal #1, but they are insufficient to meet the requirements of the statute. The city must provide for citizen involvement and we are requesting that you recognize the neighborhood associations and coalitions as the organizations that fulfill that role.

Please add this to the record.

Thank you,

  
Carol McCarthy

Multnomah Neighborhood  
Association Chair  
[mnachair@gmail.com](mailto:mnachair@gmail.com)

cc: Anne Debbault, DLCD, Portland Regional Representative, [adebbaut@dlcd.state.or.us](mailto:adebbaut@dlcd.state.or.us)  
Elissa Gertler, Metro Regional Planning Director, [elissa.gertler@oregon.metro.gov](mailto:elissa.gertler@oregon.metro.gov)  
Amanda Fritz, Commissioner, [amanda@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:amanda@portlandoregon.gov)  
Nick Fish, Commissioner, [nick@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:nick@portlandoregon.gov)  
Steve Novick, Commissioner, [novick@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:novick@portlandoregon.gov)  
Dan Salzman, Commissioner, [dan@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:dan@portlandoregon.gov)

## **IMPLEMENTING CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT THROUGH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS AND NEIGHBORHOOD COALITIONS**

**GOAL:** Develop a Citizen Involvement program based on neighborhood associations and neighborhood coalitions that insures the opportunity for citizens to be involved in all phases of the comprehensive planning process consistent Oregon State Statute 660-015-0000(1), “Goal 1: Citizen Involvement”. The program will provide the method for geographically-based citizen involvement in the on-going land use decision-making process and provide equal opportunities for citizen participation in the implementation, review and amendment of the adopted Comprehensive Plan.

### **POLICIES & OBJECTIVES:**

#### **1-Citizen Involvement Coordination**

Involve citizens in land-use planning and decision making through active coordination with the neighborhood associations and neighborhood coalitions. Provide neighborhood associations and coalitions with sufficient advanced notice of planning meetings and public hearings. Allow them adequate timeframes for meaningful involvement at all stages of land-use planning and decision making. Make planning documents available to them.

#### **2-The Role of Neighborhood Associations and Coalitions**

Engage the neighborhood associations and neighborhood coalitions as active participants in the land-use process by incorporating their adopted positions into land-use planning and decisions.

#### **3-Funding of Neighborhood Associations and Coalitions**

Fund adequate staffing levels and other direct costs for neighborhood associations and neighborhood coalitions.

#### **4-Comprehensive Plan – Major Revisions**

Implement a process for complete review of the Comprehensive Plan on a five-year basis that provides opportunities for significant and meaningful involvement by the neighborhood associations and neighborhood coalitions.

#### **5-Comprehensive Plan Amendment**

Implement a process that allows for the periodic review and amendment of the Comprehensive Plan by the neighborhood associations and neighborhood coalitions.

#### **6-Intergovernmental Cooperation**

Promote the involvement of the neighborhood associations and neighborhood coalitions in land-use processes initiated by other governmental agencies.

#### **7-Neighborhood Coalition Representation**

Designate a voting position for an elected representative from each neighborhood coalition on the Planning and Sustainability Commission, the Community Involvement Committee, and all land-use planning committees that advise the City Council.