

THE CITY OF WHEELER, OREGON COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
Statement of Goals and Policies

GOAL I: CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT

INTRODUCTION

If Wheeler is to move forward with the adoption of the priorities outlined in the Vision it is imperative that citizen involvement and transparency are an integral part planning or policy decision. Part of being a small town and keeping that atmosphere requires Wheeler to understand and act on the input of its citizens as a whole. Therefore Wheeler has a history of, and will continue its commitment to, using citizen based groups and committees to make recommendations to the City Council on issues of importance to the community as a whole. This process begins with the appointment of the Planning Commission as the primary and regular citizen's input committee on land use. Wheeler has not stopped there and has often appointed ad hoc committees of citizens to give both the Planning Commission and City Council feedback and recommendations on issues of importance to the community at large.

GOAL:

To develop a citizen involvement program that insures the opportunity for citizens to be involved in all phases of the planning process.

POLICIES:

1. All Wheeler area residents shall have an opportunity to be involved in the City's planning process.
2. Members of the Planning Commission shall represent a cross-section of the community, and shall be chosen in a fair and well publicized manner.
3. Meetings shall be well publicized and all planning decisions shall allow opportunities for citizen input.
4. The City Council and Planning Commission shall respond to citizen concerns and comments through direct response at meetings, by letter, [or] through [the] meeting minutes, and other means as appropriate.
5. Financial support for citizen participation shall be made available through the City budget.
6. The Wheeler Planning Commission is the citizen involvement body for the community.
7. The City Council may appoint additional committees to facilitate Citizen Involvement.

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8. For work within the Wheeler jurisdiction, the Wheeler Planning Commission or another committee appointed by the City Council shall be used by the Oregon Department of Transportation as its citizen involvement committee.

9. A visioning process is an important part of citizen involvement. A committee of citizens shall be appointed by the City Council to assist with development of the community vision plan every seven to ten years.