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# STATE GOAL 1:

## Citizen Involvement

### VISION

Citizen Involvement and Land Use Planning (adopted May 2006): We, the Tangent citizens are involved in planning by participating in city activities such as: planning and council meetings, neighbor meetings, fire department activities, schools, harvest festival, park and drainage committees, and being involved in all phases of the planning process. We believe that our input, creative talents and skills are valued, encouraged and used.

We go about planning by: identifying the values and goals that are important to us via a process that is transparent, open, and democratic. Our objective is to preserve local control consistent with statewide goals. We plan directly with effected citizens in our neighborhoods. We encourage strong neighborhood associations. We look at facts and options, and choosing the best solution that reflects our vision. The citizens provide adequate funding for planning.

### STATE GOAL 1—CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT

*To develop a citizen involvement program that insures the opportunity for citizens to be involved in all phases of the planning process. OAR 660-015-0000 (1)*

### CITY GOAL 1.1

*To provide for ongoing citizen participation and involvement in all matters and phases related to land use and community planning that affects the livability, community sustainability, and quality of neighborhoods and the community as a whole.*

- Policy 1.1.1** The City shall encourage development of and use of neighborhood associations, citizen involvement process and committee and citizen advisory committees needed to meet State Goal 1.
- Policy 1.1.2** The City shall creatively consider many options to encourage citizen involvement and use the most effective media and methods.
- Policy 1.1.3** The City shall use effective two-way communication with citizens and assure that citizens receive a response from policy makers.
- Policy 1.1.4** The City shall provide information and notices on community involvement opportunities when appropriate.
- Policy 1.1.5** The City shall clearly state the mechanism through which the citizens will receive a response from policy makers.

## **CITY GOAL 1.2**

*To improve and maintain communications to ensure that citizens, neighborhood groups, and affected property owners are given the opportunity to be involved in all phases of the comprehensive planning process.*

**Policy 1.2.1**      The City shall provide for citizen participation in appropriate functions of government and land-use planning.

**Policy 1.2.2**      The City shall provide written instructions explaining how citizens can influence decision-making in planning and land use decisions.

## **CITY GOAL 1.3**

*To assure that all citizens within Tangent have the opportunity to review all material used in the development of amendments to the Tangent comprehensive plan, review the various drafts of the amendments, offer comments on the plan amendment drafts to the planning commission and city council, and to provide a mechanism to offer feedback to the involved citizens.*

**Policy 1.3.1**      All legislative revisions to the Comprehensive Plan, and Zoning Ordinance, whether initiated by petition or referred by the Council, shall be presented to the voters as required by the Tangent City Charter. However, a positive vote on any revision shall not in itself constitute citizen involvement as required by State Goal 1. Compliance with State Goal 1 must be achieved through public review in accordance with official Citizen Involvement Program before the amendments are placed on the ballot.

## **CITY GOAL 1.4**

*To assure that technical information is available in an understandable form.*

**Policy 1.4.1**      Information necessary to reach policy decisions shall be available in a simplified, understandable form. Assistance shall be provided to interpret and effectively use technical information. A copy of all technical information shall be available at City Hall.

## **PROGRAM FOR CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT**

A Program for Citizen Involvement shall be established by Resolution and maintained by the Tangent City Council.

A Committee for Citizen Involvement (CCI) shall be formed in accordance with a City Ordinance for the purpose of monitoring and implementing the Program for Citizen Involvement in an ongoing manner.

A City website: <http://cityoftangent.org> is available for citizens to access for information, meeting notices, and planning documents.