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CLARK COUNTY
WASHINGTON

COMMUNITY PLANNING

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Clark County Commissioners

FROM: Oliver Orjiako, Director

DATE: December 1, 2014

SUBJECT: 2015-2016 Community Planning Work Program

Introduction

Community Planning is the Clark County department responsible for implementing Washington's Growth Management Act requirements. The Department is responsible for preparing and maintaining the County's Comprehensive Plan and development regulations, and is instrumental in implementing studies, programs, and projects required by the Comprehensive Plan.

Staff provides background and recommendations regarding current and long range land use matters to assist the Planning Commission and Board of County Commissioners to make informed recommendations and decisions. Community Planning accomplishes this work through three (3) long range planning areas; Community, Environment, and Transportation. Each area supports the Comprehensive Plan. Staff assignments normally reflect the specific areas below, yet may be assigned to all areas as needed.

Community: core function of this area is to prepare and maintain the comprehensive plan and support areas, such as subarea planning, Commission on Aging, Planning Commission, Historic Commission, Parks, and annual reviews and Dockets. (Anderson, Niten, Alvarez, Kamp)

Environmental: protection of critical areas and natural resources; Columbia River Gorge Scenic Area, and the Shoreline Master Program. (Euler, Albrecht)

Transportation: provides a variety of ways to get around safely and efficiently. (Hermen, Lebowsky, Albrecht)

Administration – provides support services (Orjiako, Euler, McCall, O'Donnell)

Summary

Community Planning gets its guidance from the Board. For each biennium, the department prepares a work program for Board approval. The attached 2015-2016 Community Planning Work Program is summarized by project description. The four project areas are as follows:

- Projects required by law, practice, or court order;
- Annual and ongoing programs;
- Existing projects continuing into 2015; and
- Major 2015-2016 projects

Public Involvement:

None required.

Fiscal Impact:

Community Planning's work program is consistent with the 2015-2016 fiscal budget. Additional resources may be necessary to complete some projects such as Rural Industrial Land Bank and Comprehensive Plan update.