



## City awarded grant for Comprehensive Plan Update Project

The Department of Land Conservation and Development has awarded the City of Philomath a \$50,000 grant to help update the Comprehensive Plan.

The Comprehensive Plan is Philomath's primary land use document. It includes a series of goals and policies that guide growth and development over a 20-year period. Typically referred to as the "Comp Plan", the document must adhere to the State Planning Goals and is approved by the Planning Commission, City Council, and the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development.



The first step in the Comp Plan update project is to collect data about the current state of the City. The City has hired a planning consultant, ECONorthwest of Eugene, to generate a number of reports and make recommendations based on the City's strengths, weaknesses and opportunities. Once the reports have

been completed, the second step will be to discuss and adopt specific policies to be placed in the Comp Plan. In addition to collecting comments through surveys and online forms throughout the process, the Planning Commission and City Council will host a number of public hearings to collect citizen input on the policies recommended in the reports.

Specifically, the goal for this project is to complete an economic opportunities analysis, a main street plan, a housing needs analysis, and an inventory and assessment of available buildable land that will set the basis for the city's new comprehensive plan and land use map, and guide the city over the next 20 years in its approach to business retention and development, affordable housing, and provision of public spaces. This is a one-year standalone project that precedes the upcoming Urban Renewal District Downtown Safety and Streetscapes Project in Philomath.

A webpage has been created to keep the public informed as the project moves along over the next year and a half. Interested citizens should visit the city website for additional information about the project including updates, meetings, and contact information.

The City will host a joint meeting of the City Council, Planning Commission, and newly formed Project Advisory Committee to kickoff the project on Monday, February 24, 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. The public is invited to attend the kickoff meeting and stay engaged in this long term planning effort.

### CITY MEETINGS & EVENTS

Feb 4	Finance/Administration Committee	4:00 PM
Feb 6	Public Works Committee	3:00 PM
Feb 13	Park Advisory Board	5:00 PM
Feb 17	City offices closed all day	
Feb 18	Planning Commission work session	6:00 PM
Feb 24	City Council	6:00 PM
Feb 24	Joint Meeting: City Council, Planning Commission & Comprehensive Plan Technical Advisory Committee	7:00 PM

*All meetings are held at City Hall, 980 Applegate St., unless otherwise noted. Schedule subject to change. Please refer to the City website calendar for up-to-date schedule.*

## SAVE THE DATE





Left to right: Roberta Hafenstein, Suzan Foley, Lua Siegel, Lorri Hendon, Steve McGettigan and Marilyn McGettigan stop just long enough for a photo following their volunteer service at Dale Collins Park.

## Martin Luther King Day breeds city Volunteers

Dale Collins Park was the beneficiary of several volunteers last month. The annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service event included volunteer activities across the County. The effort is about coming together to honor Dr. King's life and legacy and help further his dream for peace working together to strengthen our communities. A big THANK YOU to all those who took the time to make a difference, moving us closer to Dr. King's vision of strong, beloved community.



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