ORDINANCE NO. 223

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT PROVISIONS OF THE DUNES CITY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

WHEREAS, Oregon Revised Statute 197.175 requires cities to prepare, adopt, amend and revise comprehensive plans in compliance with the statewide planning goals approved by the Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC); and

WHEREAS, Goal 1 of the State of Oregon’s Statewide Planning Goals and Guidelines, requires the City to develop a citizen involvement program (CIP) that insures the opportunity for citizen involvement in all phases of the planning process; and

WHEREAS, the original Dunes City Comprehensive Plan was adopted September 9, 1976, with amendments in 1978, with the current version having been adopted September 16, 1997; and

WHEREAS, on June 27, 2013, the Dunes City Planning Commission held a public hearing and deliberated regarding the changes proposed by this Ordinance and the City’s Citizen Involvement Program generally and has recommended that the City Council adopt the changes; and

WHEREAS, the Dunes City Council believes it is in the best interests of the citizens of Dunes City to establish a clear and objective description of Dunes City’s Citizen Involvement Program and to ensure that program’s compliance with Oregon Revised Statutes and Oregon Administrative Rules;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF DUNES CITY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Policy A.1, including Planning Recommendations a. b. and c., of the Dunes City Comprehensive Plan is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

Policy A1. Dunes City Citizens Involvement Program

A. Citizens Involvement Program. The City shall maintain a Citizen Involvement Program (CIP) that incorporates the following components:

1. Citizen Involvement. The CIP shall provide for widespread citizen involvement. The CIP shall provide opportunities for the involvement of a cross-section of affected citizens in all phases of the planning process.
2. **Communication.** The CIP shall assure effective two-way communication with citizens. Mechanisms shall be established to provide for effective communication between citizens and elected and appointed officials of Dunes City, including but not limited to the use of newsletters, mailings, posters, mail-back questionnaires, and other available media.

3. **Citizen Influence.** The CIP shall provide the opportunity for the general public to be involved in the following phases of the planning process:

   - **Data Collection:** Inventorying, recording, mapping, describing, analyzing and evaluating the elements necessary for development of the City’s Comprehensive Plan.
   
   - **Plan Preparation:** Developing a body of sound information to identify public goals, develop policy guidelines, and evaluate alternatives for the preparation of the City’s Comprehensive Plan.
   
   - **Plan Adoption:** Reviewing and recommending changes to the City’s proposed Comprehensive Plan.
   
   - **Plan Implementation:** Development, adoption, and application of legislation necessary to implement the City’s Comprehensive Plan.
   
   - **Plan Evaluation:** Evaluation of the City’s Comprehensive Plan.
   
   - **Plan Revision:** Reviewing and recommending proposed changes to the City’s Comprehensive Plan.

4. **Technical Information.** The CIP shall include measures to assure technical information is available in an understandable form. Assistance shall be provided to interpret and effectively use technical information. A copy of all technical information relied upon in each decision making process will be available at Dunes City Hall.

5. **Feedback Mechanism.** The CIP should include measures to assure citizens receive a response from policymakers. Recommendations resulting from the CIP shall be retained and made available for public assessment. The rationale used to reach land-use policy decisions shall be available in the form of a written decision.

6. **Financial Support.** Adequate human, financial and informational resources shall be allocated for the CIP. These allocations shall be part of the City planning budget.

**Implementation Measure:** Except during periodic review and when the Council, in its sole discretion, determines that a greater level of citizen involvement is required, compliance with state law requirements and the requirements of the City’s land use code shall constitute compliance with this Policy A1 and the CIP. During periodic review, a citizen advisory committee may be appointed to advise the Planning Commission on periodic review subject matters.
B. Committee for Citizen Involvement.

1. Appointment. The Planning Commission will serve as the City’s Committee for Citizen Involvement (CCI). The Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC) will be notified as required by Goal 1.

2. Duties. The CCI will assist the City Council with the continued development of the CIP that promotes and enhances citizen involvement in land-use planning. The CCI will also assist in the implementation of the CIP and will evaluate the process being used for citizen involvement.

C. Citizens Advisory Committee.

1. Appointment. During periodic review or when directed by the Council, the Planning Commission shall appoint citizens to a Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC), in order to solicit citizen input on proposed changes to the City’s Comprehensive Plan and/or land use regulations. CACs are fluid and may also be appointed or reappointed on an ad hoc basis for each issue on which the Planning Commission seeks public input.

2. Duties. CACs will make recommendations to the Planning Commission specifically regarding the proposed change to the Comprehensive Plan and/or land use regulation for which the CAC was created.

Section 2. The following two sentences from the ninth full paragraph in the Introduction section of the Dunes City Comprehensive Plan are revised as follows:

“Any resident or landowner attending a Citizen’s Committee for Involvement meeting automatically became a voting member. This town hall meeting atmosphere helped assure that the plan truly represents the desires of Dunes City residents. With changes made to the plan in 2013, the City moved to the format for citizen involvement described in Statewide Planning Goal 1, with a standing Committee for Citizen Involvement (CCI) that is devoted solely to maintaining the City’s Citizen Involvement Program and ad hoc Citizen Advisory Committees formed to address land use matters as needed.”

Section 3. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance is judicially declared to be invalid, unenforceable, and/or void by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not have the effect of invalidating or voiding the remainder of this Ordinance, and the part(s) of this Ordinances so held to be invalid, unenforceable, and/or void shall be deemed stricken, and the remainder of this Ordinance shall have the same force and effect as if such stricken part(s) had never been included.

The first reading of this Ordinance was conducted in a regular meeting of the City Council of Dunes City, Oregon, on the 12th day of September 2013.
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The second reading of this Ordinance was conducted in a regular meeting and adopted by the City Council of Dunes City, Oregon on this 10th day of October 2013.

Ayes: ___3___ Nays: ___0___ Abstain: ___0___ Absent: ____2____ Vacant: ___1___

ADOPTED BY THE DUNES CITY COUNCIL THIS 10th DAY OF OCTOBER 2013.

[Signed copy available at City Hall]
Rebecca Ruede, Mayor

ATTEST:

[Signed copy available at City Hall]
Fred Hilden, City Recorder