

EJ: We're going to get started, I'll start by introducing you to myself, because I come as a facilitator, I guess, I'm here because I'm in the same office as your city attorney, Lauren Summers, and I've just recently joined her law firm; I've been working with cities, as a lawyer, since 1995; I've never worked for clients other than cities or special districts, because I am a dyed in the wool believer in local government, and the power of local government, and the power of citizens and the importance of what local government contributes to the nation and the world; and as hokey as it sounds, it's the honest to God truth. So I recently joined Lauren's firm, and needed some work, and Lauren said well, you know there's been some interesting things happening in DC; that I feel it would be good to have somebody who's not familiar with what's going on to come down and do a citizen involvement committee meeting. My understanding is that in the past, these meetings have happened starting at the very beginning of a statewide planning goal\_\_\_\_\_. I also know that this city working with DLCDs for so many years, that this city is known as a poster child for real citizen's grassroots planning and my specialty is planning and land use development regulation for cities. I'm here because we're going to talk about Goal 1, and you're here, because your presence makes you part of the Citizens Involvement Committee in this town. We're going to do things a little bit different than they have been done in the past. One of the things is that the Planning Commissioners and Councilors in attendance are going to participate just as regular citizens. You probably know each other, I don't know all of you.- Garbled. Loren and your City Planner are here. Jake. We'll go around the circle, tell your name, if a city counselor or commissioner, and then something that you like about where you live.

FH: Can I add to that? If they were a past councilor ...

EJ: Yes, if anyone is a past councilor, has now, or had or does have some position of power or influence in the city I want that out because we should all understand and know that – tonight we are all committee members there's not a quorum of the council nor Planning Commission here – it is not a council or commission meeting, tonight we're committee members, all of us. Garbled. We need to communicate and know where everybody stands. Let's start out first step. John –

JS: I'm John Stead, and I'm a \_\_\_\_\_ Woahink Lake Association and been active in city for the past 11 years- spent a lot of years on the Water Quality Committee, my main focus. Want to share a few things about background of DC why we feel strongly about some of the things that make us a poster child, as you say; – we're different than a lot of other cities – there's reasons for that – as you can see DC is a nice place to live, we don't have a tax base; we've been able to function without one by a lot of volunteer work. DC fathers opted to include the major portion of Woahink Lake within the city's boundary. They encompassed the major portion of the lake, thereby insuring the city's stewardship as is shown in the City's Comprehensive Plan. Woahink Lake is special, it's the deepest lake on the Oregon coast; 74 feet deep, 37 feet below sea level which makes it a crypto-depression; its waters are for domestic, livestock and in-lake uses for recreation, wildlife and fish life, and purposes by Honeyman State Park\_\_\_\_\_. We just had the Triathlon there, and the guy that was running it was concerned about the water quality so he asked for a water quality test of some kind before people started swimming in it. So city residents and others use the lake waters. It's one of only 2 Oregon lakes identified as demonstration projects under the federal water pollution control act. It contains the Woahink Bog Preserve, an 18 acre project on the eastern shore line and is supported by the Friends of the Woahink Bog, the national Fish and Wildlife Foundation, the Nature Conservancy, the Oregon Habitat Joint Venture, Pacific Habitat Services and the Wetlands Conservancy, so there are many other people that are involved in Woahink Lake and what happens to it. I'm assuming that the efforts that we're doing this evening, are in compliance with OAR 660.118, DLCD's amendment review rule, and I am assuming that you attorneys have checked that to be certain that we are in compliance, and we'll leave that at that. I have a question then, is this CCI meeting, the first evidentiary hearing on adoption of the documents \_\_\_\_\_ that DLCD \_\_\_\_\_ and Jake can speak to that. Which leads me to another question...?

FH: If I might John, Emily was trying to accomplish introductions before we....

JS: And she asked for our concerns, -----, and you're the facilitator, not Fred.

EJ: And we will

FH: I'm just observing

EJ: -----

JS: I have another question that I hope you will be able to respond to, and that is, I can find in the city records, in February 2012, where the city council took action to do some things about a CCI committee, and they asked the Planning Commission to work on that. I don't find any other evidence, I haven't completely combed through all of it, that the Council has taken to appoint or create a CCI committee, or to involve the city attorneys in this thing or the City Planner in this thing, so really before we can move forward, I'm a stickler, those of you who know me will verify this, I'm a stickler for procedures, and procedures are designed to keep you out of trouble. And when you don't follow procedures, you can get in trouble, and last year that cost the city 32 grand to find out that, hey, your ordinances have got to be in compliance with the comp plan and they found out by going to DLCD that they did, and they spent 32 grand to get that answer. Well, all they had to do was

PH: talk to John

FH: 23 grand John, \_\_\_\_\_get your numbers right

JS: Alright, 23 grand not counting staff time or volunteer time or any of that stuff, so we've got this sort of thing that we're bringing to the table this evening and I could go on, but I'm going to stop for present

EJ: This is the last time I'm going to respond to that, -----, really, I think the questions that we need to talk about right now are who are we, where are we coming from as far as positions within the city, or not; and I think it's important that we start by sharing something that we like about where we live. Well, you share something about what you like where you live, and that might be the bird out your window, the precious lake, or, the one question I do want to respond to is this is not a public hearing, this is not a first evidentiary hearing; what we understand is that the Planning Commission will be considering some changes to the public involvement program here and what we're trying to do is create a forum to gather a collection of as much input as we can from folks to provide along with your testimony and appearance at a public hearing in the future, but to provide to the City as they move forward and they consider making some changes in the future. There will be a public hearing, my understanding was that it was scheduled, and I think that Jaime, my understanding is that, in light of the public input that you're going to get, decided to actually push that back until June(?) – to the Planning Commission, so this really a very early opportunity and it is not an evidentiary hearing.

JS: The reason I asked the question is that DLCD was told by Jake that our first evidentiary hearing was going to be May 15<sup>th</sup>, and

EJ: And I want to tell you, I want to put a halo around your head for the way you think about Land Use, especially procedure,

JS: It's vital but my confidence level goes down when I find out that we're swimming upstream without being a fish

EJ: Well, I will guar(antee).., and I will tell you, I have a lot of experience, and know, and I know I'm good when I tell you, yes, that is what that says, but that notice, there's also another form you can fill out to amend or change what we put on there

JS: This is the amended one I'm talking about \_\_\_\_the original one said it was going to be----- April 9th

EJ: There's no procedural error in any of that, and I guarantee that, and as a lawyer\_\_\_\_\_. I think there is an understanding here that citizen involvement was an important piece and my main \_\_\_\_\_hasn't occurred in the way the comp plan says that it should, so tonight is not a public hearing, the public hearing is going to happen next month, that's the plan, and tonight is the night we are going to gather a collective statement of everything that we hear tonight, and then at the end of this meeting, this group can talk about how that is going to be presented at the Planning Commission at the public hearing. We're not tape recording tonight either, by the way, we decided against that, that is the usual practice but it's not legally required, we'll be taking general minutes, instead

JS: The proposed ordinance which none of us saw, which hasn't seen the light of day around here, but Jake sent it off to DLCD. We have no idea, I have a copy\_\_\_\_\_

EJ: So that's it, because we can talk about this in there, later on when we're in smaller groups

LS?: I should also say that the proposed ordinance that you have is staff recommendations ;Planning staff, legal counsel\_\_\_\_\_

JS: I have another 8 pages of staff recommendations

LS: **Do not understand what she says – is mincing words** .... The Planning Commission and the council\_\_\_ we also think that it is important to hear directly from the citizenry and we want to know what the citizens think about this. So they may be looking at \_\_\_\_\_ but they'll also be looking at everything we put together here tonight, and that may very well inform the way that they look at the draft ordinance

JS: Some of us have been asking for that, this Goal 1 situation, that the comp plan has compared to \_\_\_\_\_Some of us have been talking for several years, the staff and the council, about bringing things into alignment, so I have no trouble in trying to get things in alignment, I have trouble with procedure. If the Council is unaware of these things that are going on, how come? And if the council did not action in public meeting to make this thing happen, where did they do it? Transparency is a very important \_\_\_\_\_.

EJ: And I have a feeling that that word is going to come up again later, and I want to remember that transparency is very important to many of us. I hear what you're saying right now, and I want to remember later when we're writing things down that transparency is important to many of us. It needs to be on the list. So I know you have more to say, and I'll give you more time to say it. And now I'll hear from everybody.

DB: I'm been an involved citizen for quite some time, starting in 2005 with the building moratorium; I got started here because when I read in the paper that the mayor, had resigned as mayor, because he would open a public meeting on development and then come down and testify at his own public meeting, because he was the developer, that is a rather obvious conflict of interest and that is why I got involved, and also I saw some developments going on where I saw a lot of bulldozers going around my community. I had moved here because I thought I found paradise. I am a country boy by necessity. I cannot work in an office. I cannot work in a building and I cannot live in a crowded city. I've tried it, I get a claustrophobic reaction. I was raised in a rural environment and I like having some space around me, and I thought this place was perfect. I can't see my neighbors, and yet I've got lots of them. It's a beautiful community that happened to get incorporated into a city but it is a beautiful place, and my interest all along has been to preserve it. You know, to keep it like it is, allowing for growth and things but what I don't want is for it to become another 6 houses per acre suburban

development, because if it does, I'm going to move, I'm going to have to move. I can't stand that. I think it's perfect. My whole reason for involvement in the city is to try to keep the character the way it is, just like it says in the comp plan – to preserve the rural character- some people think I'm trying to turn it into a socialist commune, but I'm not. I just want to keep it, more or less, like it is, to keep property values up, to keep just a beautiful place to live. In regard, to my city involvement, I served briefly on the city council, I was on the Moratorium Support Committee, I was on the planning commission for almost four years, Chairman two years, and I am presently the president of the Woahink Lake Association. So, still involved.

PH: I'm Peter Howison and I'm the honorary ambassador to our sister city of Dunes, France. I love this place \_\_\_\_\_inaudible\_\_\_\_\_ really vigilant \_\_\_ do things right, and care so much about the rural character of this community, and see the threats of unsustainable and inappropriate development, and degradation of our water and the threat \_\_\_\_\_ continue to try to strive towards a rural type of environment and community. If we let the water go, we're going to be divided up into a sewer system for millions of dollars and we're not doing the job to preserve our water quality, I believe. Thank you.

FH: Fred Hilden, I'm the City Recorder \_\_\_\_\_ Howison is talking over Hilden – something about not recording the meeting

PH: I was thinking, I want to be recorded, and to think that the City is not recording it.

FH: Richard is recording it

SN: I was trying to remember every word that everyone said

Everyone: Talking at once

FH: So anyway, to (PH) compliments PH on all his City work. I was on the Planning Commission for three years, I was on the Road Commission, on the Budget Committee, and I was on the conservation committee, I also did the city's website for a period of time, on a volunteer basis and I was also paid \$1600 from RTMP funds as a private contractor before I became an employee of the city to add the Visitor's center to the city website. I own a resort on Siltcoos Lake, and I love to fish, and if we don't have clean water, we don't have fish, and we don't have wildlife and anybody that thinks I'm not a clean water fanatic has not been paying attention.

LS: My name is Loren, I am a city attorney for Dunes City, and I don't have the pleasure of living here, but I think it is a truly beautiful and special place. The lake, and just driving in today, the rhododendrons blew me away. So I can see why the residents here love it and feel strongly about this community – it's pretty amazing.

TB: I'm Theresa Baer, and I'm here for two reasons – one, I live here in Westlake, down the street from Fred, and have for just a few years. As far as Dunes City and Westlake goes, they are the nicest place I've ever lived, and I've lived in a lot of places. I really like living here. But second to that, I'm also the editor of the local paper, so technically speaking, I'm working tonight. I'm not sure if my comments would be appropriate, or otherwise. But I'm definitely here to observe and report.

EJ: So, just to make an understanding that maybe your employer would take issue and you need to think about that. But, I'm working too, so's Loren and Jake probably is to some degree, I'm not sure how much he's actually working tonight but

if you live here, especially, anything you have to add I think it's really important, if you feel comfortable doing it in your work capacity, or if you want to clarify because you are taping, then I'm saying as a private citizen right now, we'd like to hear what you have to say.

TB: Oh I appreciate that, we discussed it at length, even though I live a block from here, this is not my beat. Dunes City is not a part of my job normally, just to keep some distance personally. So, we had to arm-wrestle over who's going to go to the meeting tonight. \_\_\_\_\_ that's the goal for Florence, too. Anyway, this town is really important to me, and I would be happy to throw my two cents in, but again I have to do it in moderation, I guess. I have to keep my opinion to myself sometimes.

JC: My name is Jake Callister, I'm a Planner and I work for LCOG, been working with Dunes City since the beginning of the year. My impression of DC was of being a Scout leader at Camp Baker for five years. I know that Camp Baker isn't directly in the city, but when I thought of DC, I thought of our trip out to the lake and the wonderful evenings out on the lake, sort of being shocked when I learned that there was a city that surrounded the lake; so when you're here, you're in a city, but it doesn't feel like a typical city. Got a tour from Fred and some others in February, and it's definitely a different city very unique and they were very adamant that I could come and see DC and see every stretch of roadway; so, what a beautiful, unique place, very impressive and your thoughts about preserving this resonate.

LR: I'm Lee Reichel, presently I'm on the Planning Commission. My comments about why I like this place, \_\_\_\_\_ my wife and I, thinking about retirement, walked into a house, and we said this is it.

### **More, but I cannot decipher**

JM: I'm Jaime Mills and am currently President of the DC Council and there are too many reasons why I love this place. My husband and I got married in 1996, and took two months traveling. Came all the way up the coast to find a vacation home that we would eventually retire to – narrowed it down to Waldport and Florence and Waldport didn't have a hospital, so we wound up looking here, we wanted to be away from the hustle and bustle \_\_\_\_\_ and that's where we are, and I love it.

MJL: I'm Mary Jo Leach, we lived in Santa Cruz, CA for forty years and I wanted to move because it was too congested. So we drove up the coast, saw Woahink from 101, said I could live there, continued up to Washington for 10 days; decided it was 20 degrees colder than CA, Oregon was 10 – so we came back. I was raised on Lake Ontario and Conesus Lake and always wanted to get another dock. I watched these lakes degrade terribly. My house is named My Blue Heaven, and it is my heaven.

SN; I'm Susie Navetta, and I've been around here since 1996; and I helped re-write the second comp plan which took months and months to write – Right, Lee. There's not too many of us around that remember that, it was a long, drawn-out thing. I think I've been on every committee and commission in the city except for the Road Commission; have been

President of the WLA for way too many years ; my kids live here, my grandchildren live here, and my great-grandchildren live here, and I want it to stay the way it is.

RK: I'm Richard Koehler, I was a city councilor here for a while; what inspired me about DC was a group of people who came together to create something new, and if you think about putting an obstacle in the way of something that was in our path, which was basically a big bulldozer coming our way you'd understand why the people that started the Moratorium Support Committee had an uphill battle. It was a spin story created by realtors in the area, in 2004, that this was the best place to retire. It created a massive infusion of people coming into the area, to quick build; we didn't have the ordinances at that time to accommodate the quick build. So the moratorium came in, and it was designed to not only put a halt (hold) to large scale developments, many of which were created by the last mayor in 2005. It was also a time where we created a safety zone for the area; a 5 or 6 point plan within the moratorium committee in order to create safeguards for the area's longevity. It was important to continue the work of the comp plan so those points were elucidated in the Moratorium Findings of fact. What's the problem now, I think, that isn't fitting to what you have up on the wall is that we have no history. History of DC is not \_\_\_\_\_ in the city's website. I used to take care of the city's website for 4 years. The city is not, it keeps most of the information up there that citizens have to know. Right now, the website at dunescity.com does not have any of the minutes for before 2013. So, when somebody says, what's the story about the comp plan?, what's the story behind the moratorium?, you won't find it there. But you will find it on other areas of the web. So, my situation is that I appreciate the \_\_\_\_\_ of information, or getting information to people as much as is possible, and when that doesn't take place, democracy ends. And this is part of this CCI, I notice that this is in the legal letter here of publication date 5/4/2013; it indicates this is a CCI. It's a legal meeting, it should have legal minutes, and I don't know why that is not taking place, but, the other thing is, it should have an agenda that is part of a CCI, which is chaired by someone within the city. The planning commission or somebody like that; so another discrepancy in this is that the legal meeting says it goes from 6 to 8; again, this agenda says 6 to 9; so these kinds of discrepancies tend to make for – Well, what's really going on here? And if it's just a lackadaisical meeting where we just are fielding questions so that next meeting we can be fairly aggressive, then it should have been addressed in that way, rather than a legal standard.

EJ: My name is Emily, I actually have lived in Eugene for the past 20 years. I grew up in rural Illinois. I know this city, most prominently on paper – what's on paper. I haven't spent a lot of time here and \_\_\_\_\_ back for a few years when Joanne Hickey would answer the phone and take care of things in the office. In a previous position, and handled a couple of LUBA appeals back then when \_\_\_\_\_ Norman Martin. But you know I was thinking about the first question to get us talking tonight, I remembered that when I first pulled up the city's comp plan, I highlighted some things in it, and I think these are the things that I highlighted them because I liked them, and I thought they were relevant to what we are talking about tonight and I'll just go through some of them: There are reasons for writing this plan beyond the state's requirements that each city in Oregon has a plan. The original plan adopted Sept. 9, 1976 was put together by a group of area citizens. In 1978, the city began a process to review and update the comp plan. The ongoing Citizen Involvement Program was established to further refine the plan to reflect the majority wishes of the \_\_\_\_\_. Over the years, the Citizens Committee, has held many meetings and has done a great deal of work to develop and update the plan. Any resident or landowner attending a Citizen Committee for Involvement Meeting automatically became a voting member. This town hall atmosphere helps assure that the plan truly represents the desires of DC residents. To insure that the plan continued to meet the statewide planning goals, it was reviewed and updated in '78, '85 and '96; much of that work was done by DC citizens. This plan is based on citizen desires including surveys as developed by the comp plan advisory committee, CCI, which has continued the work of the former committee \_\_\_\_ **HELP!** This plan will be further refined to reflect majority wishes through the methods outlined in citizen involvement program. And yeah, I've read lots and lots of

comp plans, and I've never read one quite like that, I also know that it must have been something I read in this plan somewhere that in acknowledging your plan, DLCD went out of its way to point out that it was an amazing example of how citizens can build a comp plan together. It's clear to me, \_\_\_ people that showed up here tonight, that it is an important thing to preserve. So this meeting tonight is a meeting of the citizen involvement, ugh, the committee for citizen involvement, CCI, the only requirement that relates to that as far as I know is in your comp plan, that basically, as it is now, it says \_\_\_\_\_, if there is a vote to be taken, every person present is a voting member. State law requires that minutes be taken of any public meeting of which this is one, but they do not need to be tape-recorded. Clearly, we are tape recording, Richard, are you recording?

RK: Yes, I am.

EJ: If we need to document something, maybe we could borrow your tape?

RK: Yeah, sure.

EJ: Okay. The reason that I suggested and urged Fred not to record, was because I thought that people may feel more comfortable if they didn't worry about saying the wrong thing, or saying something people that agree with them, would think they said not the right way

SN: Not this group –

Everybody talking

EJ: Loren, could you pass out pens – I have to say I have facilitated many meetings, and never, ever before have I encountered a situation where not the first, not the second, but all the first three people I asked to facilitate something, said, No Way, so okay, what that tells me is that you all could write each other's script. Right?

SN: Right.

EJ: And that's fine, and that's exactly why we're not going to take a vote at the end of this meeting. I can tell you that right now, there will be no vote. What we are preparing is what I like to call a collective statement. We through the process of what's left of this meeting tonight

Talking JS PH RK re: agenda and no vote, back and forth JS I think says it's an action item, so there should be a vote....

EJ: **Nope!!** (no vote).

JS: Well the agenda suggests that there will be some action taken at the end of the meeting

EJ: Well I know, (agenda suggests action at the end of the meeting),

JS: See, and that, if I could go on for just a little minute –when we see these sorts of discrepancies , that says trouble is on the way.

EJ: What that says to me is two things, one I want to ask a question, and it's a rhetorical question, what the heck is wrong with you people? I understand that clearly you're shaken, it said 8, and now it's 9; I want to take the time it takes.

JS: Why did we have it start at 6, when that's when everyone is supposed to be eating dinner?

EJ: Oh, you know you ate –

Everyone's talking

EJ: In any case, I haven't eaten any dinner.

PH: I still do have a question – I am curious why you ruled out any possibility of a vote

Everyone's talking over one another; EJ's voice is raised again

EH: It's not a \_\_\_\_\_ and this is not my meeting but I want to say as much.

PH: Well we usually vote for our feelings. You're not even a citizen of DC

EJ: I'm a facilitator

PH: \_\_\_\_\_

EJ: I'm trying to facilitate you coming up with a collective statement, and what that is, is that by the end of this meeting, I want every person here to feel like what they have said, that they have had a chance, and hopefully they do speak and we are able to write down what you say, and that together, that creates a collective statement and to the extent you have something to vote on is whether or not these pages that we have created accurately reflect what the individuals here said. Whether a majority agrees with every single thing stated on there or not and that's the goal that we have for tonight. The instructions that I understood, that Loren got, was look we want to have a meeting where we accomplish at least something this group may want to get together again in groups, in small groups, and in big groups, invite others, do what you want to do, but by the end of this meeting, we want to have something that can definitely be presented and we will talk about it in groups how it should be presented but, that's the goal, and \_\_\_\_\_ pull the rug by saying there will be no vote.

PH: Then do it

EJ: Seriously, let's do it.

MJL: I do have a question – I am completely confused. I thought that the Council appointed the CCI and said it was going to be the Planning Commission.

JM: We referred the issue to the Planning Commission



MJL: No, you appointed

JM: We appointed a CCI and that was not a proper process

MJL: I know that

JM: It was improper, so

MJ: This is the back-up

JM: Yes

MJ: I didn't know that

EJ: So, I didn't know about that, but that makes sense

JM: May I say something, there are a loss of confidence \_\_\_\_\_, so there is no strong feeling of confidence in what the council is doing, what the legal counsel is doing, and the first bridge we have to gap is the one of trust

EJ: And I want to say something about that, you guys are citizens doing this on your own, how would you know how to do this unless you had paid professionals at every meeting which you A. can't afford, and B. you don't really need – this is fabulous, but you're gonna' make mistakes and there's going to have to be some forgiveness and understanding that none of you would be here if you didn't care.

SN: The important people are not at this meeting, because what the people at this meeting say no one cares about and they'll go ahead and do whatever they intended to do

EJ: I'm going to write that down

SN: Write it down, \_\_\_\_\_, put it in the newspaper.

Everyone talking

JS: You said that Loren was given some instructions by somebody, so my question is – who instructed Loren? –

EJ: Who in the City has the authority to ask the lawyer to do things?

LS & FH talking

FH: All \_\_\_\_\_ to the city attorney goes through me

JS: You \_\_\_\_\_

FH: at the direction of the council

JS: And at what meeting did the council - FH talks over him

FH: and earlier John you said that the council didn't know about this, and that is absolutely not true. I guarantee the council is intimately familiar with the process that has gone on, and the process that is going on tonight

JS: Sometimes I have to be devil's advocate or you don't get \_\_\_\_\_ .

FH: (Interrupting) But John, you come across when you do that as an authoritative person – you're a doctor for goodness sake, a PHD, and when you make a statement when you say \$32k in attorney's fees, people think you're absolutely spot-on

FH & JS talking

EJ: We had a question, and I think we got an answer and that's the authority

JS: So this was done at the direction of the council?

FH: Two sentences of history – You're right about February, where the city council appointed the planning commission as the CCI because we thought that was what State Goal 1 said to do and we learned very quickly while that's what the state goal 1 says, our comp plan says differently, so we have to back up and do the process according to our comp plan

SN: And wasn't that in 2012

FH: Yes, and there are minutes of 2012 up on the website, contrary to what Counselor..

SN: I can't find them

FH: 2012, they are all on the website, I'll be happy to show you (They were not – nor any others of the PC)

SN & FH talking

EJ: Interrupts – OK, so maybe tomorrow or when you have time you can figure that out. What I want to do right now, is, we're going to take a few minutes each, and we're going to write something down on these notecards, and I'm going to collect them, and we are going to share them; I'm telling you that ahead of time because I think you would have my head if I had you write something down, and share it without your knowledge. The question that I want everybody to address is, and this is the question I couldn't get any other folks to ask you, I'd really like to step out of this role and let you guys run your own meeting too, but I, I'm going to keep this \_\_\_\_\_, I think it might help: What worries you when you learn the City is considering changes to its citizen involvement program? (Repeats the question.)

TB: You want just one reason, or all of them?

EJ: Lay it out.

EJ: You don't have to write your name

SN: Can I write someone else's name? Laughter

EJ: Yes

MJL: Repeat the question again.

EJ: Repeats the question

Light discussion among some while we wait for EJ to proceed

EJ: So, I'm going to read these out loud

MJL: Good luck reading mine, I'll probably have to read it for you, I have neuropathy in both hands

EJ: So normally I'd like to have you read your own

MJL: Well, we can do that

EJ: I'm not going to ask that because I want to get what you really wanted to say here, so, I will tell you that this one's mine – I worry that the planning commission and the city council have already decided what they're going to do and not give due consideration to the public input even though the public's will is so important in DC – my words.

EJ: This is the camel getting its nose under the tent.

EJ: Council is studying the comp plan at present, the intent is unclear, suggestions from council members are being recorded, minutes of the meetings are not available on the city's website

EJ: I worry about transparency. The reason, the present council has conducted secret meetings in the past and I fear they're at it still.

EJ: What worries me is the sense that I and other like-minded citizens are being shut out of communication and knowledge in order that the legislative maneuvers can be accomplished illegally.

EJ: I worry, each group in power attempts to disassemble or derail what the previous group put in place. Some city councilors and commissioners have their own agendas regarding land use and people need to have this information. I would assume those agendas would apply to how a CCI would function. Local residents and officials cannot function within the guidelines of a formal meeting, nor behave in an informal meeting. A CCI isn't the only way that the public is allowed to speak and go on record.

EJ: Not allowing citizens to be heard; having a program that only provides one side to be presented. Having process dominated by one group because they lobby and bring all their friends, neighbors, etc., making false claims as to what the city's intentions are. Fear, not facts.

EJ: What's PAC?

MJL: Political Action Committee and it's very active in this town.

EJ: The PAC agenda is represented.

MJL: The PAC agenda is represented favoring development instead of placing the wishes and welfare of current residents first.

EJ: The changes will make it harder for me to participate and harder for my views to be heard; I want to make sure I have a voice in land use planning in my city. The comp plan and its many protections will be next and it will be weakened.

EJ: Citizen Involvement Program changes would limit interactions with citizens and it would be selective like the one-minded council; input regarding preservation vs. land use protection would vanish; the change would be a start to manipulating a perfect document. Will it be done correctly? Will they make rules protecting water quality and the environment too lax?

EJ: I ran into the authority problem of city vs. state vs. litigation potential, when re-writing code. The city must follow state rules. I'd be concerned about whether it represents citizen's views. Sometimes the voices that are the most passionate and loudest are the ones that prevail, that would concern me.

EJ: OK, now we're gonna' go, just with a quick round, and I want to hear, we're going to start with Richard this time, and go this way, let's give a couple of words that would represent a good Citizen Involvement Program in DC

RK: Open, transparent and honest

EJ: Susie

SN: that's good

**MJL: I can't understand or hear what I say – more zipping!!**

JM: \_\_\_\_\_

EJ: And I heard you say trust, earlier; can I put that on here?

JM: Yes, certainly

LR: There's an education part of this thing too, because the CCI program, the involvement of citizens is built around Oregon state models, and our current code does not contain that model. The ordinance that we're partially here looking at, is to make the change in the Goal 1comp plan that would bring \_\_\_\_\_ into what the state requires

JC: Well, I think, open, trust and transparency \_\_\_\_\_ that all makes a lot of sense. I think efficient is important – mechanisms to make it workable

TB: I'm not sure if I understood the question, but my answer would be that I think there has to be some evidence that a meeting like this has an impact. That our comments, or whatever consensus we come to, make an impact on city council or planning commission decisions, otherwise it's just one more meeting for me to go to

EJ: yeah, I agree with Teresa, everything that I've heard so far but also inclusive and important, people's feelings; that people feel hurt; that it's not only the opportunity to provide comment, but that you can tell that your comment was listened to

FH: Transparency and factual are probably my biggest beliefs – too much nonsense is perceived as fact

PH: I would just say fair and balanced.

FH: Fear?

Laughing

DB: My two words, we heard one of them before is transparency, but the other one is respect. Part of the problem we have here is people take different positions, they have different ideas and they can be polarized so far apart by this \_\_\_\_\_ happening in much of the country. People need to have a respect for other people, that even if they disagree with them, you know, they can still respect them and talk to them because talking to someone you have a respect for is so important in solving problems. We have to respect – I have respect for everybody here, even the people I disagree with. I have respect for some of the people that some of you can think of that I have been very strongly opposed to but I respect them as citizens and neighbors, some of them are friends and you have to have respect for people even when you get arguing excited and everything, when it's all over, you can say, I understand where you're coming from, I don't agree with it but I understand where you're coming from, so respect is part of it, the other is transparency like I said in my comment. You know I still don't know exactly what this meeting is for – I'm here only because someone else happened to tell me about it and I'm supposed to be on the interested persons list at city hall where I'm supposed to get an email about a lot of things pertaining to the city and I hardly ever get them anymore.

So, I'm worried about getting cut out of the communications loop, because if you don't know, you're helpless, you're sheep. If you don't know what's going on, you don't have a chance to put your two cents worth in; so respect and transparency are \_\_\_\_\_ issues.

JS: Only two words

Laughing and talking

JS: Take advantage of the staff that the state has provided me \_\_\_\_\_ in terms, to be able to do land use planning\_\_ **Can't hear – zipping!!**

PH: \_\_\_\_\_do they progress just only to facilitate the interests of development, I'm skeptical, I think we have a better system that what they are demanding we do because of some state legislative law that comes down

EJ: Let us not forget that those who view these things have been elected, a political body. What we're going to do next is, and thank you for this good work, what we have provided is I think by talking to each other in this last round \_\_\_\_ things to think about and at my computer, I just whipped out a bunch of words that came to my mind of things to think about and we will pass some papers around, and we're going to divide up into a couple of groups and get into some more details and answer some questions and write some things down. I know that we'd like to get out of here at 8 and that might be possible and we'll try to get as close to that as possible, but(time is 1:02 into the meeting) I think this is important work and we'll take a little break, but first let's just count off 1-2, 1-2, and divide into two groups and when we get into those groups we're going to have Jake talk a little bit about state goal 1, statewide planning goal 1, and what it actually says and requires; Loren's going to talk to us all a little about what is already in your city's code and comp plan, although I think we've talked about that, I think you to guys kind of get that, the code about how citizen involvement happens in the city right now and then we're going to address a few questions, write a lot of things down, and then come back to the middle. So we're going to drag some chairs over

FH: Can I play devil's advocate, are we really that big that we have to split into two groups

EJ: Yeah it'll get the work done faster and I think sometimes – yes, so Teresa, you want to be one

Confusion reigns as we try to count off 1-2, Jake has to be the writer

EJ: Okay, so we'll do one over there, and two's back in this corner

Talking, chairs scraping, etc. – break for a couple of minutes

RK: At what point do we tell you that we've already been appointed to a CCI that was held on March 6, 2012

SN: And we've never had another meeting since that appointment

EJ: Under your comp plan whenever a CCI meeting is held, anybody who shows up is on that committee

JS: We know that

SN: We went to a Planning Commission meeting and we went through a mock ordinance, or something,

EJ: in 2012

SN: Yes, in 2012, and at that meeting

JS RK SN EJ talking

EJ: OOOHHH –

Continues, EJ insists comp plan says everyone is in the CCI, SN, says no we were appointed, synopsis – by EJ

EJ: well we're all on the same page now

EJ: Let's take a break

SN: yeah, give me a break

RK: Laughing

Mass confusion

Fred is talking to MJL: I don't understand what is going on with a CCI, CIC, etc.

EJ: First I'd like to address something that's come up a few times, and then we're going to get educated a little bit by Jake and Loren and then we're going to get some really good things down on paper, or really horrible things down on paper. The first thing I want to talk about is what hopefully are we doing here tonight, and I've learned that there's some history that's \_\_\_\_\_ confusion, okay, here's the deal, statewide planning goal 1 has always and still does say that every city has to have a citizens involvement program and Jake is going to tell us more about that. The way that DC complied with that in the beginning, or I don't know how long your plan said it – but what your plan says is yeah, you can have one, and what it's going to be is whenever the citizens, whenever the committee for citizens involvement – there has been a meeting called, anybody in the city can come and whoever comes to that meeting is that committee for that night and \_\_\_\_\_ a vote taken, every person is going to be a voting member and, that's fine, it's just not what goal 1 contemplates, and we'll learn more about what the goal contemplates. What we understand is that that may not be the most efficient way to get things done, maybe it is. Or, there are other ways to do it – Goal 1 suggests that city councils can appoint their planning commission to be that, some cities don't have planning commissions, didn't use to, most do now but Planning Commissions, by design, are supposed to represent a broad spectrum of the community, and \_\_\_\_\_ are what a citizen involvement committee was envisioned to be back in the beginning. In any case, right now, tonight, we are the citizen involvement committee, you came, you are. This is just what we're doing. You're here because the city is thinking about changing its comp plan; the city council has said – should we make some changes? And apparently they jumped the gun at one point, and said, yup, we're gonna' make the planning commission our committee. And then citizens said, wait, wait, wait, that's not how that works, you have to have a citizen involvement committee meeting first to talk about whether that's a good idea, and so the city council said, okay. :(MJL's thought IS ANY OF HER HISTORY CORRECT? – she keeps saying that her understanding of something is THIS, but on some of this, I know better)) . But apparently some of you were actually convened to talk about that false start last year – is that right?

FH: That's true!

EJ: Ok, so false start behind us, here we go, the city council is still interested in getting a recommendation from planning commission on it; the planning commission is interested in getting the thoughts of the citizens on this. And there's going to be basically a 3 step process – first, there's this committee meeting tonight and we're going to gather, we're going to create a collective statement of information \_\_\_\_\_ you guys are pretty warmed up and now we're going to get words on paper, your exact words, okay. By the time you leave tonight, we will together have decided how that information should be presented to the planning commission. When the planning commission decides to go ahead and take a look at a proposed, actual proposed change, in the form of a draft ordinance, and DLCD needs these things way ahead of time so a draft has been sent to DLCD. The Planning commission may say we hate this, the citizens don't like this, we're not going to do it this way, we want to make a recommendation and make it different. They're going to have a hearing, at that hearing, we're going to want everything you said tonight to be presented to them but you may also come and say I only agree with one thing on that list and I didn't like the rest of it, or one of the most important things I heard that night is this- and I really want you to listen to this. **You have no attorney process in the planning commission.** Then the planning commission will make a recommendation to the council, and before the council acts on any ordinance that would change what you currently do, it also will have a public hearing. That hearing in front of the planning commission will be what we

call under state law, as John knows, the first evidentiary hearing, it's going to happen June 22<sup>nd</sup> and Fred will make sure that every single one of you gets notice of it. Right, Fred?

FH: Yes, mam.

EJ: OK, so that's the background, does that help? Mary Jo, do you have questions?

MJL: Well, okay, so, this is starting all over, but what I still think we're doing here is getting rid of the citizens involvement committee.

EJ: No, you have to have one.

MJL: Well, we have to have one until the comp plan gets changed.

EJ: Well, it's like an adhoc committee; it's like anything else, when an issue comes up, and we're going to need it. You may not need it for a long time. It's sort of like, you might have a committee on the endangered violet that grows over by the lake, when an issue like that comes up, the committee is called on, the endangered violet committee.

MJL: OK, we'll see how it plays out.

EJ: What's most important for you to think about right now is, and I'm going to ask some questions of all of you, what would a good citizen's involvement program look like?

JS: I'd like to share with you, the definition of a CCI, from the statewide planning goals.

EJ: Sure

JS: The Committee for Citizen Involvement, CCI: A local group funded by a governing body for these purposes (1) Assisting the governing body with the development of a program that promotes and enhances citizen involvement in land use planning. (2)Assisting in the implementation of the citizen involvement program and (3) evaluating the process being used for citizen involvement.

EJ: Interrupts and we're doing that 3<sup>rd</sup> function, tonight – will you read that 3<sup>rd</sup> function again

JS: Evaluating the process being used for citizen involvement.

EJ: So the citizens' involvement committee did its job years ago in establishing a program to have, what was the 2<sup>nd</sup> one?

JS: First is, assist the governing body with the development of a program, and so I'm encouraging you to tell me that we really are assisting the governing body, or not.

EJ: You

JS: \_\_\_\_\_

EJ: OK, \_\_, let me address that, the way that I view that, is years ago, the citizens involvement committee did that and assisted the government in establishing its first program, and I don't know how many times it's been changed since the original comp plan, but certainly a citizens involvement committee was involved in that, and then the 2<sup>nd</sup> \_\_\_ point is, I'm sorry

JS: Assisting the governing body with the development of a program that promotes and enhances citizen involvement

EJ: And what you're doing now, is evaluating that program. The citizen involvement committee is gathering to evaluate what you have in place now, is it working, is it not working and should the council consider changes to the planning commission program

JS: Asks a question, I don't know what \_\_\_\_\_

EJ: No, you're the comprehensive plan

JS & EJ: Back and forth, **can't follow**

EJ: And what DC did instead of doing it like the state says, you know, each time, your comp plan says, here's what our citizens need, anybody who shows up

JS: I understand that, they're trying to move towards the state's goal 1

EJ: Uh-huh

JS: And we're trying to understand what it's about, then we look to their definitions, and that's what I'm reading.

**Someone is talking, I think it may be JM, and talking about the council appointing a CCI**

EJ: And that's why we're making a collective statement, I don't want to have any, and I don't live here, but I recommend that judging how important this is to you, that we don't take a vote, and overrule what one person thinks, and present only what the majority wants, that we make a collective list, and we say here's everything we heard. At the public hearing you can come, and you can say what you as an individual think, but tonight I think a good way to move forward is a collective statement, where we may have completely conflicting viewpoints on something, but they are on that list, and let the planning commission wrestle with that – what they get from you and what they hear at the public hearing. So, we've already done a lot of Jake's job, Jake is going to talk to us about what goal 1 really says. He's a planner, he's well educated and we're going to take a break, and let Jake talk – Sorry.

JS: Well, there's one more sentence to read.

EJ: OK, one more sentence from the goal

JS: A CCI differs from a citizen advisory committee, a CAC, when that the former the CCI, advises the local government only on matters pertaining to citizen involvement and goal 1, period. This committee has nothing to do with anything else except advising council.

EJ: on citizen involvement

PH & JM interrupting – can't decipher.

JM \_\_\_\_\_ but the point is \_ that the \_\_\_\_ is not allowed to make recommendations to the council, and that's the problem\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ we've got a job to do

JM & PH both talking – can't decipher

EJ: Jake, will you take a couple of minutes and talk about goal 1 (JM & PH still talking) FH says something – EJ talking, Jake trying to talk

JC: OK, (JM & PH continue talking and FH– all gibberish)



JC: So, Emily \_\_\_\_ and I want to educate you but I'm getting the sense, totally, that we have an educated group. So I'm going to remind everybody in this context of goal 1, we've been talking about it, so we're in it, John's provided us a nice overview of some detail and I'm going to give some you some sort-of bullet points about what the goal 1 citizen involvement requires. So we all know that there are statewide planning goals that address things like transportation and the economy and natural resources and the number 1 goal is citizen involvement; so citizens should be involved in planning from the get-go. One other little element to give us a framework to put this information into is just really a, I don't know, talking about the two really basic types of planning actions that require citizen involvement, some form of citizen involvement, and that would be your legislative actions which are things like comp plan and code, the first set of actions affect lots of people, perhaps the entire city in many cases, so these actions are at a higher scale, then there are quasi-judicial actions which typically involve one property, so a sub-set of the entire population and a smaller, and typically have sort of a lesser citizen involvement component. So those are types \_\_\_\_ that you may have heard, that's sort of the difference there. So the requirements for a citizen involvement program include (1) – that the program provide for widespread citizen involvement, that involves a cross-section of the affected citizens, that a committee for citizen involvement be identified and established, maybe that the planning commission, we talked about the history of that here in DC. A periodic evaluation of the process being used for citizen involvement, that's what we're doing here tonight. \_\_\_\_ an evaluation of how we go about getting citizens involved in DC. Number (2) Communication, the program should assure effective two-way communication between local \_\_\_\_ and citizens. So, establishing mechanisms for effective communications, and we're going to talk about things that may exist in citizens program, things that are working, or things that would work, so I'm trying to help us get some ideas and make sure that we've considered maybe things that we haven't even thought about as being involved in goal 1, some ideas for when we start writing things down. So 2-way communication, and mechanisms for insuring 2-way communication, between citizens and local officials. Citizen input, so you have a program that provides opportunity for citizens to be involved in all phases of the planning process, so testimony, city officials prepare and consider adopted or amending land use plans and regulations. Technical information: a program that assures that the technical information is available in an understandable form, that's very important. Measures for translating the technical information into simplified, understandable forms; ways to help citizens access information and interpret that information. I see a lot of technical reports and information involved in applications, and goal 1 suggests that there should be some mechanism for translating that technical information into information that citizens can evaluate. A proposal based \_\_\_\_\_, for example. Feedback –You need to assure that citizens get responses from all policy makers. A good citizen involvement program should include mechanisms for feedback from all city policymakers to citizens. And finally, financial support. Goal 1 suggests that a program must have-should assure adequate funding for a citizen involvement program so that human, financial and informational resources dedicated to citizen involvement and should be an element of the planning budget. So that's an overview of these elements of goal 1, and we keep mentioning goal 1, it's sort of hard to see there will be \_\_\_\_\_ to each group specifically but, we're hoping as we go through this, all of that part, understanding some of these requirements of goal 1 and how \_ ways that DC is doing things well, and what ways DC could do things better and what should really be part of the program.

RK: Could I add something

JC: Yeah

RK: The fundamental thing about DC's comp plan is that it goes above the state requirements because of peculiarities in the area, so when one contemplates making changes, they should be considering the high probability of having things be better than the state requirements, I would assume, because it's been done in the past and small towns, like ours, it can be done again.

JC: Yeah, so that would be a really important point for the here's what we do well.

RK: or better

JC: or better

LS: So after what Jake just said, you \_\_\_\_\_ whatever is working, or could work, in terms of a citizen involvement program, or what you would like to see in a citizen involvement program, and also what is not working \_\_\_\_\_, and we're going to help you think about that. We want to talk to you about a couple of things. Emily noted that she has posted some words that may jog your thinking power although the people here have opinions and I don't think you need to be jogged. Jake talked to you about state law requirements but I want to talk to you really briefly about some things that are already in DC code in terms of citizen involvement which may almost form the discussion. **Before the city can change any city regulations, there are some citizen involvement pieces that are required under the city code, and we're not talking about changing any of those.** Public notice is required by mail, publication in the paper, posting, or all 3, for almost all land planning decisions in the city so, notice is one piece of this, a public hearing, at least one, is required for most land use planning decisions made in the city. Everyone who participates by testifying at a hearing or simply writing comments should receive notice of the final decision so you know that the city decided and not left in the dark. If your property is within 300 feet of a piece of property that a land use application has been filed for, you will receive notice of that publication so you know what's going on around you. Copies of land use applications and supporting documentation and staff reports are always available to the public and as I noted already, in most cases, the public has an opportunity to come and to speak to the planning commission and the council to actually speak to them but also to provide written testimony and other types of information. So I say that not to say – OH, everything's perfect, we have this in our code, but I just wanted to let you know that those things are in the city's code already and that may help think about what is good about a citizen involvement program. Oh, no, the staff reports is something that I want to continue, or see more of and the other thing I wanted to say is, tonight we're not about barriers, we want your, what you have to say, we want to write it down, exactly as you said it and we want to provide it to the planning commission and to the council. As you know, there is, we have levels of \_\_\_\_\_ that are compiled, and so sometimes a suggestion made tonight, may, may not be possible because of state law timelines or something like that. But tonight, we're not going to throw up those roadblocks, tonight, we just want to hear what you have to say. So, don't put yourself in a box, let us know what you think, let us know what you think's not working, let us know what you think could work, and we will write it down, because we want to hear it. So

EJ: Alright, so we will be happy to reach the pinnacle of drinking Kool-Aid by putting you in a circle for a while and we're \_\_\_\_\_ it now. So here's how we're going to do this, there are a couple of questions that Jake and Loren are going to ask you and you're gonna' go around the circle and get your thoughts and we're going to write down what you say. For every person who speaks, they are also going to choose a listener who is tasked, you all have to listen, but that one person is really tasked with listening closely to what's being said and when that person is done talking, the listener needs to say what they heard the person say, and not paraphrase, but you know, here's what I understood you to say and the speaker needs to say Yes, or No, I didn't get my point across fairly. In the meantime, we're going to be recording what we understood the speaker to say and making sure it's right and we're going to ask you guys to double check and make sure what we say is what you mean to say because what I'm understanding is that there are a lot of things that are being said but it seems anyway, like there isn't a lot of trust that those things are being heard; and we want to really try to instill some more trust and give the planning commission and the city council the tools, to really, really understand and see and hear what's being said and we want to make you feel, and understand that you are being hurt. So, each facilitator will pick a person to speak first and a listener and we'll follow that process, and we will just do the two questions, don't do the third question and I'll kind of run about between you, okay.

JC: **Alright . they start the group – lots of noise in the room, impossible and not worth deciphering it all** First question – what is not working,

MJL: There has been no CCI meeting for years and years, how can I say what is working, or not working. I have no reference. In meetings, you can be at the wall of babel, there is no interaction at any meeting, no questions or answers due to the mayor. My problem is this you have a council that is a peopled primarily by PAC members, a planning commission that is a majority of PAC members, and since I went to the budget committee meeting, that is all the same. So do I think that this is a broad spectrum view or representation of the city, absolutely not.

FH: What is not working – lack of structure in the CCI process and the fact that voting members change from meeting to meeting. So what you end up with is a constant change of direction of the CCI. There is a lot of confusion about what is a CCI and a CAC, and the only thing DC is familiar with is the CCI, and if you have a bonafide CAC - that will do what has historically been done by the CCI in DC.

LR: The CCI defined by DC does not meet the state definition; **The CIC** is an oversight group for the group advising the planning commission. The CCI should only be an oversight committee. CAC should only have a specific job. **We don't review his remarks – they are rambling.**

EJ: So DC is not using the CCI correctly, at least the label CCI for more than assisting the citizen involvement program but on paper in you comp plan, you got it right.

FH: yes , DC has used the term CCI to cover what CCA means

EJ: so this is really our maiden voyage for doing it right.

DB: We have no CCI's really, what we have are CAC's appointed by the council. When the council appoints one of these committees, we treat it like a CAC under the CCI, but we really don't have a CCI. The Comp plan should really be written by all the citizens but once the comp plan was written, all the legislative action can only come from the council and I think the confusion is that citizens think a CCI, or CAC can tell the council what to put in an ordinance. What's not working is to have a confusion of terms in which a CAC is called a CCI, and I don't think voting at the meetings is productive. The purpose of the meetings is to communicate citizens' ideas to decision makers.

RK: That's what I heard, and all the other jargon.

DB: Voting creates dilution with the loser's voice not being heard. Everybody's voice should be heard.

RK: Since DC, in the past 2.5 years, has not concerned themselves with citizens' thoughts, why should we even start? The comp plan is fine the way it is. We should first start with discussion with citizens and understandings of the divisions that occurred in 2006.

JM: What's working?

RK: What's working now is imposed government. Resolving the past "Schemunda" (garbage). What keeps us separate.

DB: What is working, as imperfect as the present system is, it works to a certain point – it does give a citizen the chance to be involved – what would make it better is following the state's structures.

FH: I agree, as imperfect as our current situation here is, it is working in that it does facilitate the process for citizen involvement, or otherwise we wouldn't all be here tonight. It would be very helpful, in my opinion, if we adopt, move towards the process similar to what the state intended to be \_\_\_\_ goal 1. Resolving some of these term issues, the terms that have been used, and so on, so you have a permanent CCI, and then ad-hoc CACs as we have issues that should be addressed with citizen input.

JC: Any comments

RK: Making the comp plan better, holding it to the higher standard.

JC: Things that are working, what would work?

LR: Confining the time schedule for one of these bodies to complete their work, and not drag it out. The voting consequence divides the city and keeps the city floundering. You get a whole new bunch of people at the next meeting, and you start over. (Rambling – he is advocating the state structure, and that the random voting with the random electorate does not work and he would like a CAC to study a problem in a definite timeline and come back with their report. Wants to restrict down what the state defines – too general, wants to restrict it down to only what DC needs, as long as you don't disagree with the state. what would work.

JC: Fred what's working – what would work

FH: What's working is a relatively limited input for citizen input, and that's a good thing, I know of locations where there is no opportunity – it's better than nothing. We really need to work on education on what things means with citizens and we need to get to state goal 1. I think it would be better not to vote, or have the voting body change when the results are going to a deciding body. Storm water floundered for 2 years. In February 2012, we could not resolve buildable lands, or CCI, so we had to come back to the start.

MJL: You can have dissenting opinions submitted they must be heard and considered along with the consensus recommendations and are just as important. They should be read, understood and openly debated so that all opinions have been heard, and there is none of that now, there is zero. It needs to be obvious to citizens that decision makers have read what you said, and although they think you're full of it, they heard it and considered it, and discuss it and not a parliamentary basketball game like that we have so often now. It just makes me not – I watch it, and it's very upsetting.

LR: I think we're focusing on stumbling blocks –prox. 70% of what is in the comp plan now works

MJL: I want to reiterate, after all this time that has been put in, there has to be positive feedback from whoever is making a decision that they are coming from an informed place and you know that they read it, everything that has gone into laying this all out for them to help make the decision has been considered and looked at thoughtfully.

Chatter 10 minutes of conflicting noise

PH: I'm leaving

EJ: No, come on, we're almost finished here, please stay, we don't mean to complicate your life, but I have been hovering around both groups, and I have to say for people with a lot of differing viewpoints on things, that you listened with a lot of respect for one another, I felt like people were speaking their minds which indicates that there's some trust there, or at least, self-confidence, both of which are really important and I think when people speak from their hearts and thoughtfully and are listened to with respect, there is always trust, and it doesn't come right away, but I get the feeling, that whether, or not, you agree with each other, there is a certain level of trust among all of you, and for that reason, I'm okay with skipping what I'd like to do next, which is have somebody from your group go through all these for the big group but I need to see some head nods and consensus that you guys feel okay about not hearing what the other group said tonight, knowing that the next step that we're going to take as staff, is we're going to take these back and we are going to dutifully write them up into what we are going to call a collective statement, and we're going to distribute that to all of you as a first step. I noticed that there aren't the same numbers of names and email addresses on that sign-in sheet as there are people here. So, Fred will you be diligent, and as people walk out, make sure we get the way to contact you after tonight, so knowing that you're going to get that back from us, I am absolutely happy to have somebody from each group go through the \_\_\_\_\_ of charts tonight, and if there is consensus that we'd rather not do that right now

Audience: Yesses

EJ: Okay, so they're going to go out by email as soon as we can get them done and we're going to talk to Fred about the most economical way to make that happen, and we need to make sure that they are very accurate. So we'll figure out the process for doing that and get them to you and we will call it a collective statement. So the next thing we need to talk about is how to present, how this should be presented to the Planning Commission at their meeting on what is it, June 26<sup>th</sup>?

FH: On the fourth Thursday, whatever that would happen to be

EJ: The fourth Thursday in June

LS: June 27<sup>th</sup>

EJ: The 27<sup>th</sup>, okay, and what I would like to see happen is Peter and Mary Jo act as our representatives of this committee tonight, and bring those papers, bring those pages to the public hearing, will that be the public hearing, Fred?

FH: Yup

EJ: To the public hearing, where the Planning Commission is going to take its first look and consider changes to the citizen involvement program, and I will personally make sure that if you do this, you'll present those, but you will also have your own opportunity to testify as a citizen if you want to do that.

PH: Is that June 27<sup>th</sup>?

EJ: 27<sup>th</sup>

PH: I will be preparing to sell iced tea at a festival to raise money for Columbus\_\_\_\_\_. I will not be in Oregon.

EJ: You won't be in Oregon, okay then, I'd like John to do it, would you do it, John?

PH: Says something

EJ: You turned me down once tonight

EJ: Will you

JS: and you don't dare turn me down again

Laughter

JS: So, I'll do it, whatever it is

JM: Are you going to be in town the end of June

MJL: Thursday, the 27<sup>th</sup> of June

JS: Thursday, the 27<sup>th</sup> of June

EJ: and as you can see, I put a great deal of thought in who I selected, I haven't, and think that's the beauty of it frankly, you know, what we need you to do is stand up in front of the Planning Commission and say, here's what I'm giving you, it's a collective statement, here's what we did when, we the committee met on the 15<sup>th</sup>; this is the result; it's not voted upon, it's not a majority opinion, it's not a minority opinion, it is everything we said at the committee meeting and you'll

have your own opportunity to speak from your own perspective as a private citizen; but as a committee member will the two of you do that for us?

MJL: Yeah, you're going to transcribe that?

EJ: Yes

MJL: OK - laughing

Back and forth, everyone talking

JS: You're going to transcribe it, send it out to this group for review, we're going to make our comments, send it back...

EJ: Nope, the only comment you can make is: **that is not right**, but I'm hoping, because we had listeners, that we're going to get it right; so only if it's not right, I mean, we're not going to edit

JS: And you're going to tell us that in the email

EJ: Yes sir

JS: Hey, if you say anything that's not right, let us know. And then we will be able to say when we report this to the council, this process, that we did all this thing, and you gals wrote it up and gave it to us and we \_\_\_\_\_ that back to the committee

EJ: Okay?

JS: Sure

EJ: I want to thank you both for agreeing to do that and have fun making iced tea, Peter.

Discussion follows about sun tea – I'm not including it here

EJ: So, I think, in light of the hard work that happened tonight, we can do our last exercise, and then finish up, so on the note card, you have your note card and pen now – you wrote on it didn't you?

DB: I wrote myself a note

Laughter

EJ: So what we'd like you to write down is, and then we're going to go around the circle \_\_, and then we're going to have a \_\_\_\_, is: What is the best possible outcome of the work that we did tonight? What is the best possible outcome that we as a committee did tonight?

EJ: So we're going to take a minute, read our statements and go around the circle, Susie, why don't you start, and come this way

SN: You want me to read what's on my card?

EJ: I do

Laughter

SN: I don't know, and I don't even know the words to Kumbaya.

Laughter

EJ: I'll email them to you I now have your email address.

RK: Mine is, the outcome was, the surface tension was eased by this gathering and the potential for change is highly likely since it's already been decided. Thanks for the session down here.

DB: Mine is very general, a CCI program that works better and easier and involves more of the DC community in DC public affairs.

LR: Mine's more of a wish list –

EJ: Good

LR: since I will be involved in the outcome of this so some keep in mind\_\_\_\_\_ it's unintelligible he's saying that he thinks everyone's now got the idea of what a CCI should be and that though it was never mentioned tonight that the Planning Commission will be looking to get DC in line with state definitions and format \_ and getting that first section 1A up to compliance with the state.

MJL: The best outcome would be that procedures are adopted so that every citizen who wants to be heard, will be, and can visibly sense that they have been, and decision makers take advantage of the collective wisdom and reasoning offered before making determinations that will ultimately affect all of us.

I can't tell who is trying to respond next, but EJ says she's going to want it, and offers another card, and then goes on

EJ: Fred

FH: Yeah, mine is really simple, understanding others' opinions better, I have a selfish outlook on this tonight, understanding others' opinions better and others' is plural and possessive and getting some great ideas. A lot of conversation tonight sparked some really good, as you know I was as apprehensive as anybody was about this particular process working for this group and one of the things that came out of it to me, is in our small group, Mary Jo was quick to jump on the mode that you don't necessarily have to vote, you can have the dissenting opinion and that came out of the discussion, so that opened my mind to some thought. Thank you.

TB: Okay, well the best possible outcome, off the top of my head, is that people by working like this, people will realize that we're still able to work like this; we can still have a group that talks to each other, listens to each other, disagrees or agrees and survive it. And that people will, people are willing to work hard, and they are willing to listen to each other, especially in these kinds of settings, and I also hope that the council and other officials take our concerns seriously whether past or current. Lots of times history comes up when we try to move forward, and people want history honored and some people want change; you know, that's where we butt heads often, so I hope by improving the process that we can overcome that, at least learn to talk to each other better. My card doesn't actually say any of that, I just made it up.

Laughter

EJ: What I said is, my view of the best possible outcome of the work that occurred here tonight is a more inclusive, open citizen involvement process where citizen input is truly heard and considered, where anyone who wants to participate can and where folks feel empowered and engaged in the decisions that are made in their community.

PH: Well I have to preface this by saying that, it seems to me that I recall, sharing more than one CCI meeting, maybe dozens, I don't know, that is a long drawn-out process; it was torturous but I think it worked despite some disagreements

amongst some, but it basically forced the city to make some changes; it was very difficult and somewhat \_\_\_\_\_. Let's see, best outcome – preservation of DC's old CCI process which apparently is doomed or perhaps it's already past; this was not, in my opinion, a CCI meeting, we had, at the very beginning, ruled out voting which is part of the CCI process, anyway, that's what I feel.

JC: My thoughts are, and playing off some of the themes of what I heard was, the best outcome would be citizens opinions in DC are heard, respected and considered.

JM: \_\_\_ of the citizen involvement program that complies with state law involves as many citizens as possible and guarantees decision makers hear the citizens' concerns.

JS: Mine says, I took a more personal look at this thing. We ventilated this evening. Forward your perceptions of the committee's concerns to the city council along with a copy of the document produced. Make recommendations to the council re: Improvement of its relationships with the community.

EJ: Well, I'm still alive. .. Chatter.. So, now I'd like to have anybody who has, who is not a serving member other than tonight, but who has served the city on a committee, planning commission or city council stand up

DB: Will you re-phrase the question?

EJ: Sorry, Anybody who has served other than tonight on a committee, whatever you want to call them, because clearly there's some confusion about that, CAC, a past CCI, city council or planning commission – stand up.

More chatter

EJ: Alright now, everybody else needs to stand up now because tonight you were on the committee so you're in the club, and you served time tonight and it is appreciated

More chatter

DB: Does this take off three hours off our time in hell?

EJ: I suggest we take a minute to thank one another for something that we don't have to do, and frankly sometimes it's very difficult, and now in the center, I think, I'd like to have a couple people step in because hearing these things about how things have gone down in the past is one thing, but hearing them when it relates to the job you're doing right now is quite another and it can be really hard, so Jaime, Lee and Fred (applause) Thank you very much everybody.

Chatter, applause

EJ: Okay, I want to make sure I have everybody's last cards and that we have you email address, and I have one more thing I wanted to ask. If Teresa calls you to talk to you, or get a quote or anything about her story about tonight, is there anybody she just should not call, or will talk to her she says something else

TB: Says she has 3 hour tape and if anyone calls, she's going to hang up

More laughter























