

MEMORANDUM

Date: August 1, 2025
To: West Linn Committee for Community Involvement
From: Rory Bialostosky, Mayor
Subject: Committee for Community Involvement 2025-27 Priorities and Work Plan

As part of our effort to maintain greater communication with our community advisory boards, the City Council would like to share with you the Council Priorities for 2025-27 (attached) that align with a work plan we are providing to each of the community advisory groups. Council wants to ensure that limited City and volunteer resources remained focused on the primary goals of the Council and delivering quality core municipal services. The City's Municipal Code section 2.020(2) provides these workplans as a way for Council to provide direction and focused alignment on the city's priorities. We believe these work plans are a positive step in this direction and hope that you find it helpful in your efforts in influencing policy for the City.

We also want to take time to emphasize our overarching goal of belonging and reaching out to the community. Community advisory groups are a key part of connecting with our community and we greatly value the role you play in this. We hope the Committee for Community Involvement continues to find new ways to engage and involve a broad range of community members in the important work that you do and considers ensuring belonging and inclusivity in all the work that you do.

Based on your annual report we received from your group and in furtherance of the Council's adopted Priorities, the Council would like the Committee for Community Involvement to focus attention on the following work below this biennium:

1. ****Neighborhood Association Engagement:** Meaningful community involvement is a partnership. Working with the neighborhood associations, find specific proven ways to increase community involvement via neighborhood associations.
 - a. Consider in person and virtual outreach and polling to determine current benefits and limitations to neighborhood association outreach
 - b. Host joint CCI and neighborhood association presidents meetings
 - c. Consider neighborhood association outreach, NA budgets, events, structural/boundary/policy changes, uniformity (using successful outreach strategies more uniformly throughout the neighborhood associations through training/policies) and other factors to take a wholistic approach to improvements.
2. **Land Use Outreach:** Provide recommendations to Council on ways to increase clarity and public participation in land use/development processes and general City business
3. **City Project Outreach:** Provide feedback to Council on ongoing City project outreach to refine and improve reach to the community
4. **Waterfront/Vision43:** Provide recommendations on the Waterfront Vision and Vision43 Plans as requested by consultant team

5. **Community Engagement & Belonging:** *Work to improve diversity, equity, inclusivity and belonging in the community and consider recommendations and actions through an equity lens.
- a. **Focus on supporting other CAG's equity efforts.
 - b. **Provide guidance to ensure all CAGs are working together and directly with the public so a variety of diverse voices are included in each recommendation to Council.

**denotes a direct 2025-27 Council Priority*

***denotes further clarification needed from Council. See below*

If something arises during the year that you believe necessitates a change to this work plan, please feel free to have your chair forward your request to the Council in writing for our consideration and we will provide you with feedback. CAGs may request funding or sponsorship for events, activities, or programs not specifically listed in this workplan through their Council liaison or by providing a request in writing.

As always, a heartfelt thank you for your dedicated service to West Linn,

Mayor Bialostosky

****Request for clarification regarding items #1 & 5 related to 2/25/25 CCI Letter to Council**

CCI provided a letter to Council dated February 25, 2025 requesting Council direction to work with the neighborhood associations on outreach (attached). The Committee for Community Involvement, other CAGs, and Neighborhood Associations all serve important roles in engaging the broader West Linn community. Clarification regarding the roles and responsibilities of each group with respect to communication and community outreach would be beneficial for all. Here are a few suggested key questions to support Council in this consideration:

1. In what ways, if any, would the Council like the CCI to support the outreach efforts of other CAGs?
2. In what ways, if any, would the Council like the CCI to support the outreach efforts of Neighborhood Associations?