

Key Legal Powers of Neighborhood Associations & Community Advisory Groups

Based on West Linn Municipal Code Section 2.100 and City guidance.

Neighborhood Associations (NAs):

- Automatic membership for all residents, business owners, nonprofits, and property owners in a neighborhood.
- NAs are officially recognized by the City as communication channels with City Hall.
- They receive early notifications about land use, Council, and Planning Commission matters.
- They have the right to appeal land use decisions without cost if membership votes are recorded.
- Meetings must be open, publicized, and inclusive, with at least one general meeting annually.

Community Advisory Groups (CAGs):

- CAGs advise City Council on citywide topics such as sustainability, transportation, arts & culture, and economic development.
- They are made up of West Linn residents who apply and are appointed to serve.
- CAGs provide structured input, annual work plans, and support Council's long-term goals.
- They complement NAs by offering issue-based engagement when neighborhood-level participation is limited.

■ Both NAs and CAGs are central to fulfilling Oregon's Goal 1 for Citizen Involvement. Residents are encouraged to stay informed through meetings, City announcements, and the City newsletter (QR code signup).