

OLCC Land Use Committee

The purpose of the land use committee is not to envision the future of the many neighborhoods within the OLCC, or to rewrite ZDOs to meet our expectations, whatever they may be. Our purpose is more grounded than visionary. It is to analyze and present to the OLCC specific land use applications one at a time - real people, real land, and real investments within a real framework of ordinances that define how Clackamas Cty does its business now. Our charge would be to analyze carefully & competently, to present land use applications to the OLCC clearly and efficiently.

The land use committee should:

- Establish regular meeting times and post to website.
- Review and comment on every application addressed to the CPO.
- Refer to specific ordinances – we'll learn the operating rules, and look for opportunities to advance values for community and sustainable design.
- Invite applicants to present their cases. We'll get to know each other.
- Interview neighbors of subject applications.
- Visit and photograph subject sites.
- Make application documents available electronically (work in progress).
- Provide timely summaries of OLCC decisions to County Planning & Development staff.
- Make decision documents available electronically (post to website).
- Organize and maintain comprehensive file of all documents, a file folder for each application, available to any OLCC member for research, etc.
- Organize and maintain a log of land use applications – pertinent issues and results, for historical reference and continuity.

Land use in our area is a much larger issue than the individual cases we will review. Our efforts to serve this fundamental function should free the rest of you to organize for the larger issues that may, at this time, be more developmental or political in nature.

During the course of our work, we should illuminate shortcomings or opportunities that can inform the development of design guidelines or the other efforts the CPO engages in.