

Clark County Planning Commission

Thursday, February 21, 2013

5:30 P.M. - GMA 101 and Planning Commission Best Practices

BOCC Hearing Room, 6th Floor - Public Services Building

1300 Franklin Street, Vancouver, WA

AGENDA

5:00 p.m.	Meet and Greet Buffet Oliver Orjiako, Clark Co. Staff Dick Deleissegues, Clark County PC Chairman	Clark County Planning Commissioners and those from area cities are introduced
5:30 p.m.	Formal Agenda gets underway with introductions by Oliver Orjiako and Dick Deleissegues	Joe Tovar is introduced as presenter/facilitator/trainer
5:35 p.m.	Segment A- GMA 101: Legal Framework for planning in Washington Joe Tovar	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The history, purpose, and evolution of GMA• GMA in context of other states• GMA in context of SEPA/SMA• Property rights and due process• OPMA, Appearance of Fairness and Conflict of Interest Doctrines• Q and A
6:10 p.m.	Segment B – Comprehensive Planning 101: The what, why and how of comprehensive planning Joe Tovar	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Comprehensive Planning Process• Vision, Goals, Policies, Elements, Land Use Map• Implementation via regulations, capital budgets, programs• Relationship to Functional Plans• Public involvement requirements & methods

6:40 p.m.	<p>Segment C – Comprehensive Planning 102</p> <p>Organizational roles and relationships</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roles of Planning Commission, staff, elected county board or city council • Mutual obligations, prerogatives, and best practices • What is the role of the planning commission? • Who are the key players in the planning process and what do they do? • Are decision-makers obligated to take the recommendation of the planning commission? What is the legal basis for the planning commission? • Are all planning commission meetings public meetings? • What things do planning commissioners need to disclose on the record? Why? • Can a planning commission meet in ‘executive session’? Under what circumstances?
7:15 p.m.	Break	
7:30	Segment D – Mock Planning Commission Public Hearing	<p><i>Planning Commissioners and staff participate in a role playing exercise to illustrate the do’s and don’ts of the conduct of a public hearing</i></p>
8:30 p.m.	Segment E – the Planning Commission as a deliberative body	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Model Meeting Agenda • Tips for building the record • Tips for tracking proposed amendatory language in real time • Tips for disagreeing in an agreeable way • Tips for transmitting Planning Commission recommendations to the elected officials • Tips for feedback loops to the planning commission • Taking stock - “retreats” and annual reports • Q and A
9:00 p.m.	Other Planning Commission Business	