After approximately two years of effort the Stayton Comprehensive Plan Update Committee is completing its efforts of completely reviewing and updating the City’s Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive Plan was first written in the mid-1970s, and though it has seen revisions and partial updates since, this is the first time the document has been systematically reviewed and updated in its entirety.

The draft Comprehensive Plan contains a number of new City policies and for each policy in the plan there is at least one recommended implementation action. The existing Comprehensive Plan is inconsistent in the presentation of City goals and policies and does not include specific recommendations for actions to take to implement the policies in the Plan. The new Comprehensive Plan contains a clear hierarchy of City goals, policies, and implementation actions.

As a result of the review and update, the Comprehensive Plan Update Committee is recommending changes to the Comprehensive Plan Map and the City’s Official Zoning Map. For the past 35 years, the City has had a combination Comprehensive Plan Map and Official Zoning Map. Rather than being as detailed as the Zoning Map, the new Comprehensive Plan Map shows only broad categories of land use: residential, commercial, industrial, downtown, and public.

The Committee is also proposing that several dozen small changes be made to the zoning map. These changes are mostly designed to eliminate nonconforming uses by placing properties in a zone in which the current use is permitted or bring properties that are split by a zoning boundary into one zone.

The draft Comprehensive Plan can be reviewed on the City’s website. A copy is available at the Stayton Library and a limited number of paper copies are available at the Planning and Development Office.

At the time the *Front Porch* is published, the Update Committee will have held its public information session. The Update Committee will forward the Plan to the Planning Commission who will hold a public hearing on Monday, June 25, starting at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers of the Community Center. The hearing will be another opportunity for you to learn about the draft plan and to ask questions and express your opinion about the Plan.

*From the desk of Dan Fleishman, Planning & Development Director*

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**Calendar**

- **City Council** (1st & 3rd Mon): May 7th & May 21st
  - Jun 04th & Jun 18th, 7pm; Community Center
- **Planning Commission** (Last Mon): May 28th & Jun 25th, 7pm; Community Center
- **Parks Board** (1st Tue): May 1st & Jun 5th, 7pm
  - E.G. Siegmund Meeting Rm./Library
- **Commissioner's Breakfast** (2nd Tue): May 8th & Jun 12th, 7:30am; Covered Bridge Café
- **Comprehensive Plan Committee** (Last Wed): May 30th, 7pm; E.G.Siegmund Mtg. Rm./Library
- **Community Leaders Mtg.** (Fri) May 11th & Jun 08th, 6pm; City Hall Conf.Room
- **Police Advisory Committee** (3rd Tues Quarterly): May 15th, 6 pm; City Hall Conf.Room
- **Budget Committee Meetings**
  - Tues. May 8th, Thurs. May 10th & Mon. May 14th (if needed)
  - 7:00 pm; E.G.Siegmund Meeting Room/Library
Retirement Party for the Deputy City Recorder

Rebecca (Beki) Petersen is retiring after serving 22+ years with the City of Stayton. Please join us in honoring her at a reception:

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Friday, June 1st, 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm
E.G. Siegmund Meeting Room
Stayton Public Library
515 N. First Avenue, Stayton

EXPLORE THE NIGHT
Stayton Public Library 2012 Summer Reading Program

Summer is coming and your Library is busy preparing for the summer reading program featuring fun events with prizes for reading. Three programs will be offered:

Children through 5th grade “Dream Big – READ”, will get to enjoy professional performers that will come to the library each week for some family friendly events. If kids read every day they can bring their reading bookmark in for a prize. Special prizes will be given for children who choose to read something from non-fiction.

Middle and high school age will be invited to “Own the Night” at the library. Every two weeks, teens who read will be given the chance to win some awesome prizes in a raffle. In addition, there are some fantastic programs lined up including a water fight, a star gazing event, movie nights and our popular game nights. Finishers will get to participate in an all night stay at the library.

Adults get to participate as well in “Between the Covers”. There will be a raffle every two weeks that adults get to enter just by reading whatever they want! Some programs for adults will be featured including themed book discussions, an altered books workshop and a beginner’s genealogy workshop.

Registration for all summer reading programs starts June 18th. All programs free, open to the public & no library cards required.

See You at the Library!!