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DAMASCUS PLANNING NEWS Special Comprehensive Plan Edition

Message from Mayor Jim Wright

Dear Fellow Citizens:



As you can see in this issue, your City Council is at a point of requesting your feedback on one of the many documents needed to adopt our first Comprehensive Plan by the end of the year.

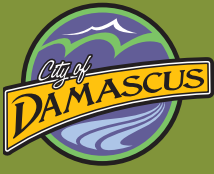
The Damascus Village Development Plan Map (Alternative A) and Draft Comprehensive Plan Map (Alternative B), the first step toward our Comprehensive Plan, is ready for public review and comment. The draft maps

are a visual representation of land uses in Damascus that carry out the City's long-range vision.

All members of your City Council will be closely involved in the community discussions this summer. The purpose of these meetings is for residents to review the draft maps, including the village concept and other approaches to land use, that help us realize our Vision and Core Values.

We want to hear from each of you. Please attend or sign up to host a Coffee Klatch this summer to meet with your friends and neighbors and members of the Council to talk about the draft maps and how we can continue to make Damascus a very special place in the near term and over time.

I and my fellow Councilors are looking forward to meeting you as we continue this journey together.



Time to Weigh In On Comprehensive Planning: *ENVISION DAMASCUS*

Comprehensive Plan

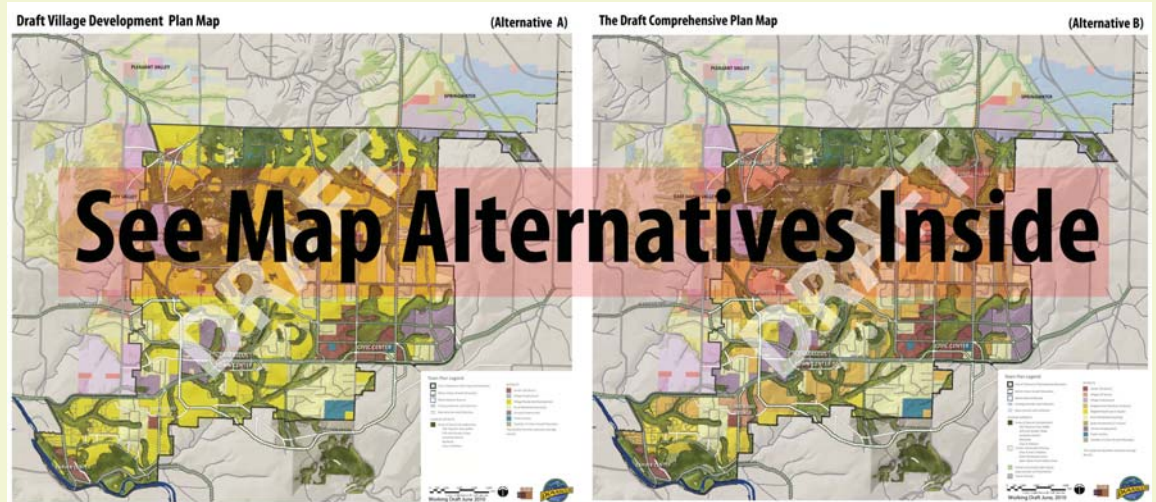
A comprehensive plan is a document stating the general, long-range policies that will govern a local community's future development. A comprehensive plan is required of each city and county by Oregon legislation. As part of the comprehensive plan, the City is required to designate sufficient types and amounts of land to accommodate the need for further urban development taking into account local growth policies, the forecasted future population, and open space/natural resource requirements. The City plans to adopt the Comprehensive Plan, including the Final Comprehensive Plan Map, by December 2010 per State of Oregon requirements.

Citizen Feedback

The City Council is seeking feedback and input from Damascus citizens and stakeholders on the two maps. The maps will be presented to the community through a series of Coffee Klatches through July, and at a final public meeting on August 17, the City Council will present what was learned from the community. Comment forms are available on the City's website, ci.damascus.or.us. After reviewing citizen feedback, the City Council will adopt a Draft Comprehensive Plan Map. This adopted map may be either of the two maps presented or a map that combines elements of each map. The adopted map will serve as the land use plan for the Comprehensive Plan.

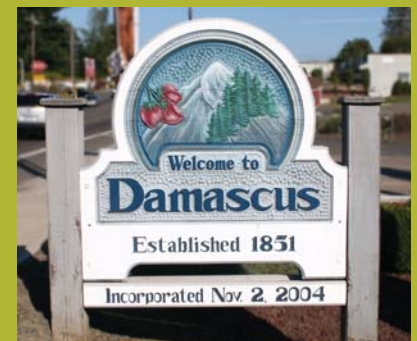
Two Maps

The City Council is presenting two alternative Draft Comprehensive Plan Maps to the citizens and stakeholders of Damascus. The maps are titled, Draft Village Development Plan (Alternative A) and Draft Comprehensive Plan Map (Alternative B). Large maps are posted on the windows at City Hall.



City of Damascus Core Values

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| 1. Well-Designed Communities and Core Areas | 5. Rural Character |
| 2. Effective Transportation Systems | 6. Sense of Community |
| 3. Employment and Economy | 7. Environmental Responsibility and Protected Special Places |
| 4. Governance | 8. Economic Fairness |



Timeline for Comprehensive Plan Work

City Council is currently considering two versions of the Comprehensive Plan Map, and once one of these maps is adopted, the City will be well on the way toward completing the Comprehensive Plan, the Development Code, and the many other plans and documents required to implement the policies of the Comprehensive Plan. Much of this work has been completed since the City incorporated in 2004, but there is still much to do in a short time period over the next year.

Since incorporation, Clackamas County has worked under contract with the City to complete the City's land use applications. The City will begin to take over many of these responsibilities once the Damascus Comprehensive Plan and the Development Code are completed and voters in the City approve the fees for these services.

The Planning Commission was appointed in March 2010 and is currently holding meetings and workshops to be brought up-to-date with the land use process and the work that has been done at the City. Under the current timeframe, they will begin holding meetings on the Comprehensive Plan and Development Code this fall as these documents are completed.

City Council adoption of the Comprehensive Plan should occur later this year with implementing documents such as the Development Code and Transportation Systems Plan (TSP) to follow later in 2011.

What's in the Comprehensive Plan?

The State of Oregon Land Conservation and Development Commission adopted 19 Statewide Goals and Guidelines that provide a legal framework for local land use planning. All local governments in Oregon, including Damascus, follow these goals when developing a comprehensive plan. The text of the Damascus Comprehensive Plan will provide the overall vision for growth in Damascus and contain the City's goals and policies for complying with the Statewide Planning Goals. The Comprehensive Plan will also contain the technical documents that implement the goals and policies.

The implementation documents include:

- Zoning Map
- Development Code
- Transportation Systems Plan
- Water, Wastewater, and Stormwater Master Plans
- Parks and Open Space Master Plan
- Sustainability Plan
- Natural Resources Plan

All the implementation documents will build upon the goals and policies contained in the Comprehensive Plan. Many of the documents will not be complete at the time the City Council adopts the Comprehensive Plan. Once completed and adopted, the documents will be added to the Comprehensive Plan as plan amendments.

Let's Talk - Host a Coffee Klatch, June/July

Would you like to host a Coffee Klatch to review and comment on the Draft Comprehensive Plan Map and the Draft Village Development Plan Map? This summer you are invited to host an informal meeting where you invite your neighbors and friends.

Over 400 citizens attended Coffee Klatches in 2006. Participants commented that they liked the meeting format, saying it was "informal and not intimidating." Coffee Klatches were approximately an hour-and-a-half long, consisted of a small group (5-15 people), and held in community members' homes or businesses.

A City Councilor and a staff person will meet with you and your neighbors to hear what

you have to say, share the latest information, and be on hand to help record questions, concerns and recommendations on the draft maps and the future of Damascus. The meetings are expected to last 90 minutes to two hours (determined by the host).



If you are interested in hosting a Coffee Klatch, please choose a date, location and time of your preference, and contact Theresa Nation by email at tnation@ci.damascus.or.us or

phone (503) 658-8545 for arrangement.

See calendar on opposite page for Coffee Klatches open to the public.

Coffee Klatch Summary

After the Coffee Klatches, the City Council will have a presentation of the maps along with what was learned from the community during the Coffee Klatch outreach. Please join us for a public meeting on August 17, 2010 at Damascus Community Church, 14251 SE Rust Way (just north of Hwy 212, 2 blocks east of Foster Road) from 6-8 PM.



August 17th, 6-8 PM
Damascus Community Church

Coffee Klatch Calendar

Several citizens have volunteered to host coffee klatches in their neighborhood this summer. Most hosts will be sending personal invitations to their neighbors. However, a few hosts have opened their homes to the public as well. While an RSVP is not required, it will be helpful if you let the City know if you plan to attend a citizen-hosted Coffee Klatch so that we have enough seating and refreshments to accommodate all participants comfortably (locations listed in the bottom chart below).

In addition, the City will be hosting three “open” coffee klatches for the public to attend (no RSVP necessary - locations listed in the top chart below).

June/July						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
June 20	21	22	23	24	25	26 
27	28	29	30 	July 1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 
11	12	13 	14 	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 	23	24 
25	26 	27	28	29	30 	31

CITY HOSTED COFFEE KLATCHES

LOCATION	ADDRESS	DATE	TIME
Hollyview Family Fellowship	14095 SE 257th Avenue	July 10	10:00 AM-Noon
City Hall	19920 SE Highway 212	July 14	6:00 – 8:00 PM
Hillsview Community Church	23225 SE Borges Road	July 22	6:00 – 8:00 PM

CITIZEN COFFEE KLATCHES OPEN TO PUBLIC

LOCATION	ADDRESS	DATE	TIME
Martin Residence	19715 SE Heuke Road	June 26	1:00 – 3 :00 PM
Helm Residence	20575 SE High Ridge Court	June 30	6:00 – 8:00 PM
Seiwald Residence	22600 SE Donna Circle	July 13	6:30 – 8:30 PM
Reedy Residence	15555 SE Heidi Lane	July 24	2:00 - 4:00 PM
Wescott’s Auto Restyling	19701 SE Hwy 212	July 26	6:00 – 8:00 PM
Baker Residence	19339 SE Foster Road	July 30	7:00 – 9:00 PM
Passannante Residence	12675 SE Hacienda Drive	August 7	9:30 – 11:00 AM

City Council Appoints First Planning Commission

On March 1, 2010, City Council appointed seven Damascus citizens to the City's first Planning Commission. On April 13, the Planning Commission held their first meeting. The Planning Commission meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month and are expected to begin public hearings later this year. Members include Dr. James Anderson, Chair Harvey Cummings, Patti Gentry, Timothy Giorgi, Vice Chair Donald Hanna Jr., Patty McMillan and Katherine Ruthruff. Planning Commission meetings are open to the public and posted on the City's website. You can email the Planning Commission at

allplanningcommissioners@ci.damascus.or.us. Individual email addresses are available on the City's website.



*Back row, left to right: Timothy Giorgi, Donald Hanna Jr., Dr. James Anderson and Harvey Cummings.
Front Row: Katherine Ruthruff, Patty McMillan and Patti Gentry.*

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Upcoming Events

July 6	Council meeting	7:00 pm
July 7	CCI Meeting	6:30 pm
July 13	Planning Commission	6:30 pm
July 19	Council meeting	7:00 pm
July 21	CCI Meeting	6:30 pm
July 27	Planning Commission	6:30 pm
Aug 2	Council meeting	7:00 pm
Aug 4	CCI Meeting	6:30 pm
Aug 10	Planning Commission	6:30 pm
Aug 18	CCI Meeting	6:30 pm
Aug 16	Council meeting	7:00 pm
Aug 24	Planning Commission	6:30 pm
Aug 24	Final date to file paperwork with City to run for City Council and Mayor (see website for details)	

*For more information go to:
ci.damascus.or.us*

Visit from Andrés Duany

This past May, the City was honored to host Andrés Duany, an internationally known urban designer. His projects include design and development of Seaside, Florida, the creation of the Traditional Neighborhood Development Ordinance (TND), a prescription for pedestrian-oriented, mixed-use, compact urban growth, which has been incorporated into the zoning codes of municipalities across the country, and a comprehensive municipal zoning ordinance called the SmartCode.

During the visit, Mr. Duany met with Council, staff and members of the community. He made an evening presentation that was open to the public and can be checked out on DVD at City Hall.

