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Echo PAC Meeting - February 5 - Comprehensive Plan V2 and Development Code Chapters 3 and 4

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Good morning all,

Attached you will find an Agenda and Memorandum for our meeting next Wednesday, February 5. I haven't had a change to do all of the follow-up from our last meeting so I am pivoting a bit for next Wednesday and turning us back to the Comprehensive Plan and then to a deeper dive into Chapters 3 and 4.

For the discussion attached you will also find Version 2 of the Comprehensive Plan in Word along with both Chapters 3 and 4 in both Word and as a PDF. If you have previous versions of Chapters 3 and 4 printed there are NO changes in these two documents. There are changes in the Comprehensive Plan.

See you next Wednesday.
Carla

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Sun, Feb 2, 2025 at 9:14 PM

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Good Evening Committee Members, I have sent 2 previous emails to the committee and had 2 meetings with Dave. I have not seen any of my concerns or suggestions acknowledged as of yet. When we started this committee in the first meeting I was under the impression the mission was to keep Echo a small Farming, Agricultural, Rural town. Design a plan to keep its history alive while also maintaining Echo's charm and character. Keeping the regulations and change to a minimum. We have generational homes and families. We have areas in the town with land being farmed and farm animals being raised. We have farm equipment driving down the Main Street of our town. We have a train running frequently thru the middle of our town. This all adds up to the originality of our special town that we must preserve. Being on the City

Council I have consistently heard from the community that they do not want the original town of Echo to change. They did not want a Stanfield, Umatilla, Boardman, or Irrigon. They want to keep the original town of Echo. We seem to be off track in this committee. We are not representing the community anymore, and that should be a main goal to represent the community. Below is a very simple example we can use for the Residential Zone. 1. Stick built homes. Any design and any size, from tiny houses to large houses. Regulations meet Oregon State Laws and County laws that are mandatory. No extra laws. Use only the minimum setbacks & etc. in the details of planning. Minimum setbacks on houses, fences, and buildings. 3. Sheds meet county regulation. 4. No regulation on fences or walls on someone's personal property. 5. Farming animals and lands left as it is and included in zone. 6. Business in homes should be a conditional permit. 7. Only Mandatory OR state and County plans should be included for example the flood plain plans, we have to include. The Oregon State extra voluntary plans we should not because they were written for cities not a small farming, agricultural, rural town. 8. We should Grandfather manufactured homes, single wide trailers, and trailer parks into the zone. When they leave they will not be allowed back. For example the city should not have a city trailer park downtown. A city park borders one side and a skate park the other side. This is unsafe for our children. All the new manufactured homes and single wides and trailer parks can be relocated up to the new property development alongside the freeway. 9. A conditional permit should be issued from the city council for any 5th wheel trailer or any Recreational Vehicle needed for medical hardship / work hardship and should be a limited time period. Thank you for your time. Tammie Williams

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Mon, Feb 3, 2025 at 7:34 AM

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Good Morning., I am glad we will go back to the Comprehensive plan, re-reading it again, I do have some more questions.

Tammie-- I agree with you, keeping our history alive. Echo is a small farming community. And in town, we have a handful of what I would call "little pocket" farms, where people have a big enough space to have a cow or goat (or currently do). It is part of our history, given we are a farming community, but also adds a unique charm to a small farm town (my opinion). If we got rid of those spaces, we could have more of a suburb feel. I also feel that having these little pocket farms, holds space, open or green space, for a community. It's kind of like built in nature. The last thing I want to see is every square inch of down town and our hillsides built up with buildings. We would no longer be a farming community, just a community build in farm land....

We also have a golf course, which I think is pretty cool, and adds some diversity to our town. Given it is on a hill that is physically not part of down town Echo, it kind of has it's own vibe (golf course vibe) but in a way that I think flows really well with the whole town. The golf course is not a cookie cutter golf course, and doesn't feel completely separate for downtown either. I think the two flow well together.

The size of the city is as big as some neighborhoods and/or suburbs in other cities. One concern I have is that Echo runs the risk of looking like a suburb if we make a lot of requirements of how homes look and what the landscaping looks like. I would like to take a look at the state requirements and see how they apply to Echo. I don't feel like we need add more requirement to people and to their property that they pay taxes on.

I also think it would really benefit us all, if we walked around Echo together, so we are all on the same page, there really are not that many streets to walk. Maybe our next meeting we could meet at 4:30 and do a walk?

I really do not want to see a cookie cutter development come into Echo like Standfeild. Time and time again, throughout my whole life living here, people always say they love living here because it is quiet, and slow paced. There is not all the hustle and bustle of bigger cities.

I understand that we need growth for revenue and revenue to survive as a town. And I think we can do that in a way that preserves our history and way of life as a small farming, agricultural community.

Hope that all makes sense. See you all on Wednesday.

Jessie

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Good morning everyone, I hope the nice weather was well appreciated.

This is in regard to my concerns on how the verbiage for the comprehensive plan is turning out. More specifically the regulations we are looking at imposing on the residents of Echo. In a nutshell, I am writing to express my concern regarding the proposed changes to the city's residential zoning plan. As a long-time resident of Echo, I have been following the discussions closely, and I feel compelled to share my thoughts on how these changes could potentially affect the heritage and historical character of our community.

While I recognize that growth and development are necessary for the city's future, I am deeply concerned that the proposed zoning changes could significantly alter the unique identity of our neighborhoods. The historic architecture, cultural landmarks, and established community values that define our city are integral to its charm and appeal. I fear that by implementing so many regulations outside of the Oregon Revised Statutes such as certain zoning changes or altering setback requirements, we risk undermining the preservation of these irreplaceable elements that contribute to the rich heritage we all cherish.

These changes, if enacted without careful consideration, could result in the loss of identity and diminish the sense of continuity and pride that residents take in their community. Preserving the heritage of our city should not be viewed as an obstacle to development, but as an essential aspect of ensuring sustainable and meaningful growth that respects both the past and the future.

I encourage all of us to try and adopt a more balanced approach, one that fosters new development while safeguarding the character and legacy of our neighborhoods. This could include measures such as stronger protections for historical sites, incentives for adaptive reuse of heritage buildings, and greater community input in decisions regarding zoning changes. Ensuring that development aligns with the preservation of our city's history will allow us to grow while maintaining the special qualities that make our city unique.

I appreciate the opportunity to be on this board and I hope we all will consider the long-term cultural and historical impacts of these changes as the zoning plan moves forward. I would welcome further discussions on this matter at this week's meeting. And look forward to seeing a solution that reflects the values of both progress and preservation.

Sincerely,
Vicente Escalante
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Jay Bales <jay@echoridgecellars.com>

Mon, Feb 3, 2025 at 1:25 PM

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All,

I am breaking my own personal rule of not having group discussions by email. But here goes.....

I cannot disagree more strongly with the comment that this committee has gotten off track. Absolutely a false statement. I have been to every single meeting and never ONCE have we not gotten around to the fact that we need to keep the charm of small town Echo. What I've seen proposed and talked about thus far is a way to implement positive and slow enacting change. There is not one thing I've seen proposed that doesn't take the goal of preserving that charm or is untoward, or unfair to anyone.

I'm curious if the community members being spoken to, and heard from are long term renters or owner folks with skin in the game. If we are trying to please every single person who prefer no change, well, good luck with that. In fact, why do anything, just leave it the way it is and approach it as the 'lipstick on a pig method' and continue to let the city council micromanage every issue for each and every community member. Do we create rules and guidelines for each and every homeowner/renter and burden the city council and city manager even more with never ending minutiae that will sustain the current 'hodgepodge look' into the future? And like it or not, that is what we have and it makes no sense to me to continue in that direction.

You need a positive path forward and what I've seen thus far from our meetings hurts no one, but at least gives the city that path forward to survive in the future. And while I 100% and totally agree that Echo has a charm that needs to be saved and embraced, you cannot at the same time tell me that there are parts of Echo that are not total and complete eyesores. I truly apologize if that reality offends anyone, but it is a fact, and if that is one of the charms we need to save, then I really did misread the mission of this committee and what Echo's future is all about.

Preserving the greater good of the historic City of Echo is what we all should be after, period. You will never, ever, ever please everybody, and trying to is a total waste of time and will be a never ending struggle for the city to manage. Pick a path with a narrowed focus for its charm/historic goal and get it done.

This will be my last comment over email and will be ignoring all others moving forward, unless it is from Carla! And since I will not be attending this weeks meeting, you all will have to wait for a future meeting to yell at me.

Jay

On Feb 2, 2025, at 9:15 PM, Tammie Williams <tammiew75@gmail.com> wrote:

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Mon, Feb 3, 2025 at 3:12 PM

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Hello – I wanted to thank everyone who has chimed in about their concerns with regards to the development code chapters. I would like to propose that we schedule a meeting just for the development chapters next week on February 12th at 5 PM and hopefully we can work through it as a group. It will be really important that everyone try to be there so we can get everyone's opinion and address the issues brought up.

Please let me know if we can make this work for everyone.

For this week, the meeting is to discuss the *actual comprehensive plan chapter 7*. This chapter is focused on the overarching processes of all the other chapters and hopefully we will have maps from Anderson/Perry to look at. Please let me know if you want me to print chapter 7 draft for you.

Thank you,

Dave

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We have rescheduled so many times. Difficult to reschedule when you work. Would prefer to have it this Wednesday.
Thank you

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I think it would be great if we could schedule a separate meeting to go over everyone's concerns and to clarify things people have questions about. Not sure about next wednesday. What about Thursday?

On Mon, Feb 3, 2025 at 3:12 PM David Slaght <dave@echo-oregon.com> wrote:

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All – We will go ahead and push back some of the agenda items for this week's coming meeting on February 5th and see if we can address concerns brought up with regards to building codes. I want to thank everyone for their feedback via emails and phone conversations.

Thank you,

Dave

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Thank you.

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