

Washington County needs volunteers to serve on advisory boards

Washington Board of Commissioners is seeking volunteers to serve on various boards, committees, and commissions that advise the Board on matters of interest to people who live and work in Washington County. Committees, themselves, do not pass ordinances or establish policy; their purpose is to study issues and make recommendations.

Serving on an appointed board or commission is a great way for Washington County residents to participate in decisions that affect them and to learn more about how local government works. Members must be residents of Washington County.

The following boards are currently seeking applications for new members:

Commission on Children and Families (CCF) (3 current vacancies)

Description: Working with many partners, the Commission looks at conditions in the community that affect children and families and recommends planned strategies and funding to improve those conditions. The Washington County Commission on Children and Families is part of a statewide network of commissions. In addition to recommending funding for key services for children and families, the Commission administers a small grants fund to support the development of assets in the community.

Land Use Ordinance Advisory Committee (LUOAC) (1 term to expire 10/31/03)

Description: An amendment to the County Charter established LUOAC to describe pro-

posed technical changes to the County's land use regulations in a way the general public can easily understand. LUOAC's five members read all proposed land use ordinances and prepare notices describing them which are mailed to a list of individuals who request individual notification. The Committee also drafts the Annual Land Use Notice that is mailed each fall to Washington County property owners. This notice includes a general description of the County's process to adopt land use ordinances and how someone can receive individual notice of each proposed ordinance.

Public Safety Coordinating Council (PSCC) (4 terms to expire 1/1/04)

Description: Coordinates local criminal justice and juvenile justice policy. Makes recommendations for the use of state resources for public safety purposes.

Rural Roads Operations and Maintenance Advisory Committee (RROMAC) (7 terms to expire 12/1/03)

Description: RROMAC studies rural road operations and maintenance concerns in Washington County, works with

County staff to develop program and funding alternatives and makes recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners.

Application availability

The application deadline is November 17, 2003 or until all vacancies are filled. Applications may be obtained by visiting the website or by calling 503-846-8685. Descriptions of all the boards can also be found on the website:

<http://www.co.washington.or.us/cgi/boards/commis.pl>



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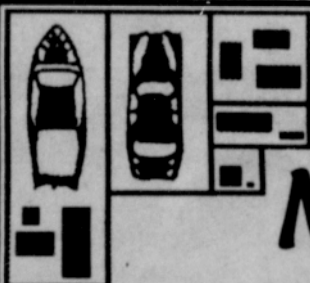
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