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## **To Mayor Bell, City Council, Budget Committee and Members of the Coburg Community:**

This past year, the Planning Department was bustling! Coburg is a desirable place to reside and conduct business. In the beginning of 2022, the pandemic made new and surprising appearances affecting City Hall operations and Planning staff worked remotely when possible to minimize the impact on our community. In the Spring, we celebrated the grand opening and ribbon cutting of the Pavilion Park Bike Hub as restrictions were lifted. The time was ripe for development; 116 building permits were issued in 2022 as well as several land use applications approved. The Zoning Code amendments were adopted implementing the work of the Code Review Ad-Hoc Committee. Educational training and funding opportunities were sought. Plus, daily and administrative tasks continued as usual. The department remained engaged in a variety of activities to enhance livability in and provide exceptional service to the community.

### **SUCSESSES**

- Adopted Zoning Code update implementing the work of the Code Review Ad-Hod Committee
- Awarded federal transportation grants and participated in regional transportation organization (Metropolitan Planning Organization, Transportation Advisory Subcommittee, Transportation Options Advisory Committee, Safe Lane Transportation Coalition)
- Approved Light Industrial Park on Roberts Road
- Reviewed Coburg Creek Subdivision construction plans and addressed code violations
- Processing land use applications for site reviews, map/code amendments, first addition to Coburg Creek & more
- Highly effective Building Program and land use management through partnerships with Cottage Grove and LCOG
- Issued 116 building permits for development valued at nearly 8 million dollars
- Grand opening and ribbon cutting of Pavilion Park Bike Hub
- Completed courses towards earning Oregon Economic Developer Certification from OEDA
- Participated in grant writing mentorship program, workshops from the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and planning/ land use webinars
- Heritage Committee sponsored Willamette Window Restoration booth at Antique Fair

- Awarded Historic Preservation plaques to six recipients
- Participated in CCCS 8<sup>th</sup> grade mentorship program

### **CHALLENGES**

- Staff capacity
- State mandated Climate Friendly and Equitable (CFEC) Rulemaking
- Transportation issues
- COVID related restrictions
  - Reduced/canceled in-person interactions and events
  - Construction costs and supply chain

Overall, the Planning Department achieved success and navigated challenges throughout 2022. The resilience and support of our staff, partners and the community is inspiring. Moving forward, we hope to continue to successfully achieve our goals, manage projects and efficiently navigate challenges as they continue to arise.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve the vibrant community of Coburg!

Sincerely,

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