

CHAPTER 1
GOAL 1: CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT

SECTION 1.0 CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT GOAL

To promote a program that facilitates the flow of information and ideas between the City and its residents and insures the opportunity for citizen involvement in the planning process.

SECTION 1.1 CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

1.1.100 *PURPOSE*

The citizen involvement program developed for the comprehensive planning process has several basic purposes:

1. To provide for citizen development of goals on which the plan will be based.
2. To allow for active participation in preparing alternative plans which are based on the goals previously developed.
3. To provide for review and comment on the various elements of the plan and it's implementing ordinances.

1.1.200 *CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT PROCESS*

Through a series of five workshops, it was possible to present information and technical planning material by city staff or project planners. Each of the workshops contained a working session during which participants helped develop goals and objectives and prepare alternative plans. In this way, the planning process was made highly visible and offered citizens the opportunity to interact directly with the planners and public officials in small group discussion sessions.

From January to April 1977, an Interim Draft of the Comprehensive Plan was reviewed and commented on at bi-monthly public meetings. The comments received from these meetings were then incorporated into a final draft for comment and review from a wider circulation. Plan adoption was preceded by fifteen months of citizen involvement and review.

1.1.300 *ON-GOING CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT*

Just as planning is an on-going process, the citizen involvement program must be continued also. Future plan changes, modifications, and reviews should rely on similar techniques for publicizing and conducting sessions as employed in plan development.

SECTION 1.2 (RESERVED FOR EXPANSION)

SECTION 1.3 (RESERVED FOR EXPANSION)

SECTION 1.4 CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT FINDINGS

1.4.101 Employ alternative methods of informing citizens and obtaining their opinions and attitudes on matters relative to the planning (i.e., questionnaires, public hearings, and advisory committees) and decision making process.

SECTION 1.5 CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT POLICIES

1.5.101 The City will maintain a Citizen Involvement Program that offers citizens the opportunity to be involved in all phases of the planning process. This program will provide for:

- Distribution of planning information
- Coordination of public involvement
- Opportunities for citizen involvement in regional, state and federal programs at the local level.

1.5.102 The City will continue the Citizen Involvement Program and periodically conduct workshops to update and revise the Comprehensive Plan.