

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-14

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF POULSBO, WASHINGTON, ADOPTING A
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION POLICY.

WHEREAS, the City of Poulsbo has a unique history, a unique physical setting, and a growing population, and

WHEREAS, the Poulsbo community is shared by people with diverse interest and values, and

WHEREAS, Poulsbo will be a richer community if dynamic, continuous, broad-based and collaborative civic engagement is embraced as a right and responsibility of its citizens, and

WHEREAS, trust between Poulsbo's elected officials and citizenry is of paramount importance, now, therefore.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POULSBO, WASHINGTON,
HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. **Public Involvement Goals.** The City of Poulsbo's public involvement goals are to:

- A. Communicate regularly and thoroughly about City issues and activities;
- B. Engage the public early;
- c. Provide timely notice;
- D. Provide complete information;
- E. Provide full public access;
- F. Employ creative methods for public involvement at all stages of decision making;

- G. Elicit and identify as many interests as possible before making decisions; and
- H. Collaborate with the public to address as many interests as possible in decision making.

Section 2. Achievement of Goals. In order to achieve the public involvement goals set forth in Section 1, the City will conduct its business in the following ways:

- A. The City's website shall be designed and maintained to assure that public involvement opportunities are easy to identify and that information about City activities and issues is easy to obtain and is timely.
- B. Each major City planning effort (e.g., large capital projects, facility master plans, comprehensive plans) shall include a detailed public involvement plan that includes a variety of public involvement strategies.
- C. Each public involvement plan shall provide clear definition of what decisions will be made, who shall make the decision, the timing of the decision, how the public can participate in the decision-making process, and how the public's participation will be used in the decision-making process.
- D. Adequate notice of specific public involvement activities and the time for public participation at key decision points shall be provided. Whenever possible, such notice shall exceed the minimum requirements.
- E. When there is public participation, a record of public comments received shall be maintained, and feedback to the public of how the interests reflected in those comments were addressed shall be provided whenever possible.

RESOLVED by the Poulsbo City Council this 16th day of August, 2006.


KATHRYN H. QUADE, MAYOR

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

Karol Jones
KAROL JONES, CMC, CITY CLERK

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