Civic Engagement & Public Participation

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Common points of engagement in the land use process

Legislative actions
• Comprehensive plan
• Zoning code revisions
• Annexations

Discretionary permits
• Pre-application neighborhood meeting
• Notice of permit hearing
• Preparation of written comments prior to hearing
• Public hearing comment
Important, but complicated participatory opportunities

- Development agreements
- Planned unit developments
- Community benefits agreements
Housing policy is often embedded in federal and state decisionmaking

- FHA “affirmatively further” mandate / AFFH Rule implementation
- LIHTC allocations (Inclusive Communities)
- Eviction policies (federal / state / local)
- State preemption of local decisionmaking (Oregon)
Coronavirus changes / BLM movement necessary changes

• How has the online environment of public meetings changed participation?
  • Developers
  • Local decisionmakers
  • Staff
  • Typically-engaged communities
  • Less-engaged communities

• Are there lessons learned that should be implemented in changes to public meeting statutes and ordinances?

• Thinking through the process, what needs to change to address concerns of the Black Lives Matter movement? Are new processes needed, or just better application of existing processes?
Thank you!