

Lincoln County Commons

“Home of the Lincoln County Fair”

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2018 Commons Master Planning Process

Lincoln County is preparing a Refined Master Plan for facilities at the Lincoln County Commons, Home of the Lincoln County Fair. The Refined Master Plan will help the County achieve the Commons’ mission to “offer a variety of venues to make the Commons a preferred destination for residents and visitors.” The Master Planning Process will run through July 2018 and will be followed by planning and design for a new multi-use Main Exhibit Hall and ancillary facilities.

The Lincoln County Commons has been an important gathering place and location for public events in the County for more than 100 years. The Lincoln County Fair is the largest event at the Fairgrounds and celebrated its Centennial in 2008. The buildings, utilities and grounds at the Commons have suffered from years of neglect and deferred maintenance. The Master Plan will include a facilities plan that identifies new facilities and needed improvements to existing facilities, and a comprehensive business plan that explores management options and provides an operational and maintenance budget and potential funding mechanisms.

The County has already engaged in a multi-year planning process and developed financial resources to move these projects forward. These include county-wide voter approved ballot measures to both finance capital investments in the Commons facilities and to provide operating funds for those facilities, and identification of funds for infrastructure improvements serving the commons property as part of the recently adopted Newport Urban Renewal Plan. These are in addition to any revenues which will be generated by users of the facilities.

Public Process

Lincoln County is committed to an open, transparent and robust public process in development of the refined Master Plan for the Commons. There will be multiple opportunities for community members to participate in the process:

- Interviews with key stakeholders to be conducted in January 2018.
- Community meetings held in various locations throughout the county.
- Online surveys available for people unable to attend the community meetings.
- Presentations to the Fair Board and Board of County Commissioners.
- Four Master Plan Visioning Committee meetings between January and July 2018.

The following graphic illustrates the timeline for public participation activities. Visit this page frequently for more detailed information.

TIMELINE	2017					2018						
	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July
PHASE 1 BACKGROUND TASKS												
Task 1. Project Management and Coordination	●											
Task 2. Opportunities and Constraints						●■						
Task 3. Facilities Plan							●■		●◆			
PHASE 2 STRATEGIC PLANNING ELEMENTS												
Task 4. Cost Estimates												
Task 5. Management Options												
Task 6. Comprehensive Business Plan Model												
Task 7. Strategic Plan										●◆		
PHASE 3 FINAL MASTER PLAN DEVELOPMENT												
Task 8. Final Master Plan											◆■	◆

- MPVC Meeting
- Focus Group or Public Meeting(s)
- ◆ Fair Board and/or BOC Meeting

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Background Documents

Blue Ribbon Committee Report
 2009 Master Plan
 Don Mann Report
 (All available online at:
<http://www.co.lincoln.or.us/commons/page/2018-commons-master-planning-process>)

Public Involvement

Draft Public Involvement Plan
 MPVC January 8 Agenda
 MPVC Meeting #2
 MPVC Meeting #3
 MPVC Meeting #4

Master Plan

Draft Existing Conditions Report

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