

Principles of Participation
OF THE
EUGENE INFILL COMPATIBILITY STANDARDS TASK TEAM

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The list below includes principles of participation agreed upon by the Infill Compatibility Standards Task Team at the first two Task Team meetings. Other points agreed upon at those meetings are incorporated into the **Charter, Organizational Structure and Rules** and **Project Plan and Schedule**.

- Task Team members represent and are accountable to the neighborhood or other community-of-interest from which they were drawn; however all members will seek the overall “good of the order.”
- Members are responsible for educating their communities about the work of the team.
- Members agree not to lobby City Council or the Planning Commission on behalf of their own position or point of view while they serve on the Task Team.
- If members receive inquiries from the media, they are free to speak from their individual experience, but not to speak for the Task Team. For inquiries that require a broader perspective or in-depth response, contacts should be referred to the Task Team Co-chairs or other designated spokesperson or City staff.
- Extend trust relative to the intentions of other members. Avoid making assumptions about the interests and motivations of others.
- Avoid adherence to a specific ideology and seek solutions all can support.
- Value diverse points of view, and the right of others to express differing points of view.
- Share information and opportunities to participate among all members. Share off-line dialog and information with the rest of the Task Team.
- Respect the decisions of the Task Team. Individual members’ opinion of decisions made by the Task Team can be stated and reflected in the record, but members agree not to undermine the work of the Task Team.
- Commit to attend Task Team meetings, be prepared, and arrive on time. (Notify staff or a Co-chair if you expect to miss a meeting or be late.)
- During Task Team meetings, members will
 - Commit to productive discussion practices, such as staying on agenda topic, and framing solutions and proposals that advance the discussion.
 - Respect the presiding person’s role as gatekeeper of rules and agreed-upon standards of courtesy and conduct. Members will strive to “keep their own gate.”
 - Wait to speak in turn.
 - Participate, but share the floor.
 - Speak with civility, both in tone and content.
 - Speak to issues, not individuals. (Avoid making or taking issues personally.)
 - Strive for brevity, avoiding restatement or speech-making.
 - Avoid side conversations and distractions during meetings.
 - Turn off cell phones and beepers.
 - Be courteous and judicious with use of laptops.