



SALEM CITY CLUB

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“URBAN RENEWAL AREAS ~ WHAT ARE THE BOUNDARIES?”

While most of us know of Urban Renewal Areas in Salem there are several aspects and issues about these areas that are unknown or baffle many of us. Salem City Club is presenting a program to look at these areas, to inquire about the planning, growth, and financial facets surrounding them.

We are excited and honored to have a panel of experienced, interesting, and diverse professionals that are involved in urban renewal. They will present an overview with varied viewpoints on Urban Renewal Areas.

Guest speakers:

Rick Scott-City of Salem's Urban Development Director. Rick is a long time resident of Salem and the Willamette Valley, graduating from South Salem High School and the University of Oregon. He has had a distinguished career with the City of Salem. Since 1983, he has served as citywide ombudsman and special project coordinator, Street Superintendent in Public Works, and Administrator of Parks Operations Planning. In November 2003 he became Director of Urban Development. **Rick's presentation will provide a broad overview of the foundation for urban renewal, how urban renewal works in Salem, and feature a few of the projects or outcomes from urban renewal activities in Salem.**

Kris Gorsuch-land use and public policy lawyer at Saalfeld Griggs for nearly 30 years. He has chaired numerous Bar Association committees, including the Real Estate Legislative Committee. Some notable recent projects include Sustainable Fairview, the Boise redevelopment, the Colson project at Liberty/Chemeketa and High Streets downtown, and sighting all the new schools for the Salem Keizer School District. Kris has worked with Urban Renewal Districts in several Oregon jurisdictions. He is a past President of both the Salem Area Chamber of Commerce and SEDCOR. **Kris will share the benefits and drawbacks of the Salem's Urban Renewal Areas.**

Hasina Squires-Government Affairs Director, Special Districts Association of Oregon, Tigard, Oregon and President, Government Relations Strategies, Lake Oswego, Oregon. She has received several professional awards such as "Above and Beyond the Call of Duty"- State of Oregon 911 program and has been elected to several Boards. Hasina is a tireless volunteer and currently is the Chair of the Clackamas County Budget Committee. She graduated from Willamette University in Salem. Her presentation will include **the impacts of Urban Renewal Districts on overlapping special service taxing districts.** Hasina will also discuss briefly the type of **urban renewal reform efforts** her association has pursued and any current bills that would change existing Urban Renewal Districts.

Richard Kreitzer-Marion County Assessor. Over 15 years experience in the Marion County Assessor's Office. Two years in Polk County Assessor's Office. Richard is a graduate of Stayton High and a graduate of Western Oregon State with majors in science and statistics. He is on the Council of Economic Advisors for the County, on the Board of Directors of the Willamette Valley Red Cross, and a member of the East Salem Rotary (youth work). **Richard will be presenting tax assessment facts and figures for the county in regards to Urban Renewal Areas.**

Please join us **Friday, February 22** when we will learn more about Urban Renewal Areas and how they impact the quality of life in Salem. For lunch reservations email nelalind@aol.com or call 503-589-2975 before noon Tuesday, February 19, 2008. The community is welcomed and encouraged to join us! There is no charge to attend the program at noon. Parking is free. Doors open at 11:30 AM.

When: Friday, February 22, 2008; 11:40 lunch | Noon Program
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