



**The Planning Association of Washington
and
The Washington State Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development
Present**

A Short Course on Local Planning

**Sponsored by
City of Gold Bar**
Gold Bar City Hall - Council Chambers
107 5th Street, Gold Bar
6:30 – 9:30 pm

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Gold Bar, Washington

6:30 – 6:40 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS Bill Mandeville

6:40 – 7:40 THE LEGAL BASIS OF PLANNING IN WASHINGTON STATE..... Bio Park

The statutory basis of planning in Washington State, Constitutional issues in land use planning, the Open Public Meetings Act, the Appearance of Fairness Doctrine, conflicts of interest, quasi-judicial and legislative functions of the planning commission, ex parte communications and how to deal with them, the conduct of meetings, the uses (and misuses) of email, and recent case law affecting land use planning.

7:40 – 7:55 BREAK

7:55 – 8:00 ANNOUNCEMENTS..... Bill Mandeville

8:00 – 8:30 COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING BASICS Emily Terrell

An overview of the basic components of a comprehensive plan, including the goals of the plan, the basic elements which need to be addressed, the concepts of consistency and concurrency, and suggestions for involving citizens in the planning process

8:30 – 9:00 PLAN IMPLEMENTATION AND THE ROLE OF THE PLANNING

COMMISSION..... Bill Mandeville

The tools and techniques available for implementing the comprehensive plan, discussion of the role of the planning commission, how to develop good working relationships among the planning commission, elected officials, and planning staff, and suggestions for holding effective meetings and hearings.

9:00 – 9:30 QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ... Everyone

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