



OREGON HOUSE REPUBLICANS

In Case You Missed It

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LEGISLATURE NEEDS TO RESTORE 'THE BIG LOOK' IN FEBRUARY

“Members of a task force that had begun reviewing Oregon’s land-use planning system hope an upcoming session of the Legislature will restore the focus and funding they need to complete their work.” (“‘Big Look’ at Land Use System Calls for Funding,” *The Oregonian*, 1/16/08)

“Although the current system is credited with preserving farms and forests and preventing sprawl, critics say it's rigid, mired in regulations and in danger of losing public support. A preliminary report by the task force called the land-use planning system ‘much heralded but outdated.’” (“‘Big Look’ at Land Use System Calls for Funding,” *The Oregonian*, 1/16/08)

“The meeting was the group's first since July, after its funding was unexpectedly cut off in the waning days of the 2007 Legislature. The reason given was that the task force's work might get lost in the campaign for Measure 49. But word seeped out of Salem that unnamed critics thought the task force was headed in the wrong direction.” (“‘Big Look’ at Land Use System Calls for Funding,” *The Oregonian*, 1/16/08)

“For Republican lawmakers, the most vocal supporters of the task force, talk of funding renewal for the Big Look group releases a pressure valve. ‘People are outraged’ Oregon state Sen. Ted Ferrioli (R-John Day) said. ‘Shame on them for violating the public trust in the first place.’ (“Oregon Legislators Eye Fresh Funds for Big Look Task Force” *Daily Journal of Commerce*, 11/28/07)

"We are committed to reversing Democratic cuts to the bipartisan "Big Look" commission. Recent elections have demonstrated that Oregonians are not happy with Oregon's land- use laws. We need to restore this commission to bring our land-use system into the 21st century." (House Republican Leader Bruce Hanna, “Republicans are Ready to Address Oregon’s Priorities,” *Salem Statesman Journal*, 1/8/08)