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Citizen Participation Organization #7

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To review the Bethany and Sunset

West Community Plans go to

<http://www.co.washington.or.us/deptmts/lut/planning/publicat.htm>

Citizen Participation Organization 7
Monday, April 6th, 2009
7:00PM

**NOTE
LOCATION
CHANGE !!!**

Jacob Wismer Elementary School Cafeteria
5477 Skycrest Parkway, Portland
*Our meeting will follow the North Bethany Open House
in the same location*

AGENDA

- 7:00 Welcome**
- 7:10 Erik Furby, Robert Rivera, and Joe Younkings from the Washington County Department of Land Use and Transportation (DLUT)** will present a project status update and talk about the design process for the intersection changes at Kaiser/Bethany and Kaiser/Laidlaw.
- 7:30 Derrick I. Toko, Principal Planner with Multnomah County** will provide an overview of the project planning for the eventual urbanization of Bonny Slope West (Area 93), and describe opportunities for public involvement. Area 93 is the 160-acre area generally bounded by NW Thompson Road to the south, NW Laidlaw Road to the north and east and NW 125th Avenue to the west, bordering on unincorporated Washington County on the west and south.
- 8:00 Mike Dahlstrom, Program Educator with Washington County DLUT** will give a summary of where the County is in its effort to identify land for future rural and urban needs, and an overview of the next steps in the Urban and Rural Reserves process. In particular, we have asked Mike to focus on how citizens can be actively involved, and the specific impacts this planning process will have on our area.
- 8:50 Land Use updates and announcements**
- 9:00 Adjourn**

LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

CASE FILE TYPE	APPLICANT/LOCATION	PROPOSED ACTION	STATUS
08-296 Type II To: R18-24	Divot Development SW 204 th Terrace	Development review for “Veridian Ridge Apartments,” 144 attached units in 6 buildings and for recreation Bldg all in a transit-oriented district.	Denied.
08-336 Type II R6	West Hills Development 13525 NW Thompson Rd	Preliminary review of a 12-lot subdivision, “Cascadian Heights No. 6”	Hold.
08-414 OC Type II	Bama Design 15402 NW Cornell Rd.	Development review approval for a new 3-story, approximately 10,000 sq. foot medical office building and 2 hardship relief variance requests: a 20% reduction in the side yard setback and front yard setback.	Approved.
09-027 Type II R6	KB Trees, Inc. 4550 NW Kaiser Rd	Preliminary review for a 7-lot subdivision, “Bethany Ridge Subdivision” and development review for a single duplex unit on 2 of the lots.	Application received. Status is pending.
09-054 Type II OC	Providence Health System NW Bethany Rd.	Development review for a 24,000 square foot commercial office building (medical office), Bethany Medical Plaza.	Application received. Awaiting public notice.
09-084 Type II NC	Keybank National Association 18215 NW West Union Rd.	Development review request for a 4,318 square foot Key Bank branch.	Application received. Awaiting public notice.

Type II land use applications have a 14 day public comment period. No public hearing is held unless decision is appealed. All Type III land use hearings are held at the Washington County Public Services Building.
Mailing Address: Washington Co. DLUT, 155 N. First Ave Hillsboro, OR 97124.

Sign Up for Oregon Scam Alert Network

Attorney General John Kroger is announcing the Oregon Scam Alert Network. The network coordinates the department's regular scam alerts with the media, elected leaders, consumer watchdogs, and advocates for the elderly and disabled across the state to get important consumer information out to you.

If you would like to be notified of emerging scams, fraud and other consumer threats as they arise, please join the Oregon Scam Alert Network. We will keep you updated about important consumer information to educate and protect your friends, family, coworkers and anyone else before they fall victim to scams and fraud. To register, go to <http://www.doj.state.or.us/releases/2009/rel030309.shtml>.



The Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services, Oregon District Attorneys' Association, Oregon State Sheriffs' Association, Oregon Association of Police Chiefs, AARP and Elders in Action are partnering with the state Attorney General's office to offer the Oregon Scam Alert Network.

Interested in North Bethany's Community Plan? Come Review the Refined North Bethany Preferred Concept Plan and Funding Proposal

Washington County invites interested parties to an **Open House at Jacob Wismer Elementary School**, 5477 NW Skycrest Parkway, Portland, on **Monday, April 6, from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m.**, to review and comment on the current Preferred Concept Plan and Funding Proposal for North Bethany. Update presentations followed by a brief question and answer period are scheduled for 5 and 6 p.m.



The County, with extensive input from neighbors, property owners, developers and other interested stakeholders, is planning for new neighborhoods in North Bethany that will include a variety of homes, businesses, and public spaces. North Bethany is an 800-acre area north of Springville Road between 185th Avenue and the Washington County line that is being planned as an extension of the existing Bethany community to the south.

The Preferred Concept Plan includes refinements to the 2007 plan and contains several necessary components for building a community of distinction, including parks and trails, neighborhoods and centers, schools and a circulation plan. Other important aspects of the plan include affordable housing and infrastructure needs such as sewer, water and a green approach to storm water drainage. An illustrative plan map shows what the area could look like.

The Funding Proposal addresses how development can occur and the various available and proposed funding mechanisms.

An online survey is being created that will be available for a period of time surrounding the open house. For more information please visit www.bethanyplan.org . For more information, please call Angela Brown, 503-846-3968 or e-mail angela_brown@co.washington.or.us

Public Affairs Forum Topics for April 2009

April 6, 2009

Topic #1: The Drive to Form an Office of the National Nurse.

Speaker: Teri Mills MS, ANP, CNE, RN, Executive Board President of The National Nursing Network Organization.



Topic #2: Advance Directives: What You Need to Know.

Speaker: Julia Gies, FNP, Palliative Care Nurse Practitioner Providence Health & Services.

April 13, 2009

Topic: A-DEC, Manufacturer of Dental Equipment.

Speaker: CEO Ken Austin.

April 20, 2009

Topic: Parish Nursing.

Speaker: Panel Discussion -Sandy Madsen, RN, Parish Nurse Coordinator, Tuality Healthcare, Barbara Hula, RN, Parish Nurse St. Juan Diego Parish, Fr. John Kerns, Parish Priest of St. Juan Diego Parish.

April 27, 2009

Topic: Special Service Districts Elections Candidates.

Speaker: Candidates Filing for Recreation District, School Boards, and Water Districts.

Time: Mondays 11:15 am - 1 pm except on major holidays.

Location: Beaverton Elks Club, 3500 SW 104th Ave, Beaverton. 503-646-6116 (North of Canyon Rd. Enter through back of building)

For last minute updates and additional information about the forum, visit: www.washingtoncountyforum.org

Metro Identifies Concepts for High Capacity Transit Evaluation

Since July, Metro has worked with local jurisdictions and community members to identify corridors and other high capacity transit improvements to study. The next phase of the plan is to prioritize the set of corridors and other improvements.

This identification and screening process was the first step in developing the High Capacity Transit System Plan that will compare and prioritize regional high capacity transit improvements to be constructed over the next 30 years. High capacity transit operates separately from traffic and with fewer stops than regular bus service. It could include light rail, commuter rail, rapid streetcar or bus rapid transit.

The system plan will ultimately be adopted as part of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The RTP is the region's blueprint to guide projects, programs and policies related to all transportation modes – bikes and pedestrians, roadways, freight mobility and transit. Visit www.oregonmetro.gov/rtp for more information about Metro's ongoing process to update the RTP.

Initial Corridor Screening

Fifty-five corridors were identified for initial screening. The potential corridors and improvements to the existing MAX system were identified through past planning work and an extensive public involvement process.

This public process, which began in July 2008, included an online survey, workshops, community group meetings, and area farmers' markets and festivals. Through this process, more than 700 people provided input about corridors or other improvements for consideration.

Seven screening criteria were used to compare these corridors. The screening criteria considered the following:

- Ridership potential based on existing and future conditions
- Cost and availability of right of way
- Environmental constraints
- Compatibility with regional land use goals based on the region's 2040 Growth Concept
- Service to low-income, minority, elderly and disabled residents
- Ability to serve corridors with congested roadways
- Connectivity and benefits to the existing transit system.

The initial screening process narrowed the 55 corridors to 15. The set of corridors could still change as the screening analysis is reviewed by regional partners and the Metro Council.

Next Steps

From here, Metro will assess these 15 corridors along with several system improvements, such as increasing

the speed of light rail through downtown Portland, according to agreed-upon evaluation criteria. The evaluation criteria fall into four categories: community, environment, economy and deliverability.

This evaluation will be used to prioritize the projects in the final High Capacity Transit System Plan.

A full set of evaluation criteria and other information is available on the web site at www.oregonmetro.gov/goingplaces. Corridors extending to areas outside the Metro jurisdictional boundary will be evaluated based on travel demand.

Get Involved

When the evaluation is complete in spring 2009, community members will be invited to review the evaluation findings, discuss trade-offs and suggest which corridors and improvements to the existing system should be the region's highest priorities.

In the meantime, send an e-mail to trans@oregonmetro.gov or call 503-797-1756 to request a speaker for your group. Visit the web site for regular project updates including more information about the evaluation process.



How would you build the region's high capacity transit system?

Use Metro's online **build-a-system** tool to help Metro plan for the next 30 years of high capacity transit in the region. Balance the trade-offs of connecting different regional centers. Take a survey to express your values and inform Metro's evaluation process.

www.oregonmetro.gov/goingplaces
March 23 to April 24, 2009

 Metro | *People places. Open spaces.*

Improve Livability with Neighborhood Watch



Your home is your castle and it's important that you and your family feel safe there. Being aware of your surroundings and paying attention to what happens in your neighborhood is an important part of neighborhood safety. The police can't monitor your home 24 hours a day, seven days a week, but your neighbors can, and that is where Neighborhood Watch plays a vital role.

Neighborhood Watch is a joint effort between the Washington County Sheriff's Office and the community. It is designed to instill a greater sense of security and reduce the fear of crime by putting the *neighbor* back into neighborhoods.

The program teaches participants how to make their home and neighborhood more secure in order to reduce the risk of being victimized, as well as training citizens on how to recognize and report any suspicious activity. Neighborhood Watch allows neighbors to get to know each other and their routines in order to address issues that concern the safety of the entire community.

Want to start a Neighborhood Watch Group in Your Neighborhood? Contact Crime Prevention Specialist Darlene Schnoor, from the Washington County Sheriff's Office. Darlene will help coordinate a meeting with your potential watch group and help to establish a successful and viable neighborhood watch group that will consist of people just like you that care about the safety and well-being of your neighborhood.

For more information about starting up a watch program, please contact our Crime Prevention Unit at 503-846-2579.

Vision Action Network Seeks Nominations for 2009 Cameron Award

The Vision Action Network (VAN) is seeking nominations for its *2009 Cameron Award for Outstanding Community Collaboration*. The Cameron Award is presented annually to organizations, individuals, and emerging leaders that embrace collaboration and epitomize a commitment to working across multiple sectors of the community. Established in 2005, the award is named after Charlie Cameron to honor his leadership and to inspire others to embrace the collaborative vision he repeatedly demonstrated. Mr. Cameron was Washington County Administrator from 1986 to 2005 and was a founding Board member of the Vision Action Network.



Organizations or individuals may be nominated for the award in **three** categories: Individual, Organization, and Emerging Leader. Complete criteria and nomination form are available on the VAN website. **Nominations are due by April 3, 2009 at 5:00pm.** The awards will be presented at VAN's Annual Celebration on June 4, 2009.

Past Cameron Award Winners:

2008: *Dave Nutt* (Individual); *Intel 4-H Tech Wizards* (Organization); *Virginia Garcia Memorial Health Clinic & LifeWorks NW* (Organization); *Kim (Krohn) Marshall* (Emerging Leader)

2007: *Linda Moholt* (Individual); *Good Neighbor Center* (Organization); *Linda Nilsen-Solares* (Emerging Leader)

2006: *Sabino Sardineta* (Individual); *Jackson Bottoms Wetlands Preserve* (Organization); *Wendy Dorival*, (Emerging Leader)

2005 (inaugural awards): *Charlie Cameron* (Individual); *Washington County Board of Commissioners* (Organization)

For more information please visit VAN's website – www.visionactionnetwork.org or contact us at 503-846-5792 or VAN@co.washington.or.us .

2009 Washington County Draft DLUT Ordinance Work Program Now Online

Each year, the Long Range Planning Division prepares a draft work program for approval by the Washington County Board of Commissioners. The draft 2009 work program describes potential planning projects, land use ordinances and other Long Range Planning Division activities that will be addressed in 2009.

The Board will meet on **Tuesday, April 28, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.** to consider and take action on the work program. The draft work program is located on Long Range Planning's web page at the following address:

<http://www.co.washington.or.us/deptmts/lut/planning/workprogram.htm>

Written comments about the work program that are received by the Long Range Planning Division by **5:00 p.m., April 14, 2009** will be included in the final staff report to the Board. The link to the staff report for the April 28th meeting will be posted to this site prior to the meeting. Comments may also be provided at the April 28th meeting. Written comments must be mailed or faxed to the Long Range Planning Division at the address shown below. At this time we are unable to accept e-mail comments.

Washington County Long Range Planning Division
Department of Land Use & Transportation
155 N. First Ave., Suite. 350-14
Hillsboro, OR 97124-3072
Fax: 503-846-4412

If you have questions about the work program, or if you would like additional information, please call Linda Schroeder, Assistant Planner, at 503-846-3962.

Local Immigrants & Descendents of Immigrants Share Oral Histories

The Cedar Mill Community Library, a member of the Washington County Cooperative Library Services (WCCLS), is pleased to announce the first nine in a series of nearly twenty local oral histories have been collected from area residents. The Cedar Mill library oral history effort is part of the local libraries participation in the statewide Oregon Reads project (www.wccls.org/oregon_reads) – a celebration of Oregon's sesquicentennial.

The stories being gathered will be available on the libraries website as podcasts, and will be added to the libraries permanent collection of local history. The first nine participants were interviewed in late February. The library anticipates a gradual roll-out, posting one oral history per week on the website over the next two months. The first in the series of interviews should be on the website by March 9th.

Inspired by the work of a history instructor at Sunset High School Mark Richardson, a Young Adult Librarian with the Cedar Mill Community Library came up with the idea to recruit the participation of students to help the library gather oral histories of local immigrants and their descendents. Each year Matt Hiefield, a Sunset High School history teacher, leads his students in the collection of oral histories from WWII veterans. Richardson felt that this year the two projects could be complementary and provide a wonderful way to involve students in the libraries participation in the Oregon Reads project.

Richardson coordinated the project with Lynne Erlandson, Head of Adult Services with the library. Erlandson was responsible for recruiting the local immigrants and their descendents from the surrounding community. The response has been very positive. Following is a list of the first nine participants: Kathy Foldes, Jim Tsugawa, Sitcho Karste, Rosemary Mead, Gloria Rivera, Wayne Hess, Dolores Fallon, Eva-Maria Muecke, Julie Dennis.



Grant Funding for Homeless Assistance Programs



Washington County Department of Housing Services will receive \$1.9 million to provide housing and supportive services to homeless persons in partnership with local nonprofits.

The grant award includes:

- **\$960,828** to renew funding for Shelter Plus Care Program rental assistance administered by the Washington County Department of Housing Services in partnership with nonprofit service providers.
- **\$126,000** for new Shelter Plus Care rental assistance to support chronic homeless single adults obtain housing and services. The program is administered by the Washington County Department of Housing Services in partnership with nonprofit services providers.
- **\$388,320** for new Shelter Plus Care rental assistance to support homeless families participating in the regional Bridges To Housing Program obtain housing and services. The Shelter Plus Care program is administered by the Washington County Department of Housing Services in partnership with nonprofit service providers.
- **\$62,055** for the Housing Stabilization Program serving families with services provided by the Good Neighbor Center Family Shelter.
- **\$136,523** for HopeSpring Transitional Living Program serving families with housing and services provided by Lutheran Community Services NW.
- **\$165,219** for homeless persons participating in the Supplemental Assistance for Families in Assisted Housing (SAFAH) Program provided by Community Action.
- **\$83,869** for the Hillsboro Graduated Independent Living Program serving individuals with housing, mental health and addictions services provided by Luke-Dorf, Inc.
- **\$38,095** for mental health outreach provided by Open Door Counseling Center.

The federal dollars awarded to Washington County is part of a \$1.416 billion competitive funding package that the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development will distribute to local programs nationwide and in U.S. territories. Locally, this federal award will fund strategic housing and service programs identified in the county's 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness. Counties, cities, faith-based and community nonprofit agencies throughout Oregon depend on this funding to provide housing to some of our most vulnerable neighbors.

Reducing Human-Coyote Conflicts

The presence of coyotes (*Canis latrans*) on suburban landscapes is neither surprising nor necessarily cause for concern. Coyotes are highly adaptive members of the dog family and have demonstrated an ability to survive in the most urbanized environments in cities across North America. Unless habituated to humans, coyotes are generally shy and wary.

Here are some ways you can reduce conflicts with coyotes:

- If you see a coyote, shout and wave your arms.
- Never feed a coyote or other wild animal
- Securely cover garbage cans and compost bins
- Remove fallen fruit from yards
- Keep house pets indoors

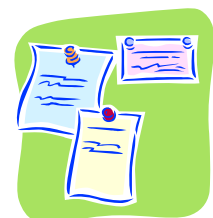


For more information, please contact Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation's Park Ranger, Kelly Perry at kperry@thprd.org or 503-629-6350.

Want to Know What's Happening in Your Community?

Are you interested in receiving regular emails from CPO 7 on

- Late-breaking land development applications?
- Neighborhood review meetings?
- Notices received from Washington County and the cities of Beaverton and Hillsboro?



If so, email CPO 7 past chair Mary Manseau at pastcpo7chair@gmail.com and she will make sure you receive the updates.



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 5477 Skycrest Parkway, Portland, OR 97229
 April 6th, 7:00PM**



Neighborhood Review Meetings

Note: Some of the following meetings may have already occurred. They are listed here because we want you to be aware of potential development on sites within your CPO.

- ◆ Proposal to develop a third phase of the Arbor Oaks community. That plan would contain three areas of multi-family dwellings totaling about 138-154 multi-family dwelling units as allowed by the use allowances and area designation of the Gossamer Hills master Plan. **Neighborhood meeting will be held Tuesday, March 31, 2009, 6:30p.m. at Bethany Presbyterian Church – Fellowship Hall, 15505 NW Springville Rd**