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Citizen Participation Organization #8

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To review copies of the Rural/Natural Resources Plan Element, go to www.co.washington.or.us/deptmts/lut/planning/publicat.htm

Citizen Participation Organization 8

Tuesday, March 10, 2009

7:00 p.m.

North Plains Fire Station

31370 N.W. Commercial, North Plains

AGENDA (CARRIED FORWARD)

Introductions

Henry Oberhelman, Chairman

Public Safety Reports

Sheriff's Deputy
Fire District 2

Business Spotlight

Columbia Industries, LLC., Chris VanRaden, manager of this locally-owned custom equipment company, will speak about the products they manufacture for three industries: wood products, refuse and oil. His family has lived in the West Union area for several generations.

Minutes

Pat Wolter

Reports & Updates

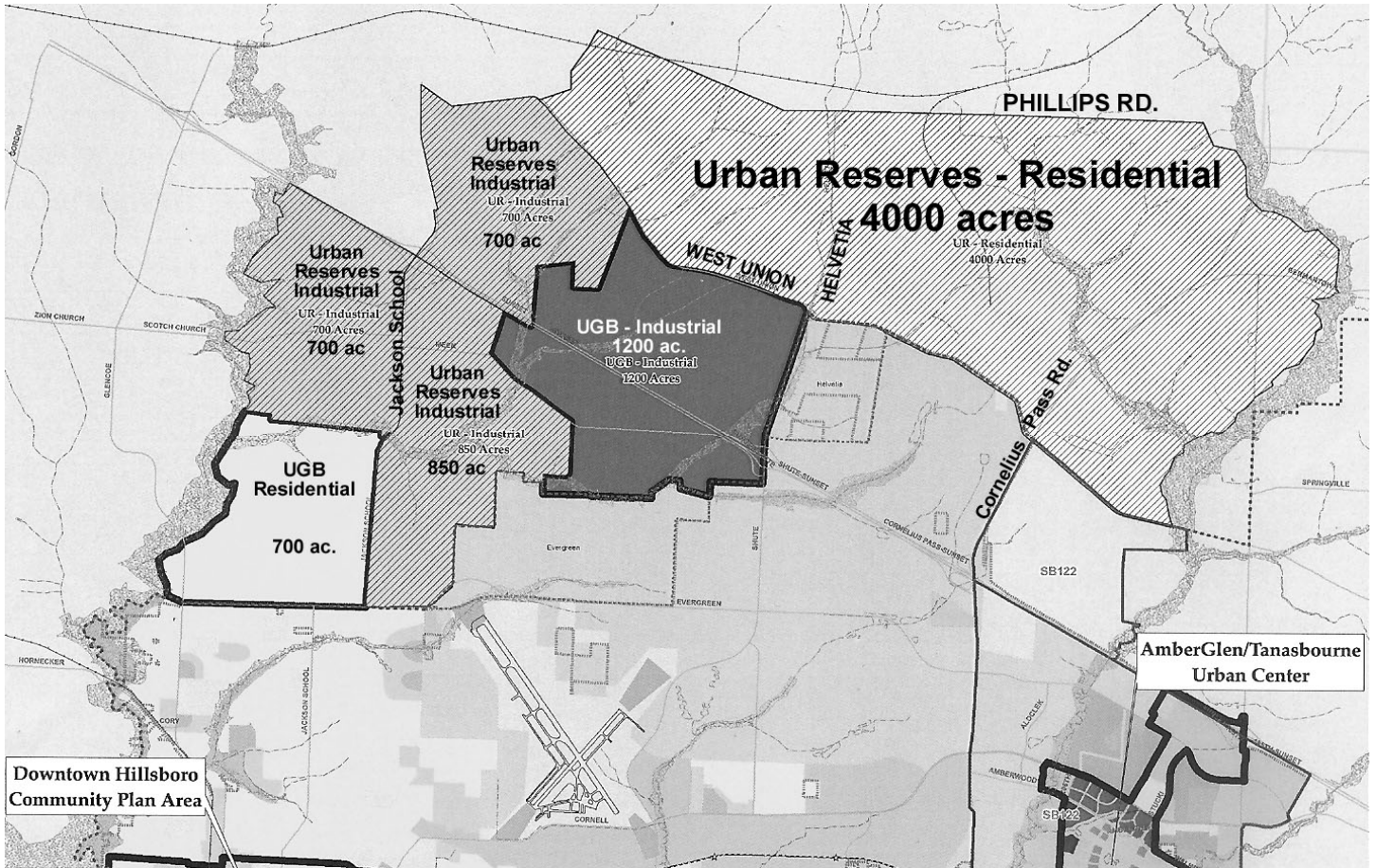
Approval of letter re: CPO8 concerns to Washington County Reserves Coordinating Committee
Land Development Applications—Susie Anthony
Rural and Urban Reserves—Susie Anthony
LNG Pipeline
Other

Break For Refreshments

Program

Hillsboro's "Aspirations" For Future Growth, Alwin Turiel, AICP, City of Hillsboro

As the region's elected officials and stakeholders hash out what lands to "put in the bank" for future growth, the City of Hillsboro has its eye on 11,800 acres. Using the natural boundaries of Dairy Creek on the west, the Tualatin River on the south, and a line along the foothills of Helvetia to the north means that we in CPO 8 should be paying very close attention. We have included a map of the proposed reserves on page 2 in this newsletter for your reference.



Glencoe Interchange Project Update

The following report is based on information received at the final Glencoe Interchange Project Stakeholder Working Group meeting, on December 11, 2008, and in a conversation with North Plains Mayor David Hatcher on February 9, 2009.

The US 26/Glencoe Road Interchange Area Management Plan (IAMP) is now available and can be viewed at: http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/REGION1/glencoe/DraftGlencoeIAMP_withFigs.pdf. Included in the IAMP are summaries of associated transportation improvement projects and the Glencoe Road Access Management Plan, with maps highlighting details. Currently there is no funding or timeline for reconstruction of the interchange, but the project is on the Governor's Initiative for funding and estimates have it at 5-10 years out.

Glencoe Road, north of the interchange, has long been scheduled for improvements under Washington County's Major Streets Transportation Improvement Program (MSTIP). Those improvements are now being coordinated with the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) to ensure they meet ODOT standards and to accommodate the eventual interchange reconstruction. Improvements planned for the short term include a single-lane roundabout at Pacific Street along with the widening of Glencoe Road from Pacific St. north to West Union Rd. A proposed two-year timeline from preliminary design through construction of the roundabout and road widening is from April 2009 to March 2011, but is dependent on Washington County getting the "go-ahead" from the City of North Plains early this year. As of February 9, North Plains had not yet "signed off" on the project.

-Susie Anthony

LAND USE AND TRANSPORTATION ISSUES

Casefile	Applicant/location	Proposed action	Status
08-349 Type II EFU/RIND	Farm Place LLC 21520 NW Farm Park Rd.	Development review for a master plan within the R-ind & misc. review for landscaping offices within the EFU	Approved.
08-351 Type II EFU	Kolbjorn & Sorenson 13965 NW Pumpkin Ridge Rd	Home occupation renewal for a bakery.	Approved.
08-453 Type II EFC	Joel Birkeland South side of NW Burgdorfer Rd.	Review for a template-based dwelling in the EFC district.	Application received. Status is pending.
09-025 Type II EFC	Merlin & Karen Funk (deed) 31940 NW Shipley Rd.	Dwelling in the EFC district (template test); modification or removal of conditions to casefile 06-519 and a property line adjustment (equal area exchange).	Application received. Awaiting public notice.
09-034 Type II EFC	Kam's Fine Foods, Inc 1005 NW Old Cornelius Pass Rd.	Review for a home occupation permit for a catering kitchen in an accessory structure.	Application received. Public comment period 2/11/09 – 2/25/09.
09-050 Type II RR5/AF5	Robert & April Jossy NW Beech Rd.	Preliminary review approval for a 15 lot subdivision, "Sunset Orchard Estates," and property line adjustment of tax lots 1400/1900.	Application received. Awaiting public comment.

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.

<http://washtech.co.washington.or.us/LDS/index.cfm?id=4> Tel: 503-846-8761 Fax: 503-846-2908

Cellular Phones – Personal Security Tool?



A new cell phone service called "My Mobile Witness" (MMW) has been created to save photo or text information that documents suspicious or dangerous situations. We all occasionally find ourselves in the midst of sticky or unsafe situations. Your Crime Prevention Team has always recommended that camera phones be used to document people, vehicles, or other unsafe situations whenever possible.

Now, "My Mobile Witness" takes that idea to the next level by allowing people to save those photos or text information on their secure, online "digital vault." The photo/text message is then time-stamped and kept on a secure site that only law enforcement officials can access (quickly during an emergency or through a subpoena process in an ongoing investigation.) Users must first register with the company and create an account. The site is funded by advertisers so be prepared

to receive periodic emails plugging those companies that support the program.

MMW provides some ideas for situations for which this service could be useful:

- While walking through your parking garage, you see a suspicious vehicle you haven't seen before. Take a picture of the license plate.
- Maybe take a picture of the plumber before he comes into your house to repair that leak.
- Even take a picture of the blind date you have this weekend.
- Maybe you are about to head out for a hike with your dog or a mountain bike ride with a buddy. Take a picture of the trailhead sign. If anything was to happen and Law Enforcement was searching for you, MMW could provide them your picture of the trailhead so that they know where to look.

For more information or to set up a free account, go to www.mymobilewitness.com

Measure 49 Notices of preliminary Evaluation

The Department of Land Conservation and Development has issued Notices of preliminary Evaluation for the following Measure 49 claims in the CPO 8 area. The preliminary evaluation for each of these claims can be accessed at : http://www.oregon.gov/LCD/MEASURE49/m49_preliminary_evaluations_2009.shtml. Comments must be submitted to DLCD within 28 days of the Date of Notice.

Date of Notice	Claim Number	Claimant	Site Address	Approval would allow:
1/20/2009	E129057	Donnie and Krystal Laas	NW Logie Trail Road	Appears to be ineligible for relief
1/26/2009	E129563	Leslie and Eva Aigner, and Bela Borok	NW Pumpkin Ridge Rd.	1 additional lot 3 additional dwellings
1/26/2009	E124317	Daniel Burris	NW Corey Rd.	Appears to be ineligible for relief
2/2/2009	E133305	Marguerite Claeys	34245 NW Wren Rd.	2 additional lots 2 additional dwellings
2/4/2009	E124605	Donald and Marian Hayden	40377and 40391 NW Murtaugh Rd.	1 dwelling on each of 2 lots
2/5/2009	E130525	Vivian Lucas	14750 NW 265th Pl.	1 additional lot 2 additional dwellings
2/10/2009	E133304	Marguerite Claeys	34180 NW Bagley Rd.	2 additional lots 2 additional dwellings
2/18/2009	E118412	Henry and Dana McCullough	5385 NW Jackson School Rd.	On tax lot 193: 1 additional lot, 2 additional dwellings On tax lot 802: appears to be ineligible for relief

SBA Offers Disaster Assistance to Oregon Small Businesses Economically Impacted by Severe Winter Storms

Darryl Hairston, Acting Administrator of the U. S. Small Business Administration (SBA), announced that the SBA is making low-interest Economic Injury Disaster Loans available to small businesses economically impacted by severe winter storms in Oregon that occurred from December 14, 2008 through January 4, 2009.

SBA is offering working capital loans of up to \$2 million at an interest rate of 4 percent with terms up to 30 years. "These loans may be used to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable and other bills that can't be paid because of the disaster's impact. These loans can provide vital economic assistance to small businesses affected by the severe winter storms to help overcome the temporary financial impacts they are experiencing," Judd said.

SBA will provide information on working capital loans at the Gateway Children's Center Service Building, 10317 E. Burnside St, through Wednesday, March 4th. Office hours are 9:00am – 6:00pm.

Applicants may also apply online using the Electronic Loan Application (ELA) via SBA's secure Web site at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>. Disaster loan information and application forms may also be obtained from SBA's Customer Service Center by calling toll-free (800) 659-2955, emailing disastercustomerservice@sba.gov, or visiting SBA's website at www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance Hearing impaired individuals may call (800) 877-8339.

The deadline to apply for these loans is **November 12, 2009**.

Please see a more detailed article on the OSU Extension Service website: <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/washington/breaking-news>.

Public Affairs Forum Topics for March 2009



March 9, 2009

Topic: Urban/Rural Reserves and the Future Urban Growth Boundary.

Speaker: Mike Dahlstrom, Washington County Planning Division Program Educator.

March 16, 2009

Topic: How is the Nursery Industry doing in Oregon?

Speaker: John Aguirre, Executive Director of the Oregon Association of Nurseries.

March 23, 2009

Topic #1: Tigard, State of the city address

Speaker: Tigard Mayor Craig Dirkson

Topic #2: City of Beaverton Programs

Speaker: Beaverton Mayor Dennis Doyle

March 30, 2009

Topic: Gang issues and the Western Washington County Gang Intervention Team

Speakers: Julie McCloud, Washington County Crime Prevention Specialist.

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

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Telephone: 503-821-1151, Presentations from 7:15 – 8:15PM

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March 5, 2009

Art in the Garden

Nancy Goldman

Hardy Plant Society of Oregon

April 2, 2009

Peonies

Therese Sprauer

Brooks Gardens

May 7, 2009

Heirloom Vegetables

Michael Stucky

Millennium Farms

June 4, 2009

New Plants for 2009

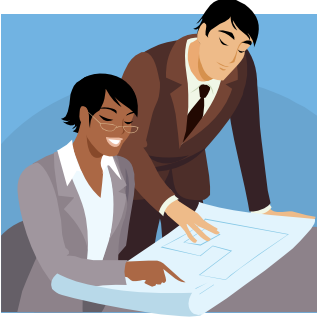
Mary Ludlum

Farmington Gardens



Join the CPO 8 Google Group

The CPO 8 Google Group is an online discussion group on issues of interest in our area. Postings to the group have included updates on land development activity and the reserves planning process, minutes of CPO8 monthly meetings, and notices of area events. If you would like to join, please contact Susie Anthony at susie@ipns.com and ask to be added to the CPO8 Google Group.



Project Update

Urban and Rural Reserves Planning in Washington County

The ultimate goal of urban and rural reserves planning is finding an efficient approach to manage substantial future growth in our region. It also will provide a level of certainty regarding where growth will occur and what areas will be protected from urbanization for the next 40 – 50 years. County commissioners and staff, working in concert with our cities, stakeholder groups, and our regional partners (Metro, Clackamas and Multnomah Counties), are on track to designate urban and rural reserves by late fall 2009.

Near Term Goals

Cities within Washington County will present their growth aspirations for the next 20 – 50 years to the Washington County Reserves Coordinating Committee (RCC.) Requested by Metro as part of the *Making the Greatest Place* planning effort, these aspirations will assist the RCC in their discussions. By March it is anticipated that “candidate” reserve areas will be identified, which will then receive increased analysis.

Community Involvement

Community awareness and engagement are crucial for these discussions. The public is invited to the RCC meetings and to Metro’s Reserves Steering Committee meetings. Multiple community-wide events will be held from late March to June. *Please check the website for agendas, locations and times.*

Project information is kept current at www.co.washington.or.us/reserves and <http://www.oregonmetro.gov/index.cfm/go/by.web/id=26257>

You are invited to provide comments at any time: reserves@co.washington.or.us. You may also arrange for a speaker to meet with your organization or request additional information. More interactivity on the website is coming soon.

Urban and Rural Reserve Candidates

In September 2008 a Reserves Study Area map was agreed to by the regional Reserves Steering Committee. Since then staff has been developing approaches to identify urban and rural reserve candidate areas. The approaches are based on criteria provided by Oregon’s Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD). Metro and the three counties are working to ensure we are coordinating efforts along the way.

As a basis for rural evaluation, staff is using a state Department of Agriculture study showing various farm land classifications, and applying those classifications to the Reserves Study Area in Washington County. Information from the state Department of Forestry and Metro’s Natural Landscape Features Inventory is also being used.

Urban reserves candidate analysis includes input from the business community regarding industrial and commercial lands, discussions with public service providers regarding the relative costs of providing infrastructure, and integration of the cities’ growth aspirations.

Ongoing Discussions and Refinements

Key stakeholders are providing on-going review and comment as criteria are applied. Evolving ideas are discussed with our cities’ planning directors and with elected officials at public meetings (the RCC.) Regional public events will soon offer the greater community opportunity to review the process and provide comment. We are trying to ensure that a broad spectrum of the public has many ways to be informed and engaged.

Upcoming steps

Population and employment projections are being evaluated to better estimate the number of people who may live and work here in 25, 40 or 50 years. Cities are providing growth aspirations and the cities and county also are determining existing capacity for growth within the current Urban Growth Boundary.

Another significant consideration is how *services* will be provided and funded for future growth areas. Identification of future service provision through the county, a city, or a special service district (or some combination) and the cost effectiveness of service delivery is part of the considerations.

Additional background information and upcoming meeting and public event schedules are available at www.co.washington.or.us/reserve.

Tree Code Group Proposes County Urban Forest Management Policy, Code

How are trees protected in the unincorporated urban areas within Washington County and what can be done to stem the accelerated loss of trees in our neighborhoods? That's exactly what a group of concerned citizens wanted to know when they responded to a notice in the Citizen Participation Organization (CPO) newsletter in the summer of 2007.

The concerned citizens decided to work together to research what policies and development codes other counties and cities have implemented to address tree preservation and increase the urban forest canopy in developed areas. After more than a year of interviews, research and deliberation, the Joint-CPO Tree Code Group has produced an executive summary and research report along with recommendations that will be presented to Washington County Board of Commissioners; the recommendations would apply only within the urban unincorporated areas of the county.

You can find the results of their research, recommendations, the economic value of trees, and other interesting links at their website www.washcotreegroup.org.

Elaine Rank, a member of CPO4K, approached Patt Opdyke, OSU Extension Service CPO coordinator, in the spring of 2007 to see if a study group could be formed to investigate whether tree protections could be put in place at the county level. Ms. Rank was alarmed at how quickly her neighborhood was changing as large developments went in and all the mature, native trees were removed. Ms. Opdyke placed a notice in the CPO newsletter seeing if there was sufficient interest amongst members of other CPOs.

Ken Cone, co-chair of CPO3, saw the notice in the newsletter. He had tried to protect a large stand of firs next to his property in the Raleigh Hills area, but lost after a hard fight. Developers ignored the community appeals to leave at least some of the trees. Elena Frank, secretary of CPO3, also responded to the notice.

Erik Mace and Elizabeth Bowers, both of CPO1, were horrified at the clear cutting that happened in several locations in the West Haven neighborhood and along Cornell Road where the land was completely scraped prior to development. They answered the notice as well.

Altogether, sixteen people from seven of the eight active urban CPOs attended the first meeting held in December 2007. At this first meeting, the group shared their alarm at the rapid loss of tree canopy and how it was drastically changing the sense of livability and community in their neighborhoods. They also shared their frustration about their inability to "do anything" when there were trees or groves of trees that the neighbors felt important to be preserved.

Now after a year's work of research into what other communities are doing locally and across the country in

protecting trees and rebuilding their tree canopies, the group is optimistic that an effective tree code and urban forest management plan is possible.

"We aren't going to have to reinvent the wheel in getting a tree code in place for our County," says Ms. Bowers. "Other communities have done the heavy lifting to determine what works and doesn't work in tree protections. Some of the tree codes are very creative and nicely balance community interests and developer needs."

In September 2008, the Joint CPO Tree Code Group presented its draft recommendations for an urban forest management plan and supporting code to Kathy Lehtola, head of the County's Department of Land Use and Transportation (DLUT), and Nadine Smith, Principal Planner for DLUT. Then during the next three months, the Tree Code Group members presented the same recommendations at each of the active urban CPOs and requested letters of support to the Board of County Commissioners.

The Tree Code Group is asking to get on the County's 2009 Work Program as a Tier 1 item. The next step is to get a decision by the Board of County Commissioners as to whether their request will be part of the County's work program. You can follow the group's progress at their website www.washcotreegroup.org.



Submitted by Joint-CPO Tree Code Group



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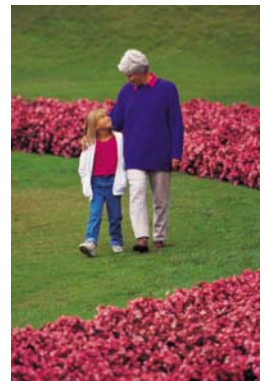
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Grandparents Raising Grandchildren, A Day for You

**Thursday, April 2, 2009
9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Beaverton Foursquare Church
13565 SW Walker Rd. Beaverton OR 97005**

Share a day of fun with other grandparents. There will be community resources, interesting presentations, free lunch, prizes and complimentary massages.

There is no charge for this event but pre-registration is required. Call 503-615-4676 to save your space! Sponsored by: Washington Co. Disability, Aging & Veteran Services –Family Caregiver Support Program



If you would like a copy of *A Resource Guide for Grandparents and Other Relatives Raising Children in Oregon 2008* or *Oregon's Legal Guide for Grandparents and Other Relatives Raising Children 2008*, please call 503-821-1150.