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To review copies of the East Hillsboro Community Plan, go to

www.co.washington.or.us/deptmts/lut/planning/publicat.htm

Citizen Participation Organization 9

Monday, September 14, 2009

7:00 p.m.

Public Services Building, Room 140

155 N. First Ave. Hillsboro

Between Main and Lincoln Streets.

Please use the back (west) doors, and park in the lot west of railroad tracks.

AGENDA

7:00 Welcome, introductions and agenda review

7:15 Urban Renewal and Hillsboro's Downtown Community Plan

What is Urban Renewal funding and why is it being considered for Hillsboro's Downtown Community Plan? Can the city condemn property in an Urban Renewal area? Will Urban Renewal increase people's property taxes? What financial impact does Urban Renewal have on taxing jurisdictions? Will it impact the school district? John Southgate, Hillsboro Director of Economic Development and Karla Antonini, Project Director Hillsboro Downtown Project will present information and answer your questions. To learn more about the proposed project and urban renewal before the meeting see <http://www.ci.hillsboro.or.us/EconomicDevelopment/DowntownByDesign/Overview1.aspx> (note that there is an FAQ that provides background on Urban Renewal).

8:30 Announcements: A time for CPO members to bring up issues of concern or announce upcoming events of interest.



The CPO 9 Steering Committee usually meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 102 SW Washington St, Room 110, Hillsboro from 5:30-7:00 pm.

Meetings are open. Contact: Margot Barnett 503-821-1114, with questions or to confirm that the meeting will be held.



Metro Councilor Kathryn Harrington

Hey Kids, We're Planning Your Future! Come Tell Us What the World Should Be for You.

While the title of my spotlight message this month is “Hey Kids, We’re planning your future” it could also be put more dryly as “Urban Growth Management: Living 20 years out, Planning 40 to 50 years out.”

Look around you. Like me, I am certain that there are many young children and young people in your life: your children, grandchildren, children of friends, kids of your neighborhood. Imagine them and their life context, 10 years out, 20 years, even 40 years out, from elementary school onward through college, to business careers, adulthood, having children themselves, managing finances for their children’s college opportunities, their retirement needs, healthcare needs, the clean air and clean water we all know their bodies need as well as the healthy ecological system their lives depend upon. Our own life experience has been blessed by our thoughtful approach to planning, and the future for our young people will be shaped by the choices that we are making today.

How will our urban environment evolve as our population grows? Where will new homes and jobs be in the future? How will people get from place to place in the region and beyond? We are making decisions to achieve and maintain lively communities, economic prosperity, safe and reliable transportation, environmental leadership, clean air and water, and equity in the benefits and burdens of growth and change. These decisions are being made at the community, city, county and regional levels, in concert. We need you to offer your vision, your perspective, your opinions as to how the future should unfold for the young people in your life. Come help shape these decisions. We need to hear from you, NOW.

Want to share your views with us or listen to those of others? Please do, I welcome and encourage it. We will be holding multiple open houses and public hearings to help you visit with us at times that work for your busy lives. Please come as you can to one of these events. Come talk to us, and share your thoughts and viewpoints for your community, your future.

- September 21, 2-4 PM, Hillsboro Civic Center – Open house, written comments
- September 22, 5-7:45 PM, Multnomah County Library (Killingsworth St) - Open house, written comments
- September 24, 4 PM Open House, 5:15 PM Public hearing, Beaverton City Hall
- October 1, 4 PM Open House, 5:15 PM Public hearing, Gresham City Hall
- October 8, 4 PM Open House, 5:15 PM Public hearing, Happy Valley City Hall
- October 15, 4 PM Open House, 5:15 PM Public hearing, Metro Council Chambers

For detailed times and directions, please see the Metro website calendar, at calendar.oregonmetro.gov. Please help as we forge a path to the future through the 21st century.

Kathryn Harrington represents District 4 includes Northern Washington County, Cornelius, Hillsboro, Forest Grove, Northwest Beaverton, Bethany, Aloha, Bonny Slope, Raleigh Hills, West Slope, Cedar Mill and Cedar Hills. Councilor Harrington can be reached at 503-797-1553 or send e-mail to Kathryn.harrington@oregonmetro.gov.

Are You Prepared?

Emergency Preparedness [Neighborhood Watch Leadership Training](#), **Tuesday, October 13, 2009**, 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Where: Washington County Sheriff’s Office, Law Enforcement Center, Training Rooms B/C. For further information or to register for this class, please call 503-846-2774 or email Darlene_schnoor@co.washington.or.us

Registration deadline is Monday, October 5, 2009.

Neighborhood Watch News, 23 issue_8-August, 2009)

Comment Period Ends October 15

Public Comment Opportunity for Making the Greatest Place

On Sept. 15, Metro will open a 30-day public comment opportunity in preparation for a series of decisions the Metro Council and its regional partners will make in the coming months as part of the integrated land-use and transportation planning effort called Making the Greatest Place. **The comment period will close at 5 p.m. on Oct. 15.**

Several important decisions under this combined initiative are scheduled to be made by Dec. 17. The Metro Council will consider a resolution approving the policies, projects and investment strategies in the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan. In addition the Council anticipates accepting the Urban Growth Report, an analysis of the capacity of the current urban growth boundary to accommodate the region's anticipated growth in employment and housing over the next 20 years. The Metro Council will also consider agreements with Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington counties to establish urban and rural reserves. Under these agreements, the Metro Council, in 2010, will designate urban reserves to accommodate future urban growth over the next 40 to 50 years and the counties will designate rural reserves to protect farms, forests and natural areas from urbanization for the same period.

Comments on any of these topics may be submitted in writing at any time during the comment period by email to greatestplace@oregonmetro.gov, by mail to Greatest Place Comments, Planning and Development, 600 NE Grand Ave., Portland, OR 97232, or online through a link on the project web page, www.oregonmetro.gov/greatestplace

In addition, Metro is sponsoring six open houses and four public hearings to provide opportunities to learn more and provide verbal and written comments. All the sites have transit service. For current schedules, go to the TriMet web site, trimet.org. Please see page 2 of this newsletter for the dates, times and locations of the open houses.

All Metro meetings are wheelchair accessible. Listening devices for people with a hearing impairment are available in the Council Chamber upon request. Interpreter services for people with limited English or the hearing impaired are available with 48 hours advance notice. Please call Metro at 503-797-1551 or TDD 503-797-1804 to request these services.

Guidelines for preparing testimony

- Oral testimony is limited to two minutes, so prepare to present brief highlights only.
- To ensure that your comments are accurately reflected in the public record, please come prepared to submit your remarks in writing whether you testify orally or not. You may bring written material you have prepared in advance, or use Metro comment forms available at the hearing.

More information about the projects and programs

For more information about the projects and programs that are the subject of this comment opportunity, visit Metro's web site at www.oregonmetro.gov/greatestplace. If you have questions about how to comment or about the public open houses and hearings, call 503-797-1735.

Sign up for the Sheriff's Citizen Academy!

Learn the inner workings of your Sheriff's Office by attending the 23rd Citizen Academy! Citizen-students receive more than 50 hours of training that consists of classroom and hands-on instruction, interaction with deputies, demonstrations of police equipment, presentations by special response teams, and participation in jail activities. You'll learn the responsibilities and duties of Sheriff's Office personnel, tour criminal justice facilities, including the jail, and much more. New topics this year include presentations by the Robbery/Homicide Unit and our new robot team! Academies are limited to 40 students, so apply online: <http://www.co.washington.or.us/sheriff/citizens/academy.htm> today!



Contact darlene_schnoor@co.washington.or.us, extension 2774 for more information

CITY OF HILLSBORO LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

CASE#/ZONE	APPLICANT/LOCATION	PROPOSED ACTION	STATUS
AN 6-08 Island Annexations	City of Hillsboro	Public hearing 12/16/08 to consider annexation of unincorporated enclaves ("islands") surrounded by the City. Note: The city is offering a property tax incentive to island owners who choose to voluntarily annex by August 28, 2009. See http://www.ci.hillsboro.or.us/Planning/Island_and_Annexation.aspx	City Council 1 st reading of Ordinance April 21; 2 nd reading Dec. 15. Other council action on annexation ordinances will be in Nov/Dec. 2009.
DR 15-09 Hillsboro Airport Fire Station	City of Hillsboro Capital Planning & Development Depart. North of NE Griffin Oaks St, south of NE Evergreen Rd, east of NE 25 th Ave, west of NW 268 th	Proposal to construct a new fire station about 13,465 square feet on a property that is currently vacant and adjacent to the Hillsboro Airport.	Approved 7/28/09
DR 16-09 Solar World SWT Expansion	North of NW Airport Rd, south of NW Evergreen Rd, west of NE Dawson Creek Rd.	Proposal to expand their silicon waste treatment (SWT) operations at the solar World facility. Expansion would include construction of an 11,200 sq. ft. addition to the existing central utility building.	Approved 8/10/09
AN 6-09 and ZC 6-09	City of Hillsboro West side of SW River Rd, opposite its intersection with SE Daffodil Place and about 500 feet south of SE Davis Rd.	At the first public hearing, August 18 th , the City Council considered a request for annexation of one property about 0.47 acres together with adjacent public right-of-way, into the City Limits of Hillsboro. At the second hearing, the City Council will consider a City-City A-1 Duplex Residential on the same property	City Council approval 8/18/09 – awaiting final approval from state
DR 17-09 Pacific Lumber building Additions	Pacific Lumber company NW Wagon Way, south of NW Jacobson Rd, west of NW Century Blvd.	Proposal to construct a 5,300 square foot lean-to on the north end of an existing building and a 4,000 square foot three-sided shed in their lumber yard. The structures would be use to provide protection and storage of lumber products.	Approved 8/19/09
PUD 4-05 (MOD 3) Solano Estates West	Solano Estates North of W Baseline Rd, south of NE Damsel Dr., east of NE 53 rd Ave.	Public hearing on August 26 th , 6:30 PM to consider a request for a planned unit development modification for Solano Estates (approved as Solano West and Solano East), a detached single family residential Planned Unit Development (PUD), on about 19.95 acres of property.	Pending
DR 18-09 Columbia Corp. Grading	Northern Valley Holdings- Columbia Corporation North of NW Wagon Way, south of NW Jacobson Rd, east of NW Century Blvd., west of NW Croeni Rd.	Proposal to re-grade two vacant parcels to accommodate local fill that would be placed on the site. The parcels would be stabilized and re-seeded following the proposed grading.	Approved 8/25/09
MLP 3-09 Hurliman	Nick Hurliman 205 NE Edison St.	Proposed partition to divide the subject site into two smaller parcels for the purpose of constructing a new single family home on one parcel of about 2,950 square feet. The site includes an existing single family home that would remain on one parcel about 4,550 square feet in size.	Pending

Hillsboro Planning Department, 150 E. Main Street, Fourth Floor, Hillsboro, Oregon. 503-681-6153
Planning and Zoning Hearings Board; Planning Commission and City Council meetings are held in the Auditorium,
Hillsboro Civic Center, 150 E. Main Street, Hillsboro. www.ci.hillsboro.or.us/Planning
Order of testimony: applicant; other proponents; opponents; applicant's rebuttal. Refer to DR Monthly Report on the City
of Hillsboro website at <http://www.ci.hillsboro.or.us/Planning/DevReviewMonthReport/Default.aspx>

Public Affairs Forum Topics for September 2009

Special note: forum is meeting in a new location.

The meeting location for the forum is at the Tanasbourne Old Spaghetti Factory, 18925 NW Tanasbourne Drive, Hillsboro, OR 97124, 503-617-7614.

For a map go to: <http://washingtoncountyforum.org/time-place>



September 14, 2009

Topic: Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue: Providing Strategic Emergency Response to a Changing Community.
Speaker: Deputy Chief Mike Duyck.

September 21, 2009

Topic: Oregon's 2009 Legislature – How did they do?

Speaker: Jim Moore, Instructor, Department of Politics and Government, Pacific University.

September 28, 2009

Topic: New Seasons: A Northwest Natural Success story.

Speaker: Brian Rohter, CEO.

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

Location: Tanasbourne Old Spaghetti Factory, 18925 NW Tanasbourne Drive, Hillsboro, OR 97124, 503-617-7614

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

Metro Councilors Launches New Web Page

Beginning September 2009, your Metro Councilor will launch a new web-based page that will take the place of his or her monthly newsletter. When the new page is live, you'll get an e-mail inviting you to check it out. After that you'll be able to choose from a variety of ways to stay in touch, including regular e-mail updates or an RSS feed. (Don't worry if you don't know what an RSS feed is—we'll explain it and help you set it up.)

The new and improved Council news pages will bring you more timely and relevant information. Your Councilor will be able to let you know what's going on at Metro as it's happening. You'll find out about events and activities in your neck of the woods and be invited to participate in the decisions that shape the future of the region.

We're also excited to reduce our use of paper – one more step towards meeting Metro's waste reduction goals. That said, if you would prefer to receive print mailings from your Councilor, please contact us to let us know your interests and we will work to accommodate you.

As we develop and implement these changes, there will be no August newsletter. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we make this transition. Any and all feedback is welcome; please contact Milena Hermansky at 503-797-1540 or milena.hermansky@oregonmetro.gov with questions or comments.



BROTHER, CAN YOU SPARE...A NEWSLETTER?

The CPO program coordinators are looking at ways to reduce printing and postage costs and to make the program more sustainable. To do that we need your help by signing up to receive the newsletter electronically. We call this the *CPO NewsAlert*.

It's simple, just send an email to Sally Yackley cpo.wash.co@oregonstate.edu with your name, street address, zipcode and email address to make the necessary changes. You will receive an email with a link to the CPO website with your current newsletter. Thank you for helping out!

Forest Neighbors Field Day & BBQ!

Saturday, September 26, 2009 9:00am—2:00pm at the home of Kate & John Eskew, 15604 NW Rock Creek Road.

For first-time and long-time small woodland and property owners who are looking for technical advice and assistance on how to manage their land. OSU Extension Master Gardeners will be on hand to answer any gardening and landscaping questions you have!



Talks & Hands-on Demonstrations:

- Wildlife on your land
- Fire danger during summer
- Basic tree/forestry information
- Invasive weeds
- Reforestation
- Forest Health
- Backyard forest landscapes
- Mapping your property
- Markets & carbon credits
- Inheritance issues
- Conservation easements
- Getting technical assistance

Register at registration@wmswcd.org, Event cost -\$10 per person, \$15 per family (children may attend free!)
For more information, contact Scott Gall at scott@wmswcd.org

Special appearance by Forest Dan!

Sponsored by: Oregon Department of Forestry with financial assistance from the USDA Forest Service, OSU Extension Service, Oregon Forest Resources Institute, Oregon Small Woodlands Association, West Multnomah SWCD

Board of Property Tax Appeals Seek Candidates

Due to term expirations, the Board of Commissioners announced recruitment for the following Assessment and Taxation advisory committee:

Description: The Board of Property Tax Appeals meets in February and March to hear petitions for the reduction of real market, maximum assessed, specially assessed or assessed value of property as of January 1, 2009. The Board also considers petitions to excuse penalties assessed for the late filing of real and personal property returns.

Membership: Five members who are residents of the county and are not employees of the County or any taxing district within the county. Qualifications include knowledge of real estate, appraisal and assessment practices, patience, understanding and a sense of civic responsibility

Time Commitment: 25 to 30 days of hearings

Term Length: 1 year

The application deadline is September 27, 2009 or when all vacancies are filled. Applications may be obtained by visiting the Web site or by calling (503) 846-8685. Descriptions of all the boards can also be found at <http://www.co.washington.or.us/CAO/BoardsCommissions/index.cfm>

Boards, committees, and commissions advise the Board of Commissioners on matters of interest to people who live and work in Washington County. Committees themselves do not pass ordinances or establish policy; their purpose is to study issues and make recommendations. Commission members are volunteers appointed by the County Board of Commissioners. Members must be residents of Washington County. Serving on an appointed board or commission is a great way for Washington County residents to participate in decisions that affect them and to learn more about how local government works.

Sharing the Road with Farm Equipment

Over half of the 1,271 miles of roads maintained by Washington County's Department of Land Use and Transportation are in a rural setting. Scenic two-lane roads wind through farms, forests, nurseries and vineyards. Due to population growth, more high-speed traffic now travels on roads not designed for that kind of traffic.

Motorists traveling Washington County's rural roads may find themselves sharing the road with large, slow-moving farm equipment. Not recognizing slow moving vehicles, or simply not being aware of them until it is too late, is a leading cause of collisions.



How can you recognize farm vehicles? According to the Oregon Drivers Manual, farm machinery and equipment that travels at 25 mph or less must display a slow-moving vehicle emblem on the rear when traveling on public roads. As a motorist, you must be prepared to slow down when you see this triangular sign with a red reflectorized border and a fluorescent orange-red center. Some farm vehicles may also display flashing yellow lights.

They're so big and slow, how could you possibly rear-end a farm vehicle? Consider this: A car traveling 55 mph requires about 224 feet to stop on dry pavement, assuming average reaction time and braking. A car traveling 55 mph can close a 300-foot gap (the length of a football field) and overtake a tractor moving at 15 mph in about five seconds. If you do not begin to slow as soon as you see a farm vehicle, you might not have time to avoid a collision.

The most common accident occurs when a slow-moving farm vehicle is turning left. Although a tractor may appear to be stopping beside the road or turning right, it might actually be turning left. The farmer is swinging wide to line up with a gate or driveway; the driver behind the farmer may think the farmer is pulling over to let the driver pass. Look for gates, driveways or access roads on the left side of the road that may indicate a left turn.

How and when is it safe to pass farm equipment? It is illegal and very dangerous to pass farm equipment in a no passing zone. Pass only when the road ahead is clear and there is either a dashed yellow line on your side of the road or a dashed white line. And when passing, be extra cautious. Tractors and other farm equipment may be wider than they look from behind and may require ample space in both lanes.

ODOT's Crash Analysis and Reporting Unit reports that in the five-year period from 2003 through 2007, Oregon experienced 151 crashes involving farm equipment; 112 people were injured and 10 people died. Eight of those crashes and one death occurred on Washington County's roads. Almost two-thirds of Washington County's crashes were rear-end crashes or crashes during turning movements. Most crashes took place on a weekday, during the day, on dry pavement. The most frequent day of the week for crashes involving farm equipment in Washington County was Wednesday.



The keys to safety when sharing the road with farm equipment are **caution and patience**. A farmer understands that your trip is being delayed, so he or she will pull off the road at the first available safe location to allow you to pass. For more information, see the Oregon Farm Bureau's publication *Rural Road Safety*.

Washington County is committed to building and maintaining the best transportation system, ensuring the safety of all roadway users, and to operating the county roadway system in a cost-effective and environmentally responsible manner.

Tips to Save Money on Groceries

Read labels. The first three ingredients on the label tell you what you are buying. Do you see healthy ingredients listed first, or sugars and fat?

Think before you buy. Don't buy something near the check-out line. Those items cost more. Don't buy something just because you have a coupon. Use coupons only for food you really need.

To learn more about best buys, see the OSU Extension Service fact sheet "tips for Healthy, Thrifty Meals" at <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/nep/osu-edmaterials#SFD>.



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TIME SENSITIVE**

Stormwater Management: One Backyard at a Time

What if each of us implemented just one of the ideas from this workshop

A **FREE** video-stream workshop will be held **Tuesday, September 15, 9:00am to 11:30 am** at OSU Extension Service, Room 1411E, 18640 NW Walker Road (corner of 185th and Walker). Enter at door marked D1.

This presentation will also be hosted at two other locations:

Tigard Water Building
8777 SW Burnham St., Tigard
Host: Tualatin Riverkeepers
503-620-7507

2701 NW Vaughn St. Ste450, Portland
Host: West Multnomah Soil & Water
Conservation District
Please pre-register at 503-238-4775

Learn how home and business owners, developers, city engineers and mayors are trying green solutions to manage the pollution running to surface and ground waters. See ideas from Whidbey Island, Washington; Bend, Oregon; and Ketchum/Sun Valley Idaho that you may implement in your backyard or town.

Some of the questions we will answer on September 15 include:

- What is a rain garden?
- How big does it need to be?
- What plants should I include?
- Why does that house have plants growing on the roof?
- Does rainwater run off your property into the street?
- Does your neighbor's rainwater run onto your property?



This workshop should interest all gardeners, natural resource educators and students, developers, landscape companies, watershed groups, city and county engineers, planning staff, watershed groups, and caring and interested individuals.

This free workshop comes to us from the video team of Washington State University. Please call or email Sally Yackley (503.821.1128 or email: sally.yackley@oregonstate.edu) by Thursday, September 10 to reserve a space at the OSU-hosted workshop (Walker Road location) so that we may plan for handout materials and refreshments.