North Bethany Community Planning Update and Open House

You Are Invited to a North Bethany Community Plan Open House

Monday, June 28, 4 – 7 p.m.
Charles D. Cameron Public Services Building – Cafeteria
155 N. First Avenue, Hillsboro

The Open House for the North Bethany Community Plan will focus on recent progress towards creating an implementation and funding plan for future development. In 2009 the Washington County Board of Commissioners adopted the North Bethany Concept Plan, a framework to build a community with a high level of amenities. Staff, working closely over the last three months with North Bethany property owners, CPO7, and developer representatives, is drafting a land use ordinance that follows the North Bethany Concept Plan. The ordinance will then go before the Washington County Planning Commission in mid-July and the Board latter this summer with the goal of adopting the ordinances by October.

At the open house you will have the opportunity to review and comment on draft ordinance language regarding:

- Park and community service areas location criteria (how parks and public spaces are assured of being developed)
- Land use districts (where different housing densities should occur)
- Development standards
- Commercial use areas

There will be opportunity to learn about the county's development review procedures and what different levels of review mean (what the differences are between a Type II and Type III review and how they are applied.) Transportation funding is an important element of moving development forward and staff will have draft funding strategies to discuss. And draft Community Development Code updates and new Code-section language will be available for review and comment.

Staff will be available to talk with you about these issues. There are no formal presentations, so drop in anytime between 4 and 7 p.m.

The North Bethany area was brought into the Urban Growth Boundary in 2002. Washington County began planning for the community in 2007 to create a Community of Distinction. Once completed over the next 20 to 25 years, the community will have neighborhood and community parks, walking and biking trails, close-in small commercial areas, a range of housing types and designs, and natural areas and public spaces for all to enjoy.

The Washington County Planning Commission is scheduled to hold their first public hearing on August 4.

The new Ordinance 730 (to be posted by July 19, 2010) can be tracked at: http://www.co.washington.or.us/LUT/Divisions/LongRangePlanning/2010-land-use-ordinances.cfm (you can sign up for the RSS feed or receive updates through the eSubscriptions.)

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The Charles D. Cameron Public Services building is located at First and Main Streets in Hillsboro. The west end of the MAX line is across the street and there are parking lots to the south, west and north.