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CPO 1 MEETING

Tuesday, April 2, 2013 at 7 pm
Leedy Grange, 835 NW Saltzman Rd, Portland
For a map go to: http://bit.ly/Ij8Xdf

Meeting Agenda

7:00 pm / Welcome
CPO Announcements and Discussion, Community Announcements and “It’s Your CPO” Open Mic

7:30 pm / Area 93
Washington County Board Chair Andy Duyck and Commissioner Greg Malinowski
Chairman Andy Duyck and Commissioner Greg Malinowski will discuss the process to move the county line between Washington and Multnomah counties so that Area 93 can be developed. House Bill 3067, currently moving through the legislature, establishes a process for the transfer of Area 93 into Washington County. The area was part of an Urban Growth Boundary expansion in 2002 but neither Portland nor Multnomah County would serve it with planning and infrastructure. It is adjacent on two sides to urbanized Washington County, which is also the most logical service provider. See article on page 5.

8:30 pm / Flood Insurance Rating Program
Residents of Sunset Meadows, a small development just north of Hwy 26 in Cedar Mill that was annexed into Beaverton several years ago, are asking for support from CPO 1 in requesting that Beaverton and Clean Water Services participate in a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) program that evaluates flood risk and enables property owners to obtain discounts on mandatory flood insurance. See a draft proposed letter from CPO 1 on page 3. We will discuss the issues and vote on sending the letter.

CPO 7 neighbors are invited to attend.
YOUR CPO

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CPO 1 Map
http://extension.oregonstate.edu/washington/sites/default/files/CP01.pdf

CPO 1 On the Web
View past newsletters, meeting agendas and CPO information at:
http://extension.oregonstate.edu/washington/cpo-1

Community Plan
Review copies of the Cedar Mill-Cedar Hills Community Plan at:
http://www.co.washington.or.us/LUT/Divisions/LongRangePlanning/Publications/ch-cm-cp.cfm

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Why Should You Participate in Your CPO?

We all need a place to belong where our ideas will be heard and respected.

Washington County CPOs—Citizen Participation Organizations—are grassroots citizen involvement networks that are devoted to informing residents about opportunities to participate in local land-use and livability issues. It is a great way to meet some of your neighbors, get involved in your community, and learn or hone leadership and organizational skills. Come to a meeting and check it out!

The direction and momentum for a CPO arises from the needs and interests of the community. Each organization relies on community members to provide leadership and identification of local issues. Led by volunteers, the CPO provides a safe public forum where members can bring ideas and share in learning about how government works and how to promote community concerns.

Your CPO also receives notice of land developments proposed for your area and is requested to provide input before a decision is made. Your CPO, as a group of citizens working together, may be very effective in influencing the decisions of local government. Most CPOs meet once a month or every other month.

Topics of discussion at CPO meetings may include election issues, Sheriff’s Office and fire department updates, transportation and land development issues, strengthening communities and more.

CPOs are advisory to Washington County on all areas of livability including land and transportation development. The CPO program is coordinated by OSU Extension Service on behalf of Washington County.

For more information, contact your CPO 1 Chair Bruce Bartlett at bruce@actisdesign.com or 503-645-4683. You can also go to http://extension.oregonstate.edu/washington/cpo or contact OSU Extension CPO Coordinator Dan Shauer at Dan.Schauer@oregonstate.edu or 503-821-1123.
Draft Letter Regarding Flood Insurance Program

CPO 1 residents in a community that was annexed into Beaverton several years ago would like Beaverton, Clean Water Services, and Washington County to collaborate on participation in a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) program that evaluates flood risk and enables property owners to obtain discounts on mandatory flood insurance.

The City of Portland participates in the FEMA program. A CPO 1 member has contacted Clean Water Services and City of Beaverton to ask if they could apply to the program.

Excerpt from an insert in a recent City of Portland water utility bill:

“Basic homeowners insurance doesn’t cover flooding. But because Portland participates in the National Flood Insurance Program (FloodSmart.gov), Portland residents can purchase federally-backed flood insurance at an average cost of about $600 a year.

“Portland residents receive a 25% flood insurance discount because of the city’s favorable rating in FEMA’s Community Rating System (CRS). CRS awards points to local jurisdictions for reducing flood risk.”

This program could potentially benefit not just one Beaverton community, but many residents in the County. This is a draft proposed letter from CPO 1. We will discuss the issues in our upcoming Tuesday, April 2, meeting, where a motion will be entertained to send a letter.

PROPOSED LETTER

Bill Gaffi, Mayor Denny Doyle, Board of Commissioners,
General Manager, City of Beaverton Washington County
Clean Water Services

Re: FEMA flood insurance rating program (Community Ratings System-CRS)

Dear Mr. Gaffi, Mayor Doyle, and County Board of Commissioners,

Citizen Participation Organization 1 respectfully requests Clean Water Services, the City of Beaverton, and Washington County to work together to participate in FEMA’s Community Ratings System (CRS) flood insurance rating program so that Beaverton and Washington County constituents whose homes and businesses are in identified flood plains may save money on their flood insurance.

The City of Portland participates in the CRS program, and thereby enables a 25% discount for its residents. They report that existing staff can complete the application process and other obligations required for participation. Their participation in the CRS has not required any additional staff to be hired.

An average homeowner in a flood plain can save around $600 per year on their insurance, making this a valuable service for residents.

The CPO 1 Steering Committee voted March 18, 2013 to approve this letter and to publish it in the April CPO 1 newsletter. A discussion is scheduled on the agenda for the April CPO 1 general meeting, where a motion will be entertained to ratify.

Best regards,

Bruce Bartlett, CPO 1 Chair

cc: Mark Jockers, Clean Water Services  James Duggan, City of Beaverton
Washington County Land Use Ordinances

Ordinance Description Hearing(s) Hearing(s) Contact
760 Proposes to amend the Transportation Plan and the Sunset West Community Plan to remove Area of Special Concern #11 in the Elmonica Subarea. Changes are needed to remove elements defined through the 1998 approval of the Sequent Master Plan which identified the future development of a corporate campus for that company. Sequent no longer owns the properties. This ordinance proposes to remove the Sequent Master Plan elements to allow for development by a subsequent owner or owners. Planning Commission March 6, 2013 2 pm • Agenda • Staff Report Board of Commissioners March 19, 2013 10 am • Staff Report Long Range Planning Division Aisha Willits 503-846-3961

Public Invited to Comment on Washington County’s Draft Road Maintenance Plan

The Department of Land Use and Transportation invites public review and input on the DRAFT 2013-14 Road Maintenance Program. The document and online comment form can be found at: http://bit.ly/YEAGvq. Comments may also be submitted at: lutops@co.washington.or.us or 503-846-7623 by April 26.

The department’s annual road maintenance program identifies activities that preserve the public’s investment in the County’s transportation infrastructure. The goal is to provide the highest possible level of service within available resources. Learn more at: http://bit.ly/1398Akl. This year’s plan also includes construction of small improvements - Minor Betterments http://bit.ly/Y1aemc and Urban Road Maintenance District (URMD) Safety Improvements http://bit.ly/16XzwOL - intended to improve connectivity and/or safety for all modes of travel. After review of public input, the 2013-14 Road Maintenance Program will be presented to the Washington County Board of Commissioners for approval in June.
**Area 93: Multnomah and Washington County Boundary Line Change Update**

“Area 93,” located in Multnomah County, was one of several areas that were included in the 2002 Urban Growth Boundary expansion to serve growth on the region’s west side. Others included North Bethany, portions of River Terrace (West Bull Mountain) and portions of South Hillsboro.

Multnomah County and the City of Portland completed a significant amount of preliminary planning for Area 93, but unlike other 2002 west side UGB expansion areas, this area has not been able to move beyond the planning stage. The challenge has been determining how to provide and pay for essential urban services such as water, sewer, parks, roads and police protection. The preferred solution to advance development of Area 93 involves transferring it into Washington County.

Area 93 is approximately 2.5 miles north of the U.S. Highway 26/Oregon 217 interchange. It is approximately 160 acres in size. Due to existing roads and natural features, the land area available for development is significantly less. It is isolated from other urbanized areas in Multnomah County by a rural reserve area approximately one half mile in width.

To receive email alerts from Washington County on Area 93 news and updates, go to [http://washtech.co.washington.or.us/subscriptions](http://washtech.co.washington.or.us/subscriptions) (scroll down to check the box for “Area 93”). For complete information, see [http://www.co.washington.or.us/LUT/Divisions/LongRangePlanning/area-93.cfm](http://www.co.washington.or.us/LUT/Divisions/LongRangePlanning/area-93.cfm).

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**Legislative Update**

House Bill 3067 establishes the process for Multnomah County to transfer Area 93 to Washington County. It was introduced in the week of Feb. 18 and advanced through the House Committee on Land Use to readings on the House floor. It was passed by the House on March 18 by a 58-0 vote. See the Oregon Legislature bill tracker: [https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2013R1/Measures/Overview/HB3067](https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2013R1/Measures/Overview/HB3067).

The bill will go to the Senate for consideration. No Senate committee hearing dates have been scheduled at this time.

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**Proposed New ‘High Value Conservation Area’ Classification for State Forest Lands**

The Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) is currently collecting public comments on a change to state administrative rules regarding how state forest lands are classified. The proposed rule refines language within ODF’s Forest Land Management Classification System (Oregon Administrative Rule 629-035-0055) to add the classification of “High Value Conservation Areas” within state forest management plans. The intent is for areas of state-owned forests that are currently managed with a conservation emphasis to be more clearly organized and displayed—on land use maps and in data systems, for example. The rule change seeks to affirm state forests’ current contributions to conservation. No changes to projected harvest levels or designations of additional conservation areas are proposed.

The draft rule language is at: [http://www.oregon.gov/odf/Pages/FLMCS-Rulemaking.aspx](http://www.oregon.gov/odf/Pages/FLMCS-Rulemaking.aspx). If you have questions call 503-945-7481 or email jdbarnes@odf.state.or.us. Public comments will be provided for review prior to final rule adoption, which is anticipated in June 2013. Provide comments at [http://salsa3.salsalabs.com/o/50686/p/dia/action3/common/public/?action_KEY=9454](http://salsa3.salsalabs.com/o/50686/p/dia/action3/common/public/?action_KEY=9454). Written comments are being accepted through April 5 at ODFStateForestsComments@odf.state.or.us or by postal mail to John Barnes, Oregon Dept. of Forestry, 2600 State Street Building D, Salem OR 97310.
**Tree Talk Podcasts Available from Urban Forestry Program**

Podcasts on a variety of urban forestry and tree care topics are now available from the Oregon Department of Forestry’s (ODF) Urban and Community Forestry program’s website. Called “Tree Talk,” the podcasts were coordinated by Oregon State University student Heather Reed, an intern with ODF’s Urban and Community Forestry Program.

**Six good reasons to love the new podcasts:**

- Do you know what tree topping is? **Tree Talk #1** is a humorous and informative talk with Plant Amnesty’s Cass Turnbull, and explains why trees should never be overly-pruned or “topped.”

- **Tree Talk #2**, an interview with representatives from the organizations, Oregon Champion Trees and Ascending the Giants, discusses tree preservation efforts of both programs. Also included is a discussion of Oregon Public Broadcasting’s Treewise broadcast about a tree climbing expedition through a grove of Oregon White Oaks.

- Are you having thoughts of tree planting now that spring is just around the corner? The **Tree Talk #3** podcast—an informative interview with Oregon State University urban forestry graduate student Abbey Driscoll—discusses tree choices with “Right tree, right place” in mind.

- Some people like trees that lower the family grocery bill. Learn the ins and outs of planting fruit trees in this interview with Karen Wolfgang of Independence Gardens as she explains the particulars of fruit trees, including selection, planting, and fruit tree care, on the **Tree Talk #4** podcast.

- “Talking Water Gardens” - what’s that? In the **5th Tree Talk** podcast, join Oregon State University student and ISA-certified arborist Heather Reed and learn how the City of Albany’s “Talking Water Gardens” does the work of a traditional water treatment plant while offering shade, beauty, recreation and bird and wildlife watching.

- Just what is it that makes fall so colorful? In **Tree Talk #6**, join host Heather Reed as she explains topics garnered from Clackamas Community College’s Horticulture program, including leaf pigment and what makes fall so colorful.

The making of these podcasts was funded by a grant from the U.S. Forest Service. You can listen to the new “Tree Talk” podcasts online, or download them at [http://tinyurl.com/a5grhu2](http://tinyurl.com/a5grhu2).

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**THPRD Parks Advisory Committee Seeks Members**

Five community members who are passionate for local parks are needed to serve on the Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District’s Parks Advisory Committee. According to Committee Chair Miles Glowacki, the group provides an opportunity for interested citizens to actively support parks that are safe, secure, healthy and fun. The Committee reviews plans for new and upgraded parks and also seeks creative ways to enhance existing parks. Members choose a two or three-year term, and participation typically requires only a few hours per month. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at THPRD’s Fanno Creek Service Center, 6220 SW 112th Avenue, Beaverton. Application forms can be found at [http://www.thprd.org/pdfs/document387.pdf](http://www.thprd.org/pdfs/document387.pdf). For more information, call 503-720-3768 or 503-645-6433.
Call for Nominations for the Harold Haynes Citizen Involvement Award

Each spring the Citizen Participation Organization (CPO) Program working through the Washington County Committee for Citizen Involvement (CCI) honors a neighbor or group of neighbors who made a significant contribution to his or her CPO and/or the community. Nominations are sought from CCI members on a simple form and a vote by ballot is conducted at the May CCI meeting. The recipient is honored during the June CCI meeting and a perpetual plaque listing those honored is posted in the Washington County Public Services Building.

The Harold M. Haynes Award was initiated in 1998 following the untimely death of Dr. Haynes, a former resident of Forest Grove. Dr. Haynes was a citizen statesman and constant advocate for state land use Goal 1, requiring Citizen Involvement in all phases of planning. Dr. Haynes was instrumental in creating the Committee for Citizen Involvement in Forest Grove. He served on the Washington County CCI and the Citizen Involvement Advisory Committee for the state Land Conservation and Development Commission.

Last years’ recipient was Cherry Amabisca honored for her work to communicate with and empower community residents working toward shared goals. Cherry’s community involvement spans her role as a West Union Elementary School parent and local 4H sponsor to engagement in planning for Metro’s Urban and Rural Reserves. She was a founding member and Chair of Save Helvetia (www.savehelvetia.org), formed to advocate for the preservation of foundation farmland north of Highway 26 and in the Greater Helvetia area in particular. The success of these efforts so far is largely due to Cherry: her respectful outreach to neighbors, staff and officials; her skill in organizing people and testimony to address decision criteria and avoid repetition; and her clear commitment to applicable law, community values and accurate data as bases for decisions. Save Helvetia’s efforts have resulted in the preservation of over 7,000 acres in Rural Reserves designations.

Other past recipients include a variety of citizen activists and leaders honored for their work and service to the community fostering positive leadership and helping to bring clarity to complex issues. We encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to honor an individual or a group in your community who made a difference in your community.

Nomination forms are available on line at http://bit.ly/13dbBAd or from Carol Renaud (Carol.Renaud@oregonstate.edu or 503-821-1128).

Third Annual Regional Trails Fair

Meet trail and park partners from around the region, and find out how you can contribute to the region’s growing trail system! On Wednesday, May 8, from 1 to 3:30 pm at the Metro Regional Center, more than 25 local agencies, non-profits and trail groups will be on site with information and displays about their programs and projects.

For more information, contact Regional Trails Coordinator Mel Huie at mel.huie@oregonmetro.gov.

State of the County 2013

In his third “State of the County” speech, Washington County Board Chairman Andy Duyck will address the Westside Economic Alliance (WEA) at 7:30 am on Thursday, April 4, 2013, to outline the challenges and opportunities facing Washington County in the coming year. The 2013 State of the County address will be held at Nike’s Tiger Woods Center, One Bowerman Road, in Beaverton. To register for the event, go to the WEA’s website at www.westside-alliance.org. There is a charge for this event.
Washington County Public Affairs Forum

Held on Mondays 11:15 am to 1:00 pm (except on major holidays).

Tanasbourne Old Spaghetti Factory, 18925 NW Tanasbourne Dr., Hillsboro, 503-617-7614. For a map visit: http://www.washingtoncountyforum.org/time-place. For last minute updates and additional information visit: http://www.washingtoncountyforum.org.

March 25  Topic: Cruise Planning / Speaker: Doreen Loofburrow, AAA of Oregon Director of Travel & Marketing

April 1   Topic: Tualatin Water District Positions / Speakers: Marilyn McWilliams, Dick Schmidt, Jim Duggan
           Topic: Beaverton School District / Speakers: Zone 7 Candidates Tom Colett, Linda Degman, Dr. Huma Pierce

April 8   Topic: Beaverton School District Candidates / Speakers: Jay Bengel of Zone 1 (not confirmed), Anne Bryan of Zone 2, Michael Richter and Donna Tyner of Zone 4, LeeAnn Larsen of Zone 5.

April 15  Topic: Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue / Speakers: Candidates
           Topic: Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation / Speakers: Candidates

April 22  Topic: Beaverton School District - Local Option Levy / Speaker: School District Representative

April 29  Topic: International Sex Trafficking / Speaker: Washington County Judge Thomas Kohl