Citizen Participation Organization 1

Tuesday, December 7, 2010
7:00 p.m.

St. Vincent Medical Center
Souther Auditorium

AGENDA

7:00 PM Welcome
Washington County Sheriff’s Report
CPO Announcements and Discussion (neighborhood meetings and development status)
Community Announcements
“It’s Your CPO” Open Mic

7:30 PM Joint CPO Tree Code Group Update. The stalwart Joint CPO Tree Code Group has arranged a native tree/vegetative planting event to take place in January 2011. You are invited to take part in this family-friendly (ages 7+) community building opportunity to enhance the Cedar Mill/Johnson Creek wetland which runs in the low area along NW Barnes Road between Cedar Hills Blvd and Cornell Road in CPO 1. The project is being done in conjunction with the Wetlands Conservancy who owns the land and is managing the technical details. Erik Mace is organizing the volunteers and needs about 20 solid commits to make the event successful, and fun!

8:00PM What would life in a more sustainable county look like? Help us brainstorm ideas for creating a sustainability roadmap for Washington County over the next 10-25 years. Bruce Bartlett and Virginia Bruce are creating a citizen-led Sustainability Initiative to present to the Board of Commissioners next spring. Help us figure out what topics should be included and what changes need to be made – to anything.

We'll discuss the meaning of sustainability first so that we're all on the same page. Then we'll explore topics including urban agriculture & food security, land use, economic vitality, human services and more with an eye toward making this county a model of sustainability.

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From your Washington County Board of Commissioners:

Washington County’s Ten-Year Plan to End Homelessness

Like many communities across the nation, a growing number of our friends and neighbors are facing financial hardships. For some, the result can be an unstable housing situation or even homelessness. Washington County saw an 11 percent increase in the number of homeless last year. Nearly 1,400 people experience homelessness on any given night in Washington County, and unemployment is their most frequently-cited reason for being homeless.

On June 3, 2008, our Board of Commissioners approved the Ten-Year Plan To End Homelessness. The Ten-Year Plan, which represents a partnership among organizations and jurisdictions across Washington County, is the cornerstone to developing strategies, programs, and activities that can best assist homeless families and individuals in their move toward housing and self-sufficiency.

The first two years of the Plan’s implementation has resulted in a $6 million investment of federal, state, and local resources to support our community’s homeless services. As we begin Year Three, $4 million of the $5.5 million targeted by the Plan has already been funded. This includes $700,000 in new federal funds to support mortgage and rental assistance, veteran services, mental health services, and employment support.

We can see many concrete examples of the Plan’s positive impact. One difficult, and sometimes deadly, aspect of homelessness is finding safety during extreme weather conditions, especially for children and seniors. Under the auspices of the Plan, community partners in Washington County developed a collaborative solution to address this problem. In partnership with faith-based organizations, Washington County coordinates a Severe Weather Shelter program to provide temporary emergency shelter to homeless persons during inclement weather. During the winter of 2009-10, six church shelters provided 3,221 bed stays and hot meals to homeless individuals.

When the Board of Commissioners approved the Ten-Year Plan, Chairman Brian said the following: "The collective capacity of our compassion and commitment is greater than the depth of this challenge. We believe a reduction of homelessness is an achievable goal in Washington County through this Ten-Year Plan.” Three years into the Plan, we see concrete signs that this compassion and commitment are making a difference for those facing homelessness in our community.

For information on how to get involved, please go to: http://www.co.washington.or.us/Housing/10-year-plan-to-end-homelessness.cfm.

Chairman Tom Brian
Commissioner Andy Duyck
Commissioner Roy Rogers
Commissioner Dick Schouten
Commissioner Desari Strader

Washington County Fair Planning

The Board of County Commissioners and the Fair Board are exercising a collaborative approach toward conducting a high-quality Fair event each year and maintaining and improving facilities and property at the fairgrounds over the years ahead. The Washington County Fair Board has begun a process of developing a multi-year plan to guide the way the Fair event is conducted each year. County and Fair officials are actively seeking input from the public about a draft Fair Plan. Please take a moment to provide us with your input to help guide the planning of the Washington County Fair event.

Participate in the Fair Plan On-line Survey and sign up to keep informed on the Fair planning process: http://www.co.washington.or.us/Fair/public-input.cfm
Dear Readers,

I would like to thank those who came to the November meeting. About 20 CPO 1 members showed up to the Leedy Grange for snacks and conversation in honor of Election Night. We may mail in our ballots, but we met in person to celebrate our centuries-old experiment in representative democracy.

In May 2010, I attended the Multnomah Food Summit. “Imagining what we can accomplish together” was the theme that arose from the Summit in which over 200 community partners, including non-profits, businesses, faith organizations, schools and most local governments came together to provide input and voice their support for a more sustainable, equitable and healthy regional food system. Repeatedly, participants identified the need to connect and collaborate, and in the words of one participant to “all start rowing in the same direction in order to reach our goals”. Wouldn’t this be a beneficial project for Washington County?

The Summit was the Kick-Off event for the Multnomah Food Initiative (MFI - www.multnomahfood.org), a series of innovative partnerships within our community now developing a shared vision, collaborative food system goals, and a 15-year action plan for our regional community that will strengthen:

1. **Local Food Systems** - Increase viable local options in our food system
2. **Healthy Eating** - Make the healthy choice an easier choice for all
3. **Social Justice** - Build systemic justice, health, and food security
4. **Economic Vitality** - Promote a thriving local economy.

Read about the start of the Multnomah Food Initiative in this Oregonian article: (www.oregonlive.com/portland/index.ssf/2009/10/county_begins_david-and-goliat.html).

One of the primary participants in the MFI is the Oregon State Extension Service, the same organization that administers the county’s CPO program and is also responsible for the Master Gardener program. In what I see as an extraordinary opportunity for synergy, the MFI could be easily expanded to include Washington County using the strength of the Extension Service, bringing us up to speed with minimal effort. There is nothing specific in the MFI to Multnomah County, rather the real focus is on the regional food system which reaches from the Oregon coast through the Tualatin and Willamette River basins, out the Columbia River Gorge and into the eastern side of the Cascades giving us seafood, produce, grains and legumes, as well as all of the benefits of our “animal helpers”.

I have started working on getting the scope of the MFI expanded to officially include Washington County so that we can quickly and efficiently bootstrap ourselves into action. This will be one of the areas of focus in this month’s CPO 1 meeting during our sustainability discussion.

I came across an interesting word that pertains to the question of how to administer contested lands: *Irredentism*. A definition from the omnipresent Wikipedia:

**Irredentism** (from Italian irredento, "unredeemed") is any position advocating annexation of territories administered by another state on the grounds of common ethnicity or prior historical possession, actual or alleged. Some of these movements are also called pan-nationalist movements. It is a feature of identity politics and cultural and political geography. Because most borders have been moved and redrawn over time, a great many countries could theoretically present irredentist claims to their neighbors.

I will leave you with this question: what are the common factors that would facilitate binding us into a more resilient regional society?

- Bruce

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**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 for a skilled nursing and memory care building on Westhaven Drive, north of Saint Vincent Hospital. Neighborhood meeting was held on November 16th, 2010.
### CPO #1 LAND USE ITEMS UPDATED

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Because of space constraints, only Type II and III Development Applications of interest to a majority, are listed in the Newsletter – for Type I Applications or for latest updates, please visit the County’s website at [http://washims.co.washington.or.us/GIS/index.cfm?id=31](http://washims.co.washington.or.us/GIS/index.cfm?id=31)

All land use hearings are held at the Charles D. Cameron Public Services Bldg.
Mailing Address: Wash. Co DLUT, 155 N. First Ave. #350 Hillsboro, OR 97124
503-846-8761 / fax: 503-846-2908

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**A City By Choice Wants to Hear from You in Online Survey**

A City By Choice is a non-profit, grassroots organization focused on learning what neighbors and business people who live, work and play north of Highway 26 from Cedar Mill to Rock Creek like and dislike about their current services, which services they find are simply lacking to build a sustainable, livable community and then, providing the community with the data they deserve to make an educated choice for their future governance. They invite all members of CPO 1 and CPO 7 who live north of Highway 26 to take their survey located on their home page at [www.acitybychoice.org](http://www.acitybychoice.org).

Collaboration is the first step to providing the community with the costs of each option; creating a new city, annexing to Beaverton, or signing up to a county service district. **The survey is open through December 31** and preliminary results will be shared on December 6th at 15220 NW Laidlaw, Suite 200 (above Huntington Learning Center) from 6pm to 8pm. Take the survey today and provide your current views and future aspirations. The results to this survey will establish the scope of the feasibility study designed to compare the costs of the three possible future governance options for the area north of Highway 26. Take an active role in your community and take the survey and attend the December Forum.

*Lori Manthey-Waldo*

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**Inclement Weather and CPO Meetings**

CPO meetings will be cancelled in the event of inclement weather when driving conditions may be hazardous. Our decisions will match those of PCC which generally posts cancellations of evening events/classes after 3 pm. to the PCC homepage: [www.pcc.edu](http://www.pcc.edu). An alert will be displayed in red near the top of the page. Depending upon your browser's settings, you may need to refresh the page periodically to see the most up to date information.

If your CPO is scheduled to meet and the weather is bad, check the PCC website. If you see the red alert band at the top of the page, this means your CPO meeting is cancelled. If additional information is available, the alert may include links to other documents. The PCC operator voice recording will be updated to include closure notifications. This recording can be reached at (503) 244-6111, or toll free at 1-866-922-1010. We will also have a recording at the CPO Program telephone number (503) 821-1128.
Public Affairs Forum Topics for December 2010

Special note: forum is meeting in a new location. You are welcome and encouraged to attend. 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

In winter conditions Washington County's Public Affairs Forum follows the open/close decisions of the Hillsboro school district. Please follow local media information or check http://hsd.k12.or.us/ .

December 6, 2010
Speaker: Stephen Bloom, Executive Director

December 13, 2010
Speaker: Mike O'Brien Executive Director SHF.

December 20, 2010
Topic: Holiday program with the Concord Chorale.
Speaker: Don Anderson.

December 27, 2010, January 3, 2011: No meeting

Are Your Water Pipes Prepared For Cold Weather?

With the winter fast approaching, unpredictable weather can sneak up on you and wreak havoc on unprepared water pipes. Icy winds and dipping temperature can do a lot of damage to your home by freezing pipes and leaving you without flowing water. There are many precautions you can take now to help minimize later impacts:

Before Freezing Weather
- Disconnect and drain hoses from outside faucets. Wrap outside faucets and backflow devices with insulation or newspaper.
- Cover foundation vents with foam blocks or thickly folded newspaper.
- Insulate hot and cold pipes in unheated areas, such as the garage, crawl space or attic.
- Show household members how to shut off the water main to your house, as well as the circuit breaker or gas to the water heater, in case of emergencies.

During Freezing Weather
- Open cupboard doors under sinks, especially where plumbing is in outside walls, to let interior heat warm the pipes.
- Temporarily, keep a small, steady drip of cold water at an inside faucet farthest from the meter. This keeps water moving, making it less likely to freeze.

If Your Pipes Freeze
- NEVER thaw a frozen pipe with an open flame. You may start a fire and at the very least, your pipe will burst. Use hot air from a hair dryer, the exhaust from a vacuum cleaner, or a closely monitored heat lamp or electric heater.
- If your pipes break, shut off the water at the shut-off valve and turn off the circuit breaker or gas to the water heater. If you have trouble shutting off your water, call TVWD or your water provider.

Also, knowing how to turn off your water and having essential supplies on hand will make you and your family prepared for emergencies, whenever they might come. For more information and for helpful links on preparing for emergencies, visit the web site at www.tvwd.org.
We all want to help our Homeless Neighbors in such tough times. Here is an opportunity for you to donate resources or Volunteer during Washington County’s 5th Annual Project Homeless Connect on Friday, January 28, 10am to 6pm

Sonrise Church, 6701 NE Campus Drive, Hillsboro
Max Stop: Orenco Station (shuttle provided) and Bus Lines #47 and 48

A one-day, one-stop event for FREE resources:

- Medical, Dental, Vision
- Haircuts
- Housing Information
- Transportation Information
- Pet Care and Supplies
- Bicycle Supplies and Services
- And much more!

Please see their web site: www.phcwashco.org for more information and comments from other volunteers.
Contact Robyn Hoppes, email: info@phcwashco.org.
To volunteer go to www.handsonportland.org.

Together, we can make all the difference to struggling individuals and families.

Organizing partners: Pacific University, Sonrise Church, Good Neighbor Center, Hands On Greater Portland, Vision Action Network.

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Driving Impaired Hurts Everyone

*The Washington County Sheriff’s Office is proud to present: DUII – How Much is Too Much.*

This community presentation will deal with the many burning questions related to Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants in the State of Oregon.
1. How big is the problem?
2. Who drives drunk?
3. Are prescription drugs a problem in DUII?
4. How do we prevent DUII in our community?
5. How much can you drink before driving?

Topics will include:
- Alcohol in society
- How alcohol is absorbed and metabolized
- Binge drinking and underage drinking
- How to determine if someone is impaired, the problem of impaired driving in Oregon
- The cost of impaired driving, driving and prescription medications, prevention strategies, and liability
- Challenges for commercial drivers and CDL Holders

This presentation will be held at the Washington County Sheriff’s Office Training Center at 215 SW Adams Avenue, Hillsboro on Saturday, December 11, 2010, 12 pm—4 pm.

**Note:** If you are 16 or 17 years of age, you MUST have a parent or guardian at presentation.

For more information or to register, please contact Washington County Sheriff’s Office Crime Prevention at 503-846-2579
Join THPRD to Help Brighten Holidays for Less Fortunate

The Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District and the THPRD Employee Association are collaborating again to encourage giving to the less fortunate during the holiday season. New toys (for youth ages 4-18) and food will be accepted at most THPRD centers from Nov. 26 through Dec. 16.

**Hotline provides updated district weather and closure information:** THPRD has a 24-hour inclement weather and emergency closure hotline. During inclement weather, please call our hotline at 503/614-4018 or check our website for an announcement. The district also provides a facility closure policy that outlines when classes and programs may be canceled if conditions warrant.

The phone line and website will be updated whenever new information is received. We also strive to keep the local news media informed whenever weather conditions force a change in our program and activities schedule.

**Winter/spring Activities guide online by December 1st, registration begins January 8th**

The Winter/Spring 2011 Activities Guide is scheduled to be online no later than December 1st at [www.thprd.org](http://www.thprd.org). Printed copies will be available in Park District centers and at several community sites starting December 17th.

The community sites include local libraries (Beaverton, Bethany, Cedar Mill, Murray Scholls and West Slope); Beaverton Area Chamber of Commerce; Beaverton City Hall; Washington County Visitors Association; and the Beaverton School District Administration Center.

Winter/spring registration for in-district residents starts Saturday, January 8th at 8 a.m. For the first time ever, online and phone registration will begin at the same time. Registration for out-of-district residents starts January 14th at 8:30 a.m.

New THPRD park offers views of Beaverton and Mount Hood

Looking to get above the crowds and the noise this busy holiday season? Check out the Park District's newest park, Matrix Hill Park, which provides a gorgeous view of Beaverton and, on a sunny day, Mount Hood. The park, which just opened to the public, is located on SW Torquoise Loop north of SW Beard Road and west of Murray Boulevard.

**Put Your Mail Box on a Diet**

Imagine opening your mailbox and not receiving junk mail or catalogs. No unwanted catalogs and mailings to clutter your home. Seems too good to be true? Catalog Choice is a free online service that helps you opt-out receiving unwanted mailings from businesses and organizations. Getting started is very easy.

Log-on:  [www.CatalogChoice.org](http://www.CatalogChoice.org)
Create:  Create an account to track the status of your notification requests.
Select:  Company who has mailed you communication.
Opt-Out:  Indicate your preference to opt-out from receiving mailings. This feature provides options to receive online catalogs or to be removed entirely from their mailing list.
Track:  Occasionally log on to view your ‘Dashboard’. This tool displays the submitted requests, their status and results.
Relax:  Sit back and let CatalogChoice.org help you trim your postal waste.

*Washington County Cooperative Recycling Program*
Tree Planting Party in Cedar Mill

Join the Wetlands Conservancy and the Joint CPO tree code group partnering with CPO 1 for a community volunteer planting event at the cedar mill wetland preserve.

Volunteers are needed to plant native dogwood and spirea cuttings and bare root shrubs at the Cedar Mill Wetland Preserve on **Saturday, January 22, 2011** from 9:00 AM till 12:00 PM at 12020 SW Barnes Road, Portland, OR 97225 -- Meet in the Farmers Insurance parking lot.

Gloves, tools and water will be provided by the Wetlands Conservancy. If you have knee high water boots or hip-waders please bring them (only some planting areas would need them.)

Family Friendly: Families with children 7 or older are encouraged to attend. You’ll be planting trees, creating wonderful memories and having tons of fun. Parents need to be aware there is open water in the area and keep a close eye on those kiddos. Use your judgment.

Questions? Contact Jennifer Wilson at 503.957.6980 or jennifers@wetlandsconservancy.org. Please RSVP to Erik Mace at 503.662.2350 or ebm@WashCoTreeGroup.org

The Joint CPO (Citizen Participation Organization) Tree Code Group is working with Washington County in establishing an Urban Forest Management Plan for the unincorporated areas of the county. More information at [http://WashCoTreeGroup.org](http://WashCoTreeGroup.org)