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Tuesday, February 1, 2011
7:00 p.m.
St. Vincent Medical Center
Souther Auditorium

AGENDA

7:00 PM Welcome
Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue Report
CPO Announcements and Discussion (neighborhood meetings and development status) Community Announcements
“It’s Your CPO” Open Mic

7:30PM  Report on THPRD Projects Funded by the 2008 Bond Measure. In 2008, district voters approved the Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation (THPRD) $100 million bond measure to address growth and respond to increasing recreational needs throughout the district. Since the measure was approved, they have been busy implementing it and are making a return visit to provide an update on their progress, including projects in CPO 1. The recently released plans for the development of Jordan Park will be on display. See page 5 for related article.

8:00PM Introduction to the OSU Extension Service Master Gardener program. Weston Miller of the OSU Extension Service will visit us to describe the details of the Master Gardener program. In exchange for 14 weeks of in-depth home agricultural training, participants commit to provide time volunteering to help home gardeners in the county by answering questions and helping find information.

8:30PM Multnomah Food Initiative and Action Plan. An amazing project has been started in Multnomah County which promises to have an impact in Washington County. Weston Miller has been involved in the Multnomah Food Initiative as the OSU Extension Service representative since its inception in 2009. He will share the genesis of the program, its progress and current state, plus actions we can perform to take advantage of this project to enhance community agriculture, with the goal of creating civic resiliency.

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From your Washington County Board of Commissioners:

Meet Your New Board of Commissioners

As a first order of business for the Board of County Commissioners this year, we welcomed two new members and a new chair this winter. This is the most change the Board has seen in several years. Chairman Andy Duyck and Commissioners Greg Malinowski and Bob Terry were sworn into office in January to start their four-year terms. The new members join Commissioners Roy Rogers and Dick Schouten to complete the County’s five-member board.

Here are highlights of each member’s unique background:

**Chairman Andy Duyck** assumes his new office after having served for 16 years as the county’s District 4 commissioner. Mr. Duyck founded Duyck Machine, Inc., 27 years ago to manufacture metal and plastic components that are marketed throughout the country. As Chair of the Board of Commissioners, Mr. Duyck represents all Washington County residents.

**District 1 Commissioner Dick Schouten** served as legal counsel for different California cities before he and his family moved to Washington County in 1992. Mr. Schouten has served on several boards and committees, including Metro’s Active Transportation Council, Washington County's Aging and Veteran Services Advisory Council and the Bridges to Housing Portland Regional Steering Committee. Commissioner Schouten represents the Aloha, Beaverton, Cooper Mountain and Reedville area.

**District 2 Commissioner Greg Malinowski** and his family manage 60 acres of farmland growing organic hay and beef between Washington County's Bethany area and Portland's Forest Park. In addition, Mr. Malinowski has worked for over 30 years in high-technology manufacturing and quality inventory control with Merix and Tektronix. Commissioner Malinowski represents Bethany, Cedar Hills, Cedar Mill, Raleigh Hills, Rock Creek and portions of Beaverton and Hillsboro.

**District 3 Commissioner Roy Rogers** is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and a partner in the firm of Pauly Rogers & Company PC, one of the largest municipal auditors in Oregon. Prior to becoming one of Oregon's longest-serving county commissioners, Mr. Rogers was the mayor of Tualatin from 1978 to 1985. Commissioner Rogers represents the communities of Bull Mountain, Garden Home, Metzger and the cities of Durham, Tigard, Tualatin, King City, Sherwood and a portion of Wilsonville.

**District 4 Commissioner Bob Terry** owns Fisher Farms, a regional provider of value-added nursery stock employing over 200 people and based in rural Washington County. Prior to his business career, Mr. Terry served in the U.S. Navy from 1962 to 1966, including deployment aboard the supercarrier USS America. Commissioner Terry represents a large portion of the rural area of Washington County including Banks, Cornelius, Forest Grove, Gaston, Hillsboro and North Plains.

As your five-member Board, we set County policy and give direction to a professional administrator and departmental staff. The Board of County Commissioners also serves as the board of directors of Clean Water Services, a public utility committed to protecting water resources in the Tualatin River Watershed. More information about the Board can be found at [www.co.washington.or.us/boc](http://www.co.washington.or.us/boc).

We look forward to serving you!

Chairman Andy Duyck
Commissioner Greg Malinowski
Commissioner Roy Rogers
Commissioner Dick Schouten
Commissioner Bob Terry
The Multnomah Foodshed

I have noticed over the years that the weather in the Metro region will sometimes divide right over the West Hills. In several notable winters there has been a foot of snow on the Portland side of the hills and literally none on the Washington County side, with Skyline Blvd. acting as the dividing line. Pretty amazing differences that are not readily apparent from the conditions on the other side. I have observed similar divides in inter-county policies and politics, when one county has no clear idea of what are the conditions in the other county and acts independently which misses opportunities for synergy. A great example of inter-jurisdictional synergistic cooperation was the agreement between Washington County and its cities’ to consider all land in the Tualatin River drainage basin together to meet Oregon land use Goal 5 requirements to protect natural resources and habitats. Each city and jurisdiction could have acted independently but the end result could never have been as useful as it turned out to be.

This month Weston Miller of the OSU Extension Service will visit us to describe an opportunity for inter-county synergy that now exists regarding community agriculture and overall food security in the Metro region. While much of Washington County’s collective civic attention seems to have been consumed by conventional land use activities like the North Bethany Planning, the Urbanization Forum and the Urban/Rural Reserves process, Multnomah County, Portland and various partners created the Multnomah Food Initiative (MFI - http://multfood.org/) to identify and cultivate the foodshed in the Metro region. A “foodshed” is everything between where a food is produced and where a food is consumed -- the land it grows on, the routes it travels, the markets it goes through, the tables it ends up gracing. The healthier the foodshed, the healthier we become and the more resilient our society becomes.

The first phase started in 2009 when the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners created the MFI. Food system stakeholders were invited to provide direction on MFI's process and outcomes resulting in the Multnomah Food Report (multfood.org/report). I attended the second phase of the MFI, the Multnomah Food Summit, in May 2010, which launched the planning process for a community food system action plan. In the fall of 2010, four community workshops were held, one for each action area of the action plan: Local Food (which I attended), Healthy Eating, Social Equity and Economic Vitality. From the ideas gathered at these workshops, the 15-year Multnomah Food Action Plan has been created (http://multfood.org/action_plan) and is summarized in their words:

“With the Multnomah Food Action Plan our community embarks on a 15-year journey of strategic alignment, clear goals, and collaborative actions that will leverage results. Some changes will come easily, but others will present serious challenges and difficult decisions. To truly achieve a local, healthy, equitable, and regionally prosperous food system we need to accelerate education, community empowerment, planning integration, policy prioritization, and investment in our food system – in other words, we need to cultivate a culture that values and is committed to sustainable food system outcomes. The Multnomah Food Action Plan presents an opportunity for our community to collaborate, plan and invest wisely on community-prioritized goals and actions. Working together we can overcome barriers, forge new partnerships, enact new policies, and raise awareness so that it will be easy for families to choose healthy and regionally-produced food. “

The Declaration of Support and the List of Supporters can be found at http://multfood.org/node/426 (Check out Supporter #98). There is really nothing in the Multnomah Food Action Plan which limits its work to only Multnomah County. Indeed, the name refers to our region, not a jurisdiction. The Multnomah Foodshed we live in stretches from the Pacific Ocean to eastern Oregon, from the southern Willamette Valley up into Washington State. Come join CPO 1 at our February 1st meeting as we learn about this food security action plan and how we can bootstrap our county into participating in this well-established effort to create some true civic resiliency.


-Bruce Bartlett
Government Services Helping Each of Us!

If you are reading this, pat yourself on the back, as you are more informed than the typical community member about government. Additionally, you have a connection to your local government. Focus group studies show that most folks, including perhaps your friends and neighbors, don’t know much about what government is, or to put it simply, that government provides services. There seems to be a bit of rhetoric around government these days: what it is, why we have the services we have. And there is the all important word – services! Government is a collection of services for the community. There are general municipal governments, county and state governments, as well as special service districts. In my experience, each unit endeavors to provide the highest value services, the most good to the greatest number of people and businesses in our community.

The geographic breadth of Metro District 4 spans north and west Washington County, which includes multiple cities and multiple disjoint unincorporated areas as well. I also have a regional view into the other communities that make up our 25 city, 3 county metropolitan region. With that view, I have had the opportunity to see and experience several categories of government services. Using broad terms, these service categories include design, community identity, economic development, and public safety. Design can include detailed planning requirements so that new development looks good, provides good connectivity and includes local amenities like parks. Community identity includes those things that make up a community’s sense of self, such as community involvement and events. Economic development includes programs to help businesses grow and prosper as part of our communities, employing our residents. Public safety services go beyond the basics of police and fire rescue, and offer other programs whereby the community is ’taking care of its own members as a community family.’ Not every resident of our community utilizes each category of service at any one time, and our lives and needs change as our individual life circumstances shift from one decade to the next. Over time, these services help us as people, they help maintain and protect our property, and they bring us together as a community.

As each of us watches news events occurring elsewhere in the world, we can see how our local communities and our nation offer us a stable platform to live our lives and enjoy our days. In general, our lives are straightforward and free from chaos. Many of these simple benefits come from or depend on government services. So the next time you might hear a friend or neighbor say we should ‘get rid of government’, perhaps you might contribute your own personal story to that conversation, about how your life is a good one, thanks in some part due to the services provided by your local governments. As I said at the start, believe it or not, you are more informed than your average community member, and you can help educate those around you.

Join Opt In, Metro’s innovative public opinion research panel. Today Metro and three community partners launch Opt In, an online research panel that will gather public opinion among residents of the Portland-Vancouver metropolitan area. Opt In is a new way to let decision-makers know what is important to you. The goal of the new panel is to create an easy, cost-effective way for you to provide input into decisions affecting you and your communities. To learn more please visit www.oregonmetro.gov/connect.

How Metro Council vacancies are filled: On January 3rd, Metro Councilor Robert Liberty announced that he will be resigning his position, effective January 15th, to become the director of the University of Oregon’s Sustainable Cities Initiative. Since that announcement, questions have been raised about how a vacancy on the Metro Council gets filled. To find out more please visit http://news.oregonmetro.gov/1/post.cfin/how-metro-council-vacancies-are-filled.
Results of the 2008 THPRD Bond Measure

This month, CPO 1 will have a visit by executives from the Tualatin Hill Park & Recreation District (THPRD - www.thprd.org) to report on the results to date of a $100 million bond measure which they placed on the November 2008 ballot to address growth and respond to increasing recreational needs. It was THPRD’s first bond measure since 1994. During that 14-year period, population in the district has increased by 48,000, and a Portland State University study has predicted another 65,000 people will move in by 2026. From 1997 to 2007, THPRD program usage increased 67 percent, from about 3 million to about 5 million visits(!).

THPRD’s Comprehensive Plan, developed in 2006, identified areas that are deficient in recreation services. Please note that once items are identified in the Comprehensive Plan, they can be built using the bond’s funds without further justification. This should make all of us take an invitation to assist in updating their Comprehensive Plan very seriously since it establishes many years’ worth of park projects and those things not included in it are very difficult to justify and develop.

The bond measure provides funds to: Preserve more local natural areas; Provide funds to purchase land and develop new trails and trail connections throughout the district, including a completed north-south trail backbone; Provide for development of synthetic turf surfaces; Develop youth athletic fields in underserved areas; Upgrade existing neighborhood and community parks; Purchase land for new parks; Expand certain facilities to address growing requests for services and accommodate more users from all age groups; and Renovate and rehabilitate existing park facilities. Find out how much progress has been made at our February 1st meeting.

**GO GREEN, SAVE A TREE!** 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 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!
Connecting Neighborhoods Subcommittee Makes Progress toward Goals

A couple of years ago, a group of CPO 1 members got together to try to improve connections for people who wanted to travel around our area without cars. Rather than wait for the “powers that be” to determine where walking and cycling facilities should be developed, these people thought they had a better idea of where the gaps were in the ped/bike system. After presenting the idea at a CPO 1 meeting, one of the group, Erik Mace, set up an editable Google Map (tinyurl.com/cpo1map) with existing and planned trails. We invited the community to add their knowledge of “secret” paths and trails, and to identify areas where a little connection would go a long way toward improving active travel. The group started meeting monthly, recording and prioritizing projects and sharing their knowledge about how the various government agencies worked. We have been learning how to do research, create partnerships, and use our influence to make things happen.

One of our first accomplishments was to encourage the Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District to put a temporary trail on the property they’d purchased between 107th St. and Cedar Mill Park. The district had been waiting for funding to build a hard-surface trail, but we pointed out that a soft trail would allow many kids to walk to school, and neighbors to use the trail for recreation.

We’ve had several similar successes, but many challenges remain. One of our main goals is to encourage the county to make the remaining unimproved arterial, major collector and neighborhood collector streets safe primarily for walking but also for biking. The development pattern in Washington County, has resulted in many roads having a patchwork pattern of sidewalks. In the past, the county has only built sidewalks and bike lanes in conjunction with major road projects, or when they can be required as part of a new development. This leaves pedestrians to navigate narrow road margins on many of our roads.

Subcommittee leader James Trumper notes, “The goal is to get the County and Clean Water Services to consider and implement interim solutions such as filling in ditches, widening roads (by enough to make them safe for walking) and completing sidewalk gaps. This can be achieved by taking a multi-pronged approach such as appending requirements for such improvements to the Urban Road Maintenance District (URMD) ordinances, and increasing funding and use of the Minor Betterments program.”

Some of the other projects we’ve been working on include: connecting Barnes Road to the Highway 26 ped/bike path near the cemetery; connecting the Terra Linda and Bauer Crest neighborhoods so kids can walk to the nearby school and neighbors can walk to the shopping centers; getting a sidewalk along Cornell just east of Saltzman; and completing the trail from Ironwood to Bonny Slope Elementary.

We are also working on community outreach through an improved website, use of social networking, and developing other communication tools to inform neighbors and increase our membership.

We meet on the second Wednesday of every month at Leedy Grange Hall, from 7-9 pm. We also gather for a monthly “field trip” to walk the area, checking out routes and noting problem areas. If you’re interested in improving active travel options, please join us. If you’d like to be added to our email list, please send a message to James Trumper at james@trumper.us.

Master Gardeners Invite You to the Washington County Chapter Chat

The public is welcome!

Oregon Master Gardener Association in cooperation with OSU Extension Service Master Gardener Program Chapter Website: www.wcmga.info.

Upcoming Programs – Tuesday, February 1, 2011, ”Poison Prevention in the Garden “ by Jim Gersbach from Kaiser Sunnyside Medical Center
Tuesday, March 1, 2011, Carnivorous Plants by Jeff Dallas, Co-Owner of Surracenia North West

New meeting location & day for 2011: First Baptist Church 5755 SW Erickson Ave., Beaverton, OR 97005, located between Farmington Rd. & Allen Blvd.

Social gathering at 6:30 p.m. – come early! Monthly Chapter Meeting is at 6:45 p.m. Presentations are from 7:15 - 8:15 p.m.
Update on North Bethany Subarea Transportation Funding

County Service District Proposal

The North Bethany Community Plan requires that an adequate level of transportation funding be assured prior to urban development occurring. This requirement can be found in A-Engrossed Ordinance No. 730, Exhibit 10, page 1 of 4, Implementing Strategy. Once an adequate level of funding is assured, a legislative plan amendment may remove the FD-20 District and apply the urban land use designations.

The Interim Funding Strategy provides the road map for the assurance of adequate transportation funding. It includes existing revenue structures and 2 new revenue sources, each of which must be adopted separately. The Funding Strategy must necessarily remain interim until these 2 new revenue sources have been adopted.

1. The North Bethany Transportation System Development Charge (SDC) was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) by Resolution and Order on October 26, 2010, effective November 26, 2010.

2. The proposed North Bethany County Service District may be formed following the approval of the residents within the affected area. An anticipated timeline for placing this on the May 2011 ballot shown below.

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<td>Last Day to file measure, and Explanatory Statement on County Service District.</td>
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<td>May 17, 2011</td>
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<td>Last Day to file notice with Secretary of State on the formation of the County Service District.</td>
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(*Assumes County Service District Hearing on March 1, 2011)

During January work sessions the BCC has been discussing what unfunded transportation capital costs and other unfunded public costs associated with the N. Bethany Subarea Plan should be included in the proposed North Bethany County Service District. If the BCC adopts an order calling for formation of a County Service District there will be hearings beginning on March 1st, and if a measure is filed, the 106 eligible voters within the currently proposed geographic area would vote on it on May 17, 2011. The posted information on the proposed service district will keep changing so check the North Bethany Subarea Transportation Funding Information webpage http://www.co.washington.or.us/LUT/PlanningProjects/Bethany/north-bethany-transportation-funding-plan.cfm to see updated information.

Village Gallery of Arts February Show

The Village Gallery of Arts February’s “Fire & Ice” themed group show, with featured artist Liz Walker, is an all media show that opens February 8th and runs through March 6th, 2011. The Village Gallery of Arts is a non-profit community gallery in operation over 45 years and is located at 12505 NW Cornell Road (Cornell and Saltzman, behind Walgreen’s Drugs, next to Cedar Mill Community Library) Gallery is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 am to 4 pm, and Sunday, 12 pm to 4 pm. For more information, please call the Gallery at (503) 644-8001 or visit their website www.villagegalleryarts.org for additional information regarding the gallery, membership, classes, and special events.
Public Affairs Forum Topics for January/February 2011

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 a map go to: http://washingtoncountyforum.org/time-place.
You are welcome and encouraged to attend.

January 31, 2011
Topic: Muslims in America’s Public Square – Hopes Dreams and Aspirations.
Speaker: Wajdi Said, Board President.

February 7, 2011
Topic: Celebrating 40 Years of Clean Water.
Speaker: Mark Jockers, Governmental Affairs/Clean Water Services.

February 14, 2011
Topic: Intel’s Growth Plans in Washington County
Speaker: Bill McKenzie – Intel's Manager of Communications and Governmental Affairs.

February 21, 2011
Topic: Administering the Oregon Health Plan.
Speaker: David Ford – President and CEO “Our Oregon”.

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