Citizen Participation Organization 1

Tuesday, May 3, 2011, 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 Washington County District 2 Commissioner Greg Malinowski. Commission Malinowski will provide an update on his role and activities.

8:00 PM Connecting Neighborhoods Subcommittee Report. The Connecting Neighborhoods subcommittee of CPO 1 is very active and will be featured in this month’s meeting.

The Connecting Neighborhoods group will be proposing a number of projects for the expanded Minor Betterments program. We will discuss these and other suggestions in the May meeting. Current proposals:

- Sidewalk or pedestrian safety zone along SW Taylor between SW 90th and SW 99th.
- Widen shoulder along east side of Cornell Road at 110th Avenue
- Sidewalks, street lights and bike lanes along SW 124th/SW123rd between Walker Road and Center Street (note: this is NOT in the City of Beaverton)
- Connect sidewalks to Bonnie Slope School on north side of McDaniel Road from the bluffs to Blackhawk Drive
- Complete sidewalk on west side of 113th avenue from Anderson to Rainton
- Widen shoulders and fill ditches on west side of 111th avenue between Rainton and McDaniel with pedestrian warning signals, marked crossing and street lights

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What Do Cities Have That We Don’t?

I attended the April meeting of “City By Choice” whose leader, Lori Waldo, did a very capable job explaining what the underlying issues are and what the group’s goals and plans are. City By Choice (CbyC) is addressing the governance deficit of residents in urban unincorporated areas (UUA) who require a higher level of “services” than the county is funded to provide. The area they are addressing is referred to as “Cedar Creek” and is bounded by Hwy 26, Cornelius Pass Road and the Washington/Multnomah County lines. Other UUA areas in the county include Raleigh Hills, and Aloha/Reedville.

The policies of cities are designed to provide the necessary higher level of services and Oregon State law is designed to provide cities with funding for them. CPO 1 Vice Chair and I have written a series of articles on this subject for her news magazine, The Cedar Mill News, which can be found at www.cedarmill.org/news/UrbanNeeds/. For readers not familiar with the subject, these articles should be useful, particularly in Parts 5 and 6 where we start identifying what “services” the UUAs do not receive that cities do.

At the recent CbyC meeting, Washington County District 2 Commissioner Greg Malinowski and Commission Chair Andy Duyck were in attendance, along with Beaverton City Councilors Cathy Stanton and Marc San Soucie. Also attending were an ex-official of the City of Damascus, and William Wild, a member of www.FriendsOfLocalControl.org/. This latter group, located in unincorporated Clackamas County, aims to study the feasibility of forming a city in the area bordered by the City of Milwaukie to the north, the City of Gladstone to the south, the Willamette River to the west, and Oatfield Ridge to the east. Their goal is basically the same as City By Choice’s: to consider forming a city, or a related structure, to provide them with independence from county governance and to provide local control.

Washington County has started to address governance issues at a high level through the Urbanization Forum (UF). The UF completed its official assignment in 2009 and their reports are listed at www.urbanizationforum.com. Now the expectation is that each of the UUAs will undertake their own process to determine how they want to be governed. The work of CbyC, considering governance options for “Cedar Creek,” is doing just that for half the communities in CPO 1, by asking that the UF process be carried forward.

The fact that communities in Washington and Clackamas counties are both struggling with the same sorts of governance issues gives a lot of weight to the magnitude and seriousness of the challenges. The experience of the City of Damascus, which was formed but has struggled to get any real traction to implement their plans, provides grim testimony that operating new cities is difficult. City By Choice has been invited to present and discuss their work at an upcoming CPO 1 meeting.

The County Health Rankings is a national project, led by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation in collaboration with the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute, is designed to show us that where we live matters to our health. The health of a community depends on many different factors—ranging from individual health behaviors, education and jobs, to quality of health care, to the environment. This collection of 50 reports—one per state—helps community leaders see that where we live, learn, work, and play influences how healthy we are and how long we live. See our health ranking at: www.countyhealthrankings.org/oregon

Vibrant Cities and Urban Forests: A National Call to Action (VCUF) is a national dialog lead by New York Restoration Project (NYRP) in partnership with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Forest Service that will promote the advancement of urban natural resources stewardship nationwide. A 25-member Task Force will lead the effort with the objective to draft a set of recommendations outlining a federal roadmap to meet the needs of cities committed to expanding, enhancing and stewarding their green infrastructure, natural resources and urban forests. Check out their work at www.vibrantcitiesurbanforests.org

- Bruce Bartlett

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!
Metro Councilor Kathryn Harrington

Selective and strategic choices
In Metro District 4, the strain caused by time and use of public facilities and infrastructure is evident. In the places where we live, work and travel, we can see missing sidewalks, cracked or potholed streets, areas where water or sewer pipes need replacing, and public buildings like schools, libraries and courthouses that need maintenance or improvement.

Each level of government and service district continues to stretch public dollars to maintain or repair these facilities as wisely and effectively as possible, using the tax dollars that you and I provide. Most of us don’t want to pay more taxes unless it is for clear and specific purposes that can’t be achieved otherwise, such as a major capital investment for a new school, park, library or fire station, or for vital regular maintenance to prevent serious damage. “Maintain what we have before extending ourselves further” is a clear message that you have delivered to every elected level of government.

One way to help achieve this efficiency is to be selective and strategic about expanding the urban growth boundary (UGB) for future development. Being cautious about expansion helps public entities be efficient with funds for infrastructure. We can use your public money to take care of the investments you have already made in our communities, while making sure that new development in outlying areas bears a larger share of its investment needs. Since its establishment in 1979, the UGB has only expanded by 12 percent, while the region's population has grown by more than 50 percent in the same time period. Our efficient use of land helps increase concentrations of valued local amenities throughout neighborhoods and communities – from parks to coffee shops to more job opportunities near home, plus art and cultural centers. In managing growth, our metropolitan area has been strategic in its thinking and implementation, and we’re widely envied for it.

One thing we can be sure of – the population of our region will increase as children who live here today stay and raise families, and as others like you and me venture to this wonderful region to make a living or to retire. Being selective and strategic with our land and public infrastructure investment decisions allows us to provide you with choices for your lifestyle and how you make a living. The Portland metropolitan area boasts a variety of locations for different types of businesses to exist and prosper, and a selection of housing to meet the preferences and needs of people over the course of their lives. Plus, the values brought by our various downtowns, neighborhoods, shops and cultural centers make this a wonderful place to live.

In the coming months, I will be presented with decisions to be made on our 20-year land use needs, about how selective and strategic we should continue to be. Proposals will be developed, published and analyzed. I’d like to hear from you. Learn more online at www.oregonmetro.gov or at a public meeting. I hope you will join the conversation and let me know what you think.

Kathryn Harrington

Regional leaders consider ways to make great communities while fighting climate change at Metro summit
Convening about 250 elected officials, business and community leaders from across the region, Metro held a Climate Leadership Summit on Friday, April 1st that explored ways the Portland area can build vibrant neighborhoods and spread economic growth while reducing emissions that are linked to climate change. To learn more visit:

TOD in 3D: How transit oriented is the Portland region?
Research shows that a few key measures can strongly predict the readiness of an area to support walkable, mixed-use development and help residents live a lifestyle with less reliance on a personal automobile. Metro's Transit-Oriented Development Program’s new transit orientation measure is a composite of these important elements. To find out more visit: http://news.oregonmetro.gov/5/post.cfm/tod-in-3d-how-transit-oriented-is-the-portland-region
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

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

### Sidewalks Coming to NW 119th Avenue!

Washington County’s Capital Project Management Division invites you to attend a Neighborhood Open House to be held Thursday, May 19, 2011, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Bonny Slope Elementary School, 1775 NW McDaniel Rd. regarding sidewalk improvements proposed for NW 119th Avenue between NW Cornell Road and NW McDaniel Road.

Why are sidewalks proposed? This section of NW 119th Avenue currently lacks sidewalks, resulting in pedestrians having to walk in the roadway adjacent to narrow travel lanes. Because of NW 119th Avenue’s proximity to shopping, schools and transit facilities, there is an unusually high pedestrian volume which the County has prioritized for safety improvements. Additional improvements include minor street widening and storm drainage as well as some completing some missing sidewalk on NW Cornell Road.

How can you get involved? Drop in anytime between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. to learn about the proposed sidewalks and discuss your questions or concerns with staff. No formal presentation is scheduled.

For further information please contact: Matthew Costigan Senior Project Manager, 503-846-7800 phone, 503-846-7810 fax, email: matthew_costigan@co.washington.or.us.

For more information about this and other County transportation projects, please visit: www.wc-roads.com

### Trees for Healthy Streams

The 5000 acres of parking lots in the Tualatin Basin are a significant source of polluted runoff in our neighborhood streams. Planting trees in parking lots is a good way to reduce runoff, sequester carbon, and cool down the heat island effect. Proper planting techniques can ensure that trees thrive in the asphalt forest.

Oregon Community Trees is hosting a one-day conference on urban forestry for stormwater management, Trees for Healthy Streams, on June 2, 2011 at the World Forestry Center. Learn what helps trees thrive in an urban environment. For more information and to register please go to http://oucf2011.eventbrite.com/.
Public Affairs Forum Topics for May 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.

May 2, 2011
Speaker: Richard Woodling, Philippine Consul General for Oregon, and Sig Unander, Writer and Filmmaker.

May 9, 2011
Topic: Hospice in Washington County.
Speaker: Christine March MBA, MS Chief Executive Officer Washington County Hospice.

May 16, 2011
Topic #1: The promotion of Economic Development New companies or expanded work force of locals, necessary to bring new companies to this area.
Speaker: John Southgate, Director and/or Sarah Garrison, Economic Development Manager for the City of Hillsboro.
Topic #2: How can and why should American citizens promote a better understanding of the United States? A personal story about how a local teacher, traveled to Vietnam to teach English as a second language.
Speaker: Marilyn Rust, a local teacher.

May 23, 2011
Topic: Here is What is Going on at Pacific University.
Speaker: Pacific University President Dr. Leslie Halleck.

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

Washington County Grandparents Raising Grandchildren
Meet others parenting a second time around; enjoy a day of fun and learning with interesting speakers, new resources, prizes and free lunch! Presentations are offered in separate English and Spanish sessions.

Friday, May 20th, 2011, 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. at the former Hillsboro PCC Center, 102 SW Washington St., Hillsboro

This is a free event. Pre-registration required. Call 503-846-3089 to save your space!


For more information, please contact Deborah Letourneau, Program Coordinator, WCDAVS, 503-846-3083, Deborah_letourneau@co.washington.or.us.

Teen Parent Resource Fair
Brought to you by Washington County
Save the date: May 4th, 2011, 4:00PM to 7:00PM for the Teen Parent Resource Fair. This will be held at the Village Baptist Church, 330 SW Murray Blvd, Beaverton. This is off the Sunset Hwy/Hwy26, Exit 67/Murray, Trimet bus #62.

There will be infant massage, story time, car seat safety, Elliot the elephant and more!

For more information, please contact Annalise Johnson, 503-846-6295 or annalise_johnson@co.washington.or.us.
Beaverton Seeks Young Adults for Summer Exchange Project
Focusing on Sustainability
Opportunity to meet global delegates while gaining valuable career experience

The City of Beaverton is seeking young adults, ages 17 to 24, to participate in the International Sustainability Leadership (ISL) Project to be held weekdays from July 18 to August 5 in Beaverton. Applicants must apply before May 1. Young adults do not need to have sustainability experience, but should be interested in global stewardship and exchanging ideas with global diplomats.

“This is a great opportunity for our college-aged adults to learn about diplomatic relations and engage in an international exchange about sustainability,” said Mayor Denny Doyle.

A total of 25 individuals will be selected to represent the City of Beaverton and join 25 young adult representatives from Beaverton's Sister Cities in Russia, South Korea, France, Taiwan, Japan and Germany. Together, participants will seek to identify elements of a sustainable community for presentation to city leaders from around the world. Project activities will include hands-on workshops, regional corporate visits, community tours and interactive discussions with leaders in sustainability, as well as activities exploring cross-cultural relations and diplomacy.

There is no charge to participate and representatives will have the opportunity to:
- Add career-building experience and leadership skills to their resumes.
- Visit numerous sites in our region that are demonstrating sustainability practices.
- Meet local and international city and business leaders.
- Expand knowledge of sustainable development.
- Network with industry representatives in renewable energy, sustainable transportation, energy and water conservation, building, waste management, and food systems.
- Establish friendships with peers around the world.

Participation is open to all area residents ages 17 to 24. Applications will be accepted until May 1. For more details or to apply, please visit www.beavertonoregon.gov/isl or view the ISL Project page on Facebook.

The ISL Project is a collaborative project of the City of Beaverton's Sister Cities and Sustainability Programs, and includes sponsorship from IBM, Vernier Software, Marylhurst University, NW Natural, Trimet, Columbia Sportswear, MicroPower and others.

For more information about the ISL Project or the Sister Cities and Sustainability programs, please contact Theresa Baird, Sister Cities Program Coordinator, at tbaird@beavertonoregon.gov or Cindy Tatham, Sustainability Program Manager, at ctatham@beavertonoregon.gov.

Volunteer Transportation Helps Veterans Get Around

Washington County Disability, Aging and Veteran Services (DAVS) has recently teamed up with Ride Connection to address the unique transportation needs of veterans who live in Washington County and don't have the ability to get to essential appointments. DAVS and Ride Connection are seeking volunteer drivers who are veterans with a desire to serve their community.

"This program is all about veterans serving veterans," says Jeff Hill, DAVS Division Manager. This opportunity can mean the world to our veterans because it allows them the independence and freedom to get to crucial appointments." The volunteer transportation program helps buffer the loss of independence by providing a no-charge, personalized transportation service to veterans who can no longer drive or use public transportation.

Volunteer drivers will use their own car or a Ride Connection vehicle to pick up a participating veteran from their home and take them to essential appointments. The trips may include visits to their doctor or dentist or grocery shopping. In many cases, the only time these veterans get out of their home is with the assistance of dedicated volunteer drivers.

If you are interested in volunteering as a driver, please call 503.528.1738 for an application and identify yourself as a veteran volunteer driver.
Road Side Vegetation

It’s the growing season in Washington County and vegetation along county roadways is no exception. When vegetation grows into or hangs over the road, covers up signs, blocks visibility at an intersection, or blocks the light of a street light, it can create a hazardous situation. Did you know that as a property owner or resident you are responsible for the vegetation in the right-of-way adjacent to your property? Please keep your roadside vegetation trimmed back, away from signs and street lights, out of the street and the walkway.

To report a hazardous road situation, call 503-846-ROAD (846-7623). But be patient - service requests for vegetation can really stack up in the queue this time of year.

For more information please go to [http://www.we-roads.com/](http://www.we-roads.com/)

Building Your Community - One Helper at a Time!

Our Crime Prevention Team is looking for people to educate the public on community issues and crime prevention topics, and to help set up for special events, package materials, and design displays. We will teach you all that is needed!

Can you spare a few hours a week, or maybe help with specific events? We need people:

- With a strong desire to help others
- With public speaking skills
- Who are outgoing and education-minded
- Who can listen and help solve problems
- Who can work outdoors in all kinds of weather
- Available evenings and weekends

We also need people with photography skills and those who are bilingual in English and Spanish. To learn more go to [http://www.co.washington.or.us/Sheriff/GetInvolved/Volunteer/index.cfm](http://www.co.washington.or.us/Sheriff/GetInvolved/Volunteer/index.cfm)

West Hills Woodland Night

West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District, Forest Park Conservancy, Metro and the City of Portland will host an informational meeting during Forest Stewardship Week to answer questions about the West Hills and Forest Park. Representatives discuss projects in the neighborhood as well as overall visions for forested natural areas.

**Wednesday, April 27, 6:30 to 8:30 pm,** Skyline Grange, 11275 NW Skyline Blvd

Snacks and beverages provided

For more information, contact Michael Ahr, WMSWCD forest conservationist, at 503-238-4775, ext. 109 or email [michael@wmswcd.org](mailto:michael@wmswcd.org). Find out more about Forest Stewardship Week at [http://www.nacdnet.org/stewardship/2011/index.phtml](http://www.nacdnet.org/stewardship/2011/index.phtml)
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 to remodel the existing building into a mixed use development with a combination of office and retail spaces on property located at 11200 NW Thompson Rd. Neighborhood meeting was held on Wednesday, April 20, 2011.