1. Citizen Participation Organization 3 (CPO-3) held its monthly general membership meeting at the Garden Home Recreation Center on Thursday October 21, 2010. BJ Cone, CPO-3 Secretary, facilitated in the absence of Chair Mike Lilly and called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM. For a list of attendees, please refer to the sign-in sheet.

2. Minutes of the September meeting were approved as written by unanimous voice vote.

3. Deputy Duenas gave the Sheriff's report. There hasn't been much crime in our area lately. He reminded us that Halloween is coming so watch out for kids. The Sheriff’s office has blinking red lights to pin on kids. They will be given out free to the first 500 either at the East Precinct or in Hillsboro. Clarification of the cell phone law was requested: hands-free devices, either a Bluetooth or speaker is acceptable.

4. TVF&R representatives were not able to attend. BJ Cone read the written monthly update submitted by Capt. Weiss. See attached copy.

5. Margot Barnett noted that the showing of the movie Food, Inc. mentioned in the newsletter on page 2 has been cancelled.

6. Charlie Conrad gave the CCI report. He explained what the CCI is for the benefit of those who may not know. The entire meeting last Tuesday was taken up with a report by the Office of Administrative Support for the County and discussion of the CPO program, what it is designed to do, how it is working and how it could be improved. Not all CPO's are active, especially those within a city. Many within the cities felt that the role of the CPO was for city citizens to address issues with the county. Others thought it was for the citizens in unincorporated areas to communicate with the county. The cities felt that the CPO’s could expand the types of issues they deal with. There is a need to be aware of the overlap of city/county issues regardless of which one you are in.

7. Margot stated that it was a complex discussion involving lots of issues. Some of the CPO’s cover areas that take in cities and some contain portions of cities. Some cities have citizen involvement programs of their own and some don’t.

8. There was discussion of the issue raised with the city of Tigard. 2 CPO’s have part of Tigard (4B & 4M). Some want the CPO boundary changed to encompass the city of Tigard. They also want the boundaries of the CPO to change as the city changes.

9. Chris Quinn with the DA’s office spoke about Ballot Measure 34-179, a levy renewal for public safety services. He is responsible for prosecution of violent felonies. The current levy expires in 2011. The new levy is a 5 year levy replacing the current 4 year levy which is expiring. It will provide funds for public safety for the entire county; it's not specific to one aspect of law enforcement. It provides for supervision and compliance monitoring of sex offenders, SWAT, major crimes, the narcotics team and many other services. Law enforcement teams are often composed of representatives from multiple police agencies. Criminals don’t always stay in one jurisdiction. E.g., a burglary in Beaverton might result in identity theft with forged checks passed in Hillsboro. Agencies from both cities would be involved. There is only one jail in Washington County; all offenders go there. There is also only one work release center. There are 40 attorneys in the County DA’s office. The Juvenile Dept. is focused on rehabilitation rather than punishment. The County also deals with probation matters and provides domestic violence shelters for women and children as well as a hotline.

10. The cost will be 42¢/$1K of assessed (not market) value. This is less than the cost of the previous levy in 2000 which was 43¢/$1K. They are asking less due to increased efficiencies such as the expedited case resolution system for low level crimes which allows much more efficient movement through the system.
11. The levy will fund 132 FTE positions throughout the system.
12. Deputy Duenas reminded everyone that this is a renewal not a new assessment. There will be no real change on our taxes. It would amount to ~$90/yr on a $215,000 house.
13. Q: Ruth Robinson asked if this is a repeat 5 year levy. A: No, the old one was only for 4 years.
   Q: What percentage of the budget does this fund? A: 19 positions out of 100.
   Q: Would the programs be lost if the levy fails? A: They will try to do as much as possible in the DA’s office, but it would be a challenge as they would lose 19 positions.
   Q: How big a margin did it pass by the last time? A: 59% in 2006. It actually failed in 2004 but they were asking for a renewal early, therefore it didn’t cause a loss of services. (It did pass in 2006). There were a lot of measures on the ballot in 2004 so not all of them passed.
   Q: Is it possible to increase the tax base so we don’t need special levies? The process is set by statute. The county could go to the voters to change it but they haven’t.
14. Q: Charlie Conrad asked if the 19 positions that would be lost were in the DA’s office. A: Yes (6 sheriff, 14 jail, 58 law enforcement, investigation, and patrol, 5 juvenile, 29/105 corrections.)
   Q: If the levy doesn’t pass, will those 132 people lose their jobs? A: Yes.
15. **Cookie Abrams, director of the library here in the Garden Home Rec Center** spoke about **Ballot Measure 34-180**, a levy renewal for countywide library services. Children who read and do well in school tend to stay out of jail. This levy is also a renewal. The previous levy was for 4 years and this one is for 5 years. Cost will be 17¢/$1K of assessed value or ~$37/year for a $215,000 home (roughly $3/month). It will support several county-wide programs including summer reading and other children’s programs. The GH library had 600 kids sign up for the summer program. 170,000 children use the libraries in the summer.
   The money is used to purchase materials (books, music CD’s, DVD’s, and technology). Many people do not own a computer so the library equipment is heavily used. Many people looking for jobs come in to use the library computers.
   Levy funds also support central and outreach services that link the libraries together. They are all individual libraries. There is a shared catalog and people can request materials from any library and it will be sent to their local branch. They also provide outreach to special populations such as daycare centers and some bilingual programs.
   For the GH library about 1/3 of the funds come from the levy.
   If the levy doesn’t pass, the result will likely be decreased hours of operation, less staff, fewer programs etc. Each library would figure out for themselves how to deal with the reduced funding.
16. Q: RR asked how much of their budget (GH) is funded by the levy. A: 30%
17. Q: BJ Cone asked about the West Slope Library. A: This library is the only one that is under the county. Most of the other libraries in the system are city libraries and 2 are non-profits.
18. **Greg Malinowski**, candidate for Washington County Commissioner, District 2 attended to present his views and answer questions. His opponent, Mike Niehuser was invited but was unable to attend due to a schedule conflict.
19. He has recently met with citizens of SOS Oregon, a neighborhood group concerned with the proliferation of adult entertainment businesses in the area. He stated that he agrees with the neighbors in their opposition to Pussycats. They were previously located west of Walker on Canyon until a fire resulted in their vacating the building. They have relocated to 87th & Canyon which is within Beaverton city limits. He also discussed a new business near the old Pussycats in the site vacated by Tulen, which left due to issues with the nearby VIP lounge and Pussycats customers.
   Q: Can these types of businesses be zoned? A: it would require a change to the state constitution.
   Ben Marcotte said it is possible to increase code enforcement but the county doesn’t really want to. Many of the problems associated with these businesses are code problems which are hard to enforce.
   GM: TVF&R inspected the Pussycats site prior to the fire and noted numerous violations.
20. There is a huge unincorporated urban area. There are 3 ways to deal with it: incorporate as a new city, annexation, and county municipal service districts. The county made a plan 30 years ago. They were not planning for infill; just letting it happen. If people don’t want to form their own city or be annexed, then a service district for planning is needed. Cost would probably be about $5/$1K assessed value.

21. Ben Marcotte briefly discussed the governance studies done a few years ago re: Bull Mountain. The status quo was usually OK with most people except when neighboring cities came in and picked off the best pieces to annex. Q: Would he favor using a county lobbyist to look into some kind of structure similar to a city for the unincorporated area? A: Any federal money that comes in is only going to the cities. Counties don’t get anything. A municipal service district has an identified boundary. Ben disagreed stating the city has the only jurisdiction to fight another city.

22. Q: RR asked what is the precedent around the state? A: We’re in a special situation. Ben said there is only one and that is Sunriver.

23. Q: RR asked where Metro stands on this. A: They think this is an urban issue. Metro deals with regional issues.

24. Greg stated that we don’t want to end up with any more situations like Reedville. Both Hillsboro and Beaverton came in and grabbed up the valuable properties on the edges leaving the older residential area with no tax base. An area has to have amenities in order for the tax base to go up. We don’t want existing neighborhoods to become dilapidated by this sort of annexation. When a developer asked to be annexed to a city, he does so to get good deals. They are not so eager to take in older neighborhoods.

25. Beaverton has a “strong mayor” system. Council members don’t have individual districts and the mayor has final say on decisions.

26. BM: Re: sidewalks on Oleson Rd.—they had to sign on for major redevelopment to get anything.

27. Re: system development fees (SDF) – developers are supposed to pay 28% and the “people” pay 72% toward costs for infrastructure. They don’t actually collect the fees. Greg believes that they developers should be required to pay more. Greg suggested going to Orestar and looking up candidates to see who is contributing to their campaigns.

28. Q: RR asked about the Beaverton system. A: It is the only city in the state with that system. Greg is not in favor of it. He prefers a system where the mayor is accountable to the council

29. Greg is concerned re: the lack of sidewalks and the requirement that children be bussed very short distances to school because of crossing danger. When crossing guards where suggested to the school system, the response was that they would be hit by cars and that the stopping to allow children to cross would add 2 minutes to motorists’ commute.

30. Q: BM asked if he would support a school SDF. A: Developers contend that paying SDF’s for schools etc. would add too much to their costs for new construction so that they could not compete in the marketplace with existing homes for sale. He feels what we should let the market figure it. We shouldn’t subsidize developers.

31. There is often difficulty in communicating with county staff. Many of them have been there for years. Commissioners come and go. Greg stated that there new Planning Director for the county seems to be very open and interested in improving things.

32. A special service district would create a more stable tax base.

33. Charlie announced that the West Slope Water District received a certificate of achievement in financial management and reporting. They buy water from Portland and contract for maintenance. They answer to the state. Charlie is on the board.

34. Margot mentioned the Bicycle Transportation Alliance Forum next Wednesday the 27th at the Fanno Creek Brew Pub, 6-8 PM.

35. The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
BJ Cone, Secretary