Citizen Participation Organization 3

Thursday, November 18, 2010
7:00PM

Garden Home Recreation Center
7475 SW Oleson Road

Agenda

7:00 Welcome and introductions
Public Safety Updates (if available)
CCI Report – Update on City Report and CPO Boundaries Discussion

7:20 SOS Oregon -- SOS Oregon is a coalition of neighbors from Raleigh Park, Vista Hills, Sunset Heights, Royal Woodlands, West Slope, Montclair and other neighborhoods organized to coordinate working with advocacy groups and neighborhood businesses to end the proliferation of adult entertainment businesses. Neighbors near SW 87th & Canyon Road are concerned about the activities related to a business at that location called “Pussycats.” They will share their concerns with the CPO, and ask for our support.

8:10 Future Agenda Discussion and Open forum

- Possible agenda topics for upcoming meetings will be discussed:
  - Bicycle Transportation Alliance discussion of bicycle and pedestrian issues in Washington County
  - The City of Portland BES Fanno Pump Station plan update
  - Presentation from regulatory/government representatives about adult entertainment industry concerns

Let us know whether these or other topics are what you want to hear about!

- Open forum – A time to bring up questions about land use applications, upcoming events and other items of interest.

8:30 Adjourn
From your Washington County Board of Commissioners:
In Honor of Veterans Day – November 11, 2010

Though Veterans Day comes only once a year, Washington County works everyday to provide services and assistance to the over 38,000 veterans in our community.

On October 6th, under the leadership of our volunteer Veterans Committee, we held a “Stand Down” event to assist veterans with employment and service needs. This event reached out to provide veterans an opportunity to meet with employers, connect with many community resources, receive health screenings, meet with veteran benefit counselors, register with the VA hospital for medical care, receive surplus military clothing and supplies, and more. About 300 veterans were connected with services and received lunch; two-thirds of them accessed job-related services through the Oregon Employment Division. If you know a veteran who may not be receiving all the services he or she needs, please have them call Disability, Aging and Veteran Services at (503) 846-3060.

Next month, Washington County and the City of Hillsboro will break ground on the new Veterans Drive, formerly known as Grant Street Extension, in the southerly portion of the Washington County Fairgrounds. Veterans Drive will run through an area that includes the future site of a new National Guard readiness center, as well as a new Veterans Memorial Plaza at the Fairgrounds. The groundbreaking event for Veterans Drive is scheduled for Tuesday, December 14, 2010, and will be a chance to honor all veterans in our community.

Throughout the rest of the year, Washington County Veterans Service Program works to ensure that Washington County veterans and their families receive all entitlements provided by federal and state law. Our Veterans Service Coordinators help veterans file their U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) claims, help them with necessary follow-up, and assist them in the appeals process as necessary. This program has provided services to over 7,100 vets or their family members in the last 15 years.

On behalf of Washington County, we thank our veterans and their families for their service to our country.

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

Banks-Vernonia State Trail Connection Complete

The southern trailhead on the Banks-Vernonia State Trail opened for the first time in Banks in October. What began as Oregon's first state rails-to-trails project in 1990 will now offer a complete 21-mile connection between the two rural communities. Banks is in western Washington County, and Vernonia is in southern Columbia County.

A public ceremony was held on Friday, October 29th, in Banks at the trailhead site at the intersection of Main St, Banks Rd and Sellers Rd.

The $1.4 million project included the final 1.5 miles of trail, a trailhead and parking for 27 vehicles. Funding came from several sources -- Federal Transportation Enhancement Grant funding ($819,000); the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act ($411,000); Oregon Parks and Recreation Department ($130,000 in Lottery Funds) and Washington County ($20,000). The project was managed cooperatively with Washington County as transportation staff moved a road to improve intersection safety.

"Completing a trail connection is a satisfying feeling," says Tim Wood, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department Director. "The people in Banks and Vernonia have supported this park patiently for these last 20 years, to serve their residents' recreation needs and for the economic boost that follows from well-run parks." Learn more about this State Trail and enjoy a hike, bike ride, or bring your horse! [http://www.oregonstateparks.org/park_.php](http://www.oregonstateparks.org/park_.php)
Metro Councilor Kathryn Harrington

Information and Dialogue with Cities in Metro District 4

Are you interested in what is happening in your local community and our larger metropolitan region? You can learn more about the activities of your local city and Metro at an upcoming quarterly exchange with Metro Councilor Kathryn Harrington and your local city council. Come hear it in person, see the broadcast on TVCTV public access television, or watch the streaming video on the web: [http://www.tvctv.org/government-programming/government-meetings](http://www.tvctv.org/government-programming/government-meetings).

Beaverton: 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 7. Find meeting agendas, addresses and more at the Beaverton City Council website: [http://www.beavertonoregon.gov/council/](http://www.beavertonoregon.gov/council/).

Kathryn Harrington represents District 4 includes Northern Washington County, Cornelius, Hillsboro, Forest Grove, Northwest Beaverton, Bethany, Aloha, Bonny Slope, Raleigh Hills, West Slope, Cedar Mill and Cedar Hills. Councilor Harrington can be reached at 503-797-1553 or send e-mail to Kathryn.harrington@oregonmetro.gov.

Kill A Watt® Energy Monitors Now Available @ Your Local Libraries

Now that temperatures are dipping you may be looking for ways to cut down on your electric bill. Washington County library cardholders can now checkout a new tool that can help them check-in to energy savings at home. Energy Trust of Oregon has joined forces with the libraries throughout Oregon to provide a Kill A Watt® Energy Monitor that can be borrowed, like a book. Reserve yours today through the WCCLS catalog at [http://catalog.wccls.org/](http://catalog.wccls.org/) search for kill a watt, or call 503-846-3222.

The Kill A Watt® monitor provides an easy way to measure the energy usage of household appliances and electronics. It can also reveal many surprising energy wasters—like a television that is turned “off” but still draws power. The monitor measurements can help you identify older appliances that may be costing a bundle to keep around.

The Kill A Watt® is simple to use: it is plugged into an electric socket, and then the electronic device to be measured is plugged into the Kill A Watt®. The monitor shows how much energy the device is using in kilowatt hours, the same measurement used on electricity bills. Those numbers can be calculated to show energy costs by hour, day, month or year. Monitors at the library are packaged with directions and tips, plus advice on how to apply the information learned to start saving energy. Using the results from the Kill A Watt®, households can make adjustments that can reduce their overall energy use and lower monthly utility bills.

SOLV November 2010 Update

11/21/2010 - Winter Twig Workshop, Hoyt Arboretum, Portland, 1:00PM - 4:00PM Have you ever tried to identify a plant without its leaves in the dead of winter? With a few simple tips, you can identify native trees and shrubs on your next walk through the woods this season. What better place to learn these skills than the 187 - acre Hoyt Arboretum? Learn from native plant experts Sage Jensen and John Ekberg who use different features like color, texture, and leaf scars to identify plants without their leaves. This training will start out in the classroom followed by an outdoor walk so you can practice identifying winter twigs. Space is limited so please register online contact or Abby Brown at SOLV today! Info & Registration: Team Up for Watershed Health or contact Abigail Brown at abby@solv.org, or 503-844-9571 x363

How many ways are there to Love Your River? We think there are at least 50. Check out the brand new Love Your River website at [http://loveyourriver.org/](http://loveyourriver.org/) to read all about some of Oregon's most popular rivers, what you can do to protect them, and win some great prizes.

To see a listing of all SOLV projects throughout the year, visit our events calendar at [www.solv.org/volunteers/volunteer_calendar.asp](http://www.solv.org/volunteers/volunteer_calendar.asp)
Public Affairs Forum Topics for November 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

November 15, 2010
Topic: Analysis of the November 2nd Election
Speaker: Len Bergstein – President of N.W. Strategies and Political Analyst for KGW Television.

November 22, 2010
Topic: TBA.
Speaker: TBA.

November 29, 2010
Topic: Partners for a Sustainable Washington County Community!
Speaker: Douglas Tsoi, J.D. Program Coordinator

December 6, 2010
Speaker: Stephen Bloom, Executive Director

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

Mitten Season? At the Bonnie L. Hays Small Animal Shelter, It’s Still Kitten Season!

Now that cool fall weather is finally here, it’s almost mitten season. But at the Bonnie L. Hays Small Animal Shelter in Hillsboro, it’s still kitten season. “If you think that it’s too late in the year to adopt a cuddly little kitten, you’re in for a happy surprise,” says Deborah Wood, manager of Animal Services for Washington County.

“Because our summer weather lasted well into fall, we’ve had an extremely long kitten season. We just keep getting kittens…and kittens…and kittens…and kittens. We have a lot of warm, furry lap warmers looking for great homes,” says Wood.

For those who prefer a gorgeous adult cat, the shelter is bursting at the seams with choices. “Long-haired, short-haired, active, mellow, male, female – take your pick,” says Wood.

Cat and Kitten Adoption Fees Still at Summer Discounts: The summer kitten season adoption prices are still in effect. “Adult cats are only $10. Kittens are $80 for the first kitten, half-off if you adopt a second one,” says Wood.

All cats are spayed or neutered, microchipped, up-to-date on shots, and test negative for cat major diseases (FIV and FeLV). Washington County area veterinarians will provide a free introductory check-up for pets adopted from the shelter, as well. “The total value of these services is about $250,” says Wood.

Location/Adoption Hours: Adoption hours are 11:00 AM to 5:30 PM Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays and from noon to 5:30 PM on Wednesdays. The shelter is closed on Sundays. It is located at 1901 SE 24th Avenue in Hillsboro, just in front of Lowe’s on Tualatin Valley Highway. The phone number is 503-846-7041.

Kitten Food Donations Welcome: “All our animals are fed by donations from our generous community,” says Wood. “We aren’t in a crisis yet, but donations of kitten food would help to make sure the cupboards stay full.”

To see adoptable animals and learn more about the shelter: www.WashingtonCountyPets.com.
No public hearing is held unless decision is appealed.  
All Type III land use hearings are held at the Charles D. Cameron Public Services Building.  
Mailing Address: Washington Co. DLUT, 155 N. First Ave Hillsboro, OR 97124.  
http://washims.co.washington.or.us/GIS/index.cfm?id=31  Tel: 503-846-8761 Fax: 503-846-2908

Tualatin Valley Water District Announces Budget Committee Vacancy

The Tualatin Valley Water District has one vacancy on its Budget Committee. The Board of Commissioners is soliciting the interest of registered voters who live within the District boundaries and who are customers of the District to fill a four-year term covering the 2011-13 and 2013-15 Biennial Budget periods.

Members of the Budget Committee review the Proposed Budget and conduct a public hearing to take testimony. The Budget Committee is responsible for approving the budget, which will then be considered for adoption by the TVWD Board of Commissioners. Committee members are appointed by the Board and serve without pay. The District anticipates that there will be three scheduled evening budget meetings during the months of March, April and May. Budget Committee members cannot be officers, agents, or employees of the District.

Interested persons are invited to e-mail a letter explaining their interest and stating their background and qualifications to todb@tvwd.org or mail it to: Tod Burton, Tualatin Valley Water District, 1850 SW 170th Ave, Beaverton OR  97006.

Letters must be received by 4:30 p.m., Friday, November 19. For more information, contact the Tualatin Valley Water District at (503) 642-1511 or visit www.tvwd.org

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  
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
County Boards and Commissions Seek Candidates

The following boards are currently seeking applications for new members:

**Cultural Coalition of Washington County** (2 terms to expire 12/31/10)
- Description: CCWC administers distribution of any state funds distributed to Washington County from the Community Cultural Participation Grant Program of the Oregon Cultural Trust. The CCWC distributes funds through a competitive process to Washington County based organizations and artists to address priorities identified in the Washington County Cultural Plan.
- Membership: Between nine and fifteen members who reside in Washington County or are members of a business or organization significantly involved in arts, heritage or humanities activities in Washington County. Members may only serve a maximum of two (2) terms consecutively.
- Time Commitment: 6-8 meetings per year
- Term Length: 3 years

**Public Safety Coordinating Council (PSCC) – At Large and At Large (Minority)**
- Description: Coordinates local criminal justice and juvenile justice policy. Makes recommendations for the use of state resources for public safety purposes.
- Membership: Twenty-five members including the presiding Circuit Court Judge, various elected officials from the County and cities, state and local law enforcement, the County Administrator and other County managers, lay citizens representing each Commissioner's district, and lay citizens representing minorities (at-large appointment).
- Time Commitment: 4 hours or less per month
- Term Length: 2 years

**Homeless Plan Advisory Committee (HPAC) 5 terms to expire 12/31/10** - a Mayor or City Councilor; Faith Community member; Sheriff's Office; a Nonprofit Service Provider; Citizen At-Large
- Description: The Homeless Plan Advisory Committee will be comprised of members who have authority within their agency/jurisdiction to make policy and budget decisions that impact the community's housing and supportive service system. The Committee will provide high-level oversight to the implementation of the 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness, encourage collaborative partnership building, provide guidance to the annual work plan, work to create resources and funding, and promote and sustain the vision and leadership of the 10-Year Plan. The Committee will be advisory to the county Homeless Program Coordinator, the Director of Housing Services, the County Administrator, and the Board of County Commissioners.
- Membership: The 17-member committee includes a representative from each of the following categories: Washington County Commissioner official, a mayor or city councilor, philanthropy, business, Housing Authority of Washington County, a nonprofit housing provider, a nonprofit service provider, Washington County Sheriff's Office, Washington County Community Corrections, state or federal entitlement/mainstream resource programs, representatives from hospitals/healthcare, a representative from the faith community, 3 citizens at-large, and a homeless/formerly homeless consumer.
- Term Length: 3 years

The application deadline is November 30, 2011, or open until all vacancies are filled. Applications may be obtained by visiting the website or by calling (503) 846-8685. Descriptions of all the boards can also be found on the Boards and Commissions website at [http://www.co.washington.or.us/CAO/BoardsCommissions/index.cfm](http://www.co.washington.or.us/CAO/BoardsCommissions/index.cfm).

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**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](http://www.co.washington.or.us/Fair/public-input.cfm)
Inquiring Minds Want to Know - How do I Prepare to Testify at a Board of County Commissioners Meeting?

Why should you bother to testify?
Testimony can have emotional impact, it indicates that you are concerned enough about an issue to come to a meeting and can be picked up by the press covering a meeting which communicates your concerns more broadly. Your comments will be considered by decision-makers along with other information submitted as part of the public record.

The Board of Commissioners welcomes public attendance and participation at its meetings. Anyone wishing to speak on an agenda item at a regular business meeting should feel free to do so. There are also two opportunities for citizens to address the Board on items that are not on the agenda.

When you get to the meeting you will need to sign in at the table located to the left of the auditorium entrance. Make sure you sign up for the specific agenda item or one of the other communication times whichever is appropriate for your testimony. When your name is announced, seat yourself at the table in front and state your name and home address for the record. If a number of people have signed up to speak two people may be called up at the same time. Groups or organizations wishing to make a presentation are asked to designate one spokesperson in the interest of time and to avoid repetition. If more than one person is testifying on the same issue it is helpful to avoid repetition in your comments. You can state that you agree with the comments by a particular speaker and then add any additional information that you want to highlight that has not been addressed by a previous speaker.

Testimony about Items on the Agenda
Public testimony for ordinances may be presented within the following time limits:
- First and second hearing - 3 minutes for individuals and 12 minutes for groups
- Additional hearings - 2 minutes for individuals and 5 minutes for groups
This may vary if there are many people signed up to testify, so pay attention to instructions provided at the meeting. If you are testifying about a contentious issue you will want to arrive early to sign up to testify, or be prepared to wait a long time.

Oral Communication on Topics Not On the Agenda
Speakers may select only one Oral Communication opportunity. The first opportunity occurs immediately following Board adoption of the consent agenda, members of the audience who have completed the sign-in procedure may step forward to address the Board. This opportunity is time-limited to two minutes per individual. If more time is needed, another (longer) oral communication opportunity is available at the end of the regular agenda. This second opportunity is time-limited to five minutes per individual and ten minutes per topic. The maximum time for Oral Communication is 30 minutes.

Tips for Effective Testimony

- Prepare your presentation to include two or three key points. Practice or role-play your testimony to be comfortable and to stay within the time limits.
- State your position in a clear way in your own words.
- Speak from your own experience - Talk about how the policy or decision affects you and others like you. Present facts relevant to the item being considered.
- Use your oral testimony time to highlight or summarize written testimony rather than reading written testimony
- Offer solutions and/or request specific actions, and remember to close your comments by thanking the Board.
- If submitting written testimony in person provide multiple copies and have an extra copy or two for the press if they are there. Written comments may also be submitted by mail or fax; email is not accepted.

If you have questions or want advice about the process described here contact your CPO Leaders or the CPO Program. Note that if you are testifying before a city council or other public body the specific rules for signing in and the amount of time you are allotted may vary. Check for specific rules by looking at the agency’s website or calling the administrative office. For dates, times and agendas of Board of Commissioner meetings see: http://www.co.washington.or.us/BOC/.
Elect to Recycle or Reuse Campaign Signs!

When elections are over, what do you do with all those plastic signs? Will your candidate need the signs for a future campaign? Perhaps the signs can be repurposed to use at yard sales, parties or events. Or consider asking local organizations if they could use the durable, rigid signs.

If the signs are made of corrugated plastic you can also recycle them at a local recycling depot. The Far West Fibers recycling depots in Hillsboro and Beaverton will accept corrugated, plastic signs in their containers labeled "rigid plastics". Be sure to remove all wood or metal before bringing plastic signs to the recycling depot.

Far West Fibers is located at 10750 SW Denney Road, Beaverton, Oregon 97008. For more information please go to http://www.farwestfibers.com/index.html or call (503) 643-9944.