 Citizen Participation Organization 7

Monday, August 23, 2010
7:00 p.m.
Community Room of Bethany
15220 NW Laidlaw Rd.
(Above Huntington Learning Center, corner of 153rd and Laidlaw, enter through the back door.)

AGENDA

7:00 PM Welcome
CPO Announcements and Updates
Open Forum

7:15 PM North Bethany Transportation Projects - Andy Back, Principal Planner for Washington County Department of Land Use and Transportation, will outline the projects that are planned in and around North Bethany. The presentation will include a discussion of project funding.

8:15 PM CPO Letter Regarding Ordinance 730 - At the July meeting, there members in attendance expressed reservations with going forward on Ordinance 730. The Steering Committee has drafted a letter to the Board of County Commissioners with those concerns. The draft of the letter is printed in this newsletter for your review (please see page 4). During this meeting we will discuss the letter and your amendments.

8:45 PM Vote on whether to send the letter or not.

9:00 PM Adjourn

Oregon State University Extension Service supports CPOs through an intergovernmental agreement with Washington County, the sole funder of the CPO program. Extension CPO coordinators provide information on land use and livability issues, resource referrals, and work with CPO members to increase understanding of public policy and decision-making processes.

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To review the Bethany Community Plans go to http://www.co.washington.or.us/LUT/Divisions/LongRangePlanning/Publications/bethany-cp.cfm
Outdoor Fun -- Learning about Nature

We’ve got just a few more weeks of summer fun officially on the calendar. Are you looking for some new activities to try, or some places to explore close to home? Reach for ‘Green Scene’ on the Metro website to help set you on your way. (www.oregonmetro.gov, Search ‘Green Scene’. Hard copies are also available at local libraries.) I did, and I had a great time! Looking for a short, easy, no more than a half day experience in the woods for a summer Saturday, I recently participated in a Nature Walk on the Chehalem Ridge, on land Metro recently acquired.

On this Nature Walk tour, I learned that elderberries are noxious to humans if eaten uncooked, that oyster mushrooms like alder wood, that beavers will make burrows in hillsides, and that millipedes eat ‘duff’ as it is called, that layer of needles and decaying matter on the forest floor. That clever nature! My unpracticed ears could even differentiate various bird songs. On the other hand, holding the Harpaphe Millipede for viewing by my fellow tour-mates was not high on my list of favorite experiences – that poor little 2 inch long, tickling millipede! Despite my years of outdoors experience, camping, hiking, and climbing mountains, I just can’t seem to enjoy touching bugs – but I continue to learn more about them and their role in our ecosystem and now I have a new story to tell as your Metro Councilor.

There were about 15 people on the walk, along with our guide, and we enjoyed terrific views from the ridge on a day of glorious weather. It was a delightful experience, which I would recommend to anyone. So yes, despite the bugs, I will seek out other new personal experiences using Green Scene, and I hope you will too.

Board of Property Tax Appeals Seeks Volunteer Candidates

The Board of County Commissioners is recruiting to fill vacancies on the Assessment and Taxation Division's Board of Property Tax Appeals. The Board of Property Tax Appeals meets in February and March to hear petitions for the reduction of real market, maximum assessed specially assessed or assessed value of property as of January 1, 2010. The Board also considers petitions to excuse penalties assessed for the late filing of real and personal property returns.

The Board of Property Tax Appeals is composed of five members who are residents of the county and are not employees of the County or any taxing district within the county. Qualifications include knowledge of real estate, appraisal and assessment practices, patience, understanding and a sense of civic responsibility. Terms last for one year and require a time commitment of typically 25 to 30 days of hearings in February - April; Board Members must be able to commit a minimum of five to ten days, and attend a one-day training conducted by the Oregon Department of Revenue.

The application deadline is August 31, 2010 or when all vacancies are filled. Applications may be obtained by visiting the Web site or by calling (503) 846-8685.

Descriptions of all the boards can also be found on the Boards and Commissions website: http://www.co.washington.or.us/CAO/BoardsCommissions/index.cfm Boards, committees, and commissions advise the Board of Commissioners on matters of interest to people who live and work in Washington County. Committees themselves do not pass ordinances or establish policy; their purpose is to study issues and make recommendations. Commission members are volunteers appointed by the County Board of Commissioners. Members must be residents of Washington County. Serving on an appointed board or commission is a great way for Washington County residents to participate in decisions that affect them and to learn more about how local government works.
LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

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<td>Clean Water Services Between NW Raindeer Drive and NW Blacktail Drive approximately 1000 feet northwest of NW West Union Rd.</td>
<td>Review for a combined flood plain and drainage hazard area alteration to enhance a portion of Springville Creek habitat with woody debris and native plant revegetation.</td>
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<td>Beaverton School District No. 48J 7805 NW Kaiser Rd Portland 97229</td>
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<td>Arbor Lakes, LLC NW Brugger Rd</td>
<td>Preliminary review approval for a 96-lot subdivision, “Arbor Lakes No. 5.</td>
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Type II land use applications have a 14 day public comment period. 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.

http://washims.co.washington.or.us/GIS/index.cfm?id=31
Mailing Address: Washington Co., DLUT, 155 N First Ave, Hillsboro, OR 97124

Public Safety Levy Q & A

The Public Safety Levy will be on this fall's general election ballot. This measure would replace the public safety levy that was passed in 2006 and which will expire on June 30, 2011.

Between now and the general election, please submit your questions about the levy via e-mail to marcy_allie@co.washington.or.us. You can also request a speaker for your community or neighborhood group online at http://www.co.washington.or.us/Sheriff/speaker-request.cfm or by calling (503) 846-6307.

Here are a few of the questions we have already received:

**Q:** Is this a new tax?
**A:** No. This is a renewal of the levy that voters passed in 2006.

**Q:** Is the new levy at a higher rate?
**A:** No. The ballot measure is proposing a renewal at the same rate of 42 cents per $1,000 assessed value.

**Q:** Is the "assessed value" based on the current market price of my home?
**A:** No. The valuation is based on the assessed value of your property for tax purposes, which is often lower than the market price.

**Q:** If I live in a city, do I receive services from this levy?
**A:** Yes. The renewed levy would continue to fund public safety personnel and services in all areas of Washington County. For instance, it would continue services provided by the Sheriff's Office, District Attorney's Office, Juvenile Services, Probation and Parole, Jail, Work Release Center, and Drug Court. It also funds emergency shelters for mothers and children who are victims of domestic violence.

We look forward to hearing from you! Submit a question about the levy to marcy_allie@co.washington.or.us

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Draft Letter Regarding Adoption of Ordinance 730 to be Considered at CPO 7 August Meeting

August 23, 2010

Washington County Board of Commissioners
155 N. First Avenue
Hillsboro, OR 97124

Dear Chair Brian and Commissioners,

The members of CPO 7 are concerned that with the adoption of Ordinance 730, current residents and future generations will shoulder the burden of the offsite transportation improvements needed as a result of development in North Bethany. We are concerned about the equity of the wealth transfer to existing North Bethany property owners as the county residents take responsibility for these offsite transportation improvements.

The Resolution and Order, R&O 06-16, establishing the fundamental principles for planning North Bethany states...it is the intent of the Board that a plan for financing the area’s base infrastructure needs will be in place coincident with the adoption of a Comprehensive/Community Plan, and that absent infrastructure commitments, the Board will not adopt the resulting Comprehensive/Community Plan. Goal 5 adopted by the North Bethany Stakeholder Work Group established that the needed infrastructure will be financially feasible and provided in an equitable and cost effective manner. CPO 7 feels that neither the intent of R&O 06-16 nor North Bethany SWG Goal 5 have been met with Ordinance 730. During the multi-year planning process, Washington County consultant, DKS Associates identified three areas of traffic impact resulting from North Bethany:

- Onsite and within ¼ mile
- Primary Traffic Impact Areas: more than a 25% increase in traffic resulting from North Bethany
- Secondary Traffic Impact Areas: more than a 10% increase in traffic resulting from North Bethany

All of these areas were reviewed and agreed to by the North Bethany Stakeholder group as required improvements to ensure the existing community could shoulder the impact. Somehow, during the planning process, all but one transportation project in the Primary Impact Areas and all the Secondary Impact Areas transportation projects fell off the list of transportation improvements needed to be funded by North Bethany development. With the exception of planned improvements on Kaiser Road between the 1/4 mile boundary of North Bethany and Bethany Blvd, all transportation improvements to be funded by North Bethany are located onsite or within a ¼ mile of the North Bethany. Construction of Road A between the project western boundary and 185th and ½ the cost of the bridge planned for a new Rock Creek crossing—both projects where the need is created by the development of the North Bethany and within ¼ mile of the North Bethany—have been deferred until development of land currently outside the UGB occurs. If not for North Bethany needs, neither Road A nor the bridge over Rock Creek would be required for this land to be developed.

The planning effort for North Bethany has failed to provide for a plan to fund needed North Bethany infrastructure without transferring significant North Bethany traffic impact costs to all Washington County residents. Although CPO 7 recognizes an effort from Washington County to require new development to pay for a larger share of the needed road improvements, planning for North Bethany still relies too heavily on the outdated model for funding road infrastructure to make development “affordable” for developer interests.

We understand the considerable resources in staff time, consultant time, developer interest time, property owner time and time of community members invested in developing really great plans for North Bethany. However, having great plans for a great community does not mean that we should ignore the costs of off-site impacts, because it’s too difficult to fund the bare minimum onsite projects. Until an adequate funding plan addressing all significant transportation impacts can be devised, this plan is not ready for implementation.

At this time, it is clearly too expensive for the citizens of Washington County to provide urban infrastructure to North Bethany. The members of CPO 7 do not support adoption of Ordinance 730 until funding sources for all traffic impacts—onsite, within a ¼ mile of North Bethany, Primary and Secondary Impact Areas—have been identified.

(Note that this letter will include a record of the vote counts held at the CPO meeting.)
Community Investment Strategy: Get involved

How can we make the most of limited resources and invest in our communities? What kinds of investment do you want to see in your community? Where and how should we grow?

Metro's chief operating officer issued a set of recommendations on Aug. 10, calling for a regional approach to community investment for everything from pipes to parks to green jobs. The strategy recommends that the region: invest in safe, livable communities, promote economic development and good jobs, protect our natural areas and reduce inefficiency, foster innovation and demand accountability. To review the report and get more information go to: http://www.oregonmetro.gov/investment or contact Metro Land Use Planning at 503-797-1735.

Your comments and ideas about community investments as well as about potential urban growth boundary expansion areas will help inform decisions this fall. The chief operating officer's recommendations are intended to inspire a public discussion about community investment and to kick off decision-making process, specifically about growth management choices related to the urban growth boundary. Some key dates for those decisions are:

- Aug. 10 through Sept. 27, public comment period on the recommendations
- Early October, Metro Policy Advisory Committee and Metro Council review of public comment
- Mid-October, Metro Council decision on the urban growth boundary study areas
- November, public comment period on growth management ordinance
- Mid-November, final Metro Policy Advisory Committee recommendation on growth management decisions and public hearings on the growth management ordinance
- December, final growth management decisions by Metro Council.
- Share your views on the chief operating officer's recommendations for a Community Investment Strategy. Attend an open house and subscribe to updates.

You're invited to learn more and share your views at a public open house:

- **Monday, September 13, 5-7p.m.**
  Hillsboro Civic Center, 155 E Main Street, Room 113C, Hillsboro, OR

- **Tuesday, September 14, 5 to 7 p.m.**
  Lents Boys and Girls Club, 9330 Southeast Harold St. Portland OR 97266

- **September 15, 5 to 7 p.m.**
  Wilsonville City Hall, Conference Rooms I & II, Wednesday, 29799 SW Town Center Loop E, Wilsonville, OR

- **Thursday, September 16, 5 to 7 p.m.**
  Sherwood City Hall, Sherwood Library/City Hall, 22560 SW Pine St., Sherwood, OR

- **Monday September 20, 5 to 7 p.m.**
  Oregon City – Clackamas County Development Services Building, 150 Beavercreek Road, Oregon City, OR 97045

**Online questionnaire available September 13**

Beginning Sept. 13, you can share your views by completing an online questionnaire. The survey will invite your feedback about the Community Investment Strategy and the areas being studied for possible expansion of the urban growth boundary. Analysis of any additional urban growth boundary study areas submitted by the cities or counties will also be available by September 13.

Submit comments by e-mail to 2040@oregonmetro.gov, or mail to: Metro Community Investment Strategy comments, 600 NE Grand Ave.,Portland, OR 97232.

**OSU Food Safety and Preservation Hotline: 1-800-354-7319**

The OSU Food Safety and Preservation Hotline will be available from July 15, 2010 to September 2, 2010.

Food preservation publications can be found at http://extension.oregonstate.edu/fch/food-preservation

Food preservation recipes, directions, resources: National Center for Home Food Preservation can be found at http://www.uga.edu/nchfp/ (hosted by University of Georgia)
Fall is a Great Time to Rethink Your Water-Thirsty Lawn  
Tips from the Regional Water Providers Consortium, www.conserveh2o.org

If you found yourself spending too much time trying to keep your lawn green this past summer, considering replacing all or part of it with an alternative.

Lawns certainly have their benefits, but they can also be water hogs, gulping down two to three times more water than other plants in the yard. A lot of water – between 30 and 50 percent – used to irrigate lawns is also often lost to evaporation, run-off, water from sprinklers hitting the sidewalk and street instead of the lawn, and over-watering.

The Regional Water Providers Consortium offers these tips to help you weigh alternatives for replacing lawn with other plants that require less maintenance and water.

1. Replace lawn with alternative seed mixes. Alternative lawn seed mixes contain low-growing, drought-tolerant plant varieties that require less mowing and irrigation once established. Sometimes called “ecolawns,” these mixes combine grasses with a variety of other plants and flowers. For example, perennial ryegrass mixed with strawberry clover yarrow, English lawn daisy, Baby-blue-eyes and Roman chamomile creates a green, white, pink, and blue carpet of plant material. Micro-clover lawn is another variety. It is dark green, thick and feels good on bare feet.

2. Plant groundcovers. Groundcovers come in a variety of textures and colors – some even have flowers and berries. Groundcover varieties, such as Woolly Thyme, are often called “Stepables.” These are great for planting in parking strips, between stepping stones and on paths. They feel good to walk on and don’t need to be mowed.

3. Choose shrubs and trees. Many homeowners are taking out their parking strip lawns and planting shrubs and trees, which add structure and definition to a landscape and invite birds into your yard. Once established, they generally require much less water than a lawn, and once established, don’t need much, if any, supplemental watering.

4. Love your lawn? Water it wisely

Traditional lawn requires about an inch of water weekly to stay healthy, but many people over-water. Get information about how to properly plant, maintain and water your lawn on the Regional Water Providers Consortium’s website, www.conserveh2o.org

Washington County Launching New Traffic Safety Campaign

What do traffic engineers, road maintenance workers, bike and pedestrian advocates, deputy sheriffs and firefighters have in common? A concern for public safety! And traffic safety is a huge component of public safety. Recently, concerned staff from three county agencies decided to pool their efforts, beginning with a new county-wide web presence where traffic safety information could be easily accessed. Launched in July, the web address is http://www.co.washington.or.us/LUT/TrafficSafety/index.cfm

The site includes videos and links to information for drivers, bicyclists, pedestrians, neighborhoods with traffic concerns and even a Kids Korner. Public feedback and requests for topics are welcome; please email lutdir@co.washingon.or.us with comments.

Washington County is committed to building and maintaining the best transportation system, ensuring the safety of all roadway users, and operating the county roadway system in a cost-effective and environmentally responsible manner.

Metro Nature in Neighborhoods eNewsletter

Nature-friendly happenings and learning opportunities around the region

The eNewsletter allows you to learn about nature-friendly news, activities, learning opportunities, ideas, resources and updates around the region. Nature in Neighborhoods’ eNewsletter contains useful, timely information about nature-friendly, low impact development practices and related opportunities that protect our natural assets as we grow by reducing the impact of development on natural resources.

For more information and to sign up for the Nature in Neighborhoods eNewsletter, please go to http://www.oregonmetro.gov/index.cfm/go/by.web/id=32034
How Do I Know Where to Start Saving Energy?

You could be wasting as much as 60 percent of the energy used to heat and cool your home. Leaky ducts, inefficient equipment, poor insulation and air leaks may be inflating your energy costs. To find out what is causing the energy loss, use an online Home Energy Analyzer at [http://energytrust.apogee.net/homesuite/calcs/homecalc/](http://energytrust.apogee.net/homesuite/calcs/homecalc/) or schedule a Home Energy Review with Energy Trust of Oregon.

An energy advisor will come to your home when it’s convenient, spend an hour walking with you through your home and visually assessing typical areas of energy loss. During the survey, the field advisor will install compact fluorescent light bulbs, energy efficient showerhead(s), and aerators for the kitchen and bathrooms. After the review, you’ll get customized recommendations on where to start, plus information on cash incentives available when you improve the energy efficiency of your home.

Sign-up online at [www.energytrust.org/her](http://www.energytrust.org/her) for your Home Energy Review or call 1-866-368-7878.

What is it Like to Experience a Home Energy Review?

You may have seen the recent article in your newsletter encouraging you to welcome Energy Trust of Oregon (Conservation Services Group) staff into your home to offer a Home Energy Review and/or Solar Review at no cost. I have known that my home needed attention, so decided to set a good example and welcome Energy Advisors for a visit.

Oregon Energy Trust provides technical assistance and financial incentives for energy equipment that meets their criteria. They do not sell, guarantee, or install any equipment.

Our Solar Review was scheduled first and was most interesting. The Energy Advisor was scheduled to arrive at 8:30 and was exactly on time. Unlike many home repair visits, Energy Trust will schedule an exact time when they will arrive. They provide a postcard in the mail confirming the date and time of the appointment, and remind you to have recent electric and gas utility statements handy for their review.

The first thing we discussed was our average utility usage in order to determine whether a solar approach might be a good option. Then we looked at the water heater, the attic, and of course the roof. Kendall Hanson, our Advisor, determined the correct system size for our property and provided an estimate of system costs including potential incentives and tax credits. Kendall gave us compact fluorescent light bulbs and an efficient shower head to install. We received a list of solar contractors to interview and now at least know what options are available for our property. The challenge will be deciding if the investment makes sense, fits with our values, and is affordable.

On a different day we experienced a Home Energy Review with Daniel Wegner, Energy Advisor. He also arrived exactly on time and reviewed recent utility accounts. He tested the temperature of our hot water, looked in the attic and crawl space, checked for air leaks, and made some suggestions to improve weatherization. He also provided a listing of contractors for our consideration. We plan to use the information he provided to add insulation and hope to benefit from Energy Trust cash incentives.

Both advisors were very professional and both shared information in an efficient and understandable manner. I am most grateful for their service and appreciate the Energy Trust of Oregon, Inc. for the free educational opportunity. If you haven’t scheduled your Free Energy Review, they can be reached at 1.866.368.7878 or [www.energytrust.org](http://www.energytrust.org).

-Linda Gray

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**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 Sally Yackley 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!
Bonnie L. Hays Small Animal Shelter Wish List

Donations we accept:
- Dry and canned high-quality dog and cat food
- Frontline or Revolution flea treatment
- New or gently-used collars and leashes of all sizes
- Moist treats
- Gallon bottles of chlorine bleach
- New or gently-used pet crates, pet beds
- No-tears pet shampoo
- Bath and hand towels, washcloths
- New dog and cat toys
- 13-gallon and 3-gallon plastic trash bags, zipping/locking sandwich bags
- Kitchen scrub brushes, Rubbermaid dishwashing gloves

Items we cannot accept:
- Open or expired pet food
- Broken items
- Newspapers
- Blankets, sleeping bags, carpet/rugs
- Used litter pans

For more information please contact Washington County Animal Services and Bonnie L. Hays Small Animal Sherler, 1901 SE 24th Ave, Hillsboro, 97123, 503-846-7041, www.co.washington.or.us/pets

Thank You!