

CCI Meeting Summary
February 15, 2022 | 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Virtual Zoom Meeting

Attendees:

Jim Long (CPO 4M); Mary Manseau (Code and Ordinance Subcommittee Chair); Virginia Bruce (CPO 1); Ben Marcotte (CPO 3); ~~Stan Houseman (CPO 3)~~; Liles Garcia (CPO 6 – non-voting); Bruce Bartlett (CPO 1, CCI Secretary); Paul Johnson (CPO 15); Lars Wahlstrom (CPO 10); Jill Warren (CPO 4M); ~~Gretchen Buehner (CPO 4K)~~; ~~Greg Malinowski (CPO 7)~~; ~~Richard Smith (CPO 10)~~; Fran Warren (CPO 1 – non-voting); Raymond Eck (CPO 6); ~~Kay Gooding (CPO 4K – non-voting)~~; Becky Morinishi (CPO 6); Ken Seymour (CPO 6); ~~Yvonne Johnson (CPO 4K)~~; Ellen Partal (Communication Subcommittee Chair);

Meeting Scribes: Marcus Ford, Washington County Community Engagement Program Coordinator

County Staff:

Marcus Ford, Amanda Garcia-Snell, OEICE; Brenda Schaffer, WCSO; John Hutzler, Auditor; BoC Chair Kathryn Harrington;

Approximate total attendance: 32

Welcome, Introductions, Prior Meeting Summary:

- Meeting Called to Order at 7:02 pm by – Virginia Bruce
- Land Acknowledgment
- Introductions & Check-in
- Review of minutes – Virginia moved to approve; Mary seconded. 9-0 – 1 abstained
- Announcements

CPO Program Budget Presentation – by Amanda Garcia-Snell

Presentation by Amanda Garcia-Snell regarding questions sent by CCI on 02/10/2022



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Meeting Questions

First section (CPO revisioning)

- 1.1
 - A lot has changed in 6 years, but there is still a lot of good information in this report
 - ****I missed some of these for notes purposes, doing tech support
- 1.3
 - We don't want to do 2 parallel processes. We want to align our engagement efforts in the county as much as possible
 - We will be going out to the community and doing events – 3-4 of them being specific for culturally specific community, and 1-2 being more broadly available.
 - Will be doing surveying as well.
- 1.2.1
 - Civic Leaders training is to help historically excluded communities demystify and understand how county government works.

- We also talk about CPOs. CCI, Boards & Commissions, etc
 - Focused on communities of color and immigrant communities
 - Understanding how past and present governments have intentionally excluded these communities is key to moving equitable practices forward
 - There is a request for proposal for other partners to see how we can expand the Civic Leaders program as well
- 1.2.2
 - At this point, the Office of Equity, Inclusion, and Community Engagement (OEICE) is focused on working with the community but also within the agency – we would be more likely to connect CCI with folks in LUT who are more equipped to discuss these things.
 - OEICE’s role would not be to provide or facilitate trainings specific to certain departments.
 - OEICE will continue to provide equity and facilitation type training
- Mary notes – there seems to be a real disconnect between CCI’s understanding of their purpose and OEICE’s understanding. OEICE is not interested in supporting the Land Use piece of CCI, and some of them feel like this is CCI’s entire purpose. CCI no longer gets the same kind of support than when OSU was running this – new CPO leaders are essentially hanging in the wind in terms of support from staff.
 - Amanda responds – OEICE is thinking about our work as centering equity, diversity, and inclusion (based on the Board’s 2020 equity resolution). The CPO program, while initially focused on land use and transportation (LUT), it is not necessarily the interest of all the active CPOs in Washington County. CPOs don’t need to be focused on LUT. It is time to really look at what the CPOs want – there are 600,00 people in the county and many more voices than just this body that we need to pull into the conversation.
- Virginia asks – Are you going to request a revision of CCI/CPOs mission? Can we see what CPO related materials are provided to the Civic Leaders training (which may help them understand why people aren’t showing up)? Can we think about expanding the definition of “underserved” population? We are thinking of rural folks without broadband, LGBTQ folks, and limited English speaking folks. Are you planning on changing CPO boundaries based on commissioner districts?
 - Are you planning on changing CPO boundaries based on commissioner districts?
 - Amanda responds – no decisions have been made at this point. This is all still in the works – first phase of community engagement is happening around this. PSU is working on a demographic study regarding this. There will be no movement until we have a better understanding of what those commissioner districts will look like?
 - Can we see what CPO related materials are provided to the Civic Leaders training?
 - Amanda responds – this program is in major transition right now. We are preparing to release the RFPQ and we will see what happens after that.
 - Can we think about expanding the definition of “underserved” population?
 - Amanda – we are committed to focusing on race. It is the primary indicator of outcomes across populations. “The rising tide lifts all boats.” There is no “enemy” in this work. There are not groups that are “less important” – but we cannot try to do it all at once.
 - Virginia asks – who gave these marching orders
 - Amanda – the BoC (2020 equity resolution)
 - Are you going to request a revision of CCI/CPOs mission?

- Amanda – we will also be working with LUT because their community code references CPOs – unsure about whether things will be redefined – depends on what we hear from the community.
- Ellen asks – In another presentation you mentioned an eUpdate newsletter going out to community partners – are we not included on that?
 - Amanda – it is focused on community partners and culturally specific organizations. You are more than welcome to subscribe to this as well.
 - Ellen – It may be good for us to be involved so we can know what’s going on and help educate others on land use participation
- Ellen asks – How will satisfying Goal 1 be addressed?
 - Amanda – There must be a CCI to meet Goal 1. This may be more of a conversation with LUT down the road as we go through this process. There are different ways to look at this and we are just starting to look at what are other jurisdictions in Oregon doing.
 - Ellen – Will we be included in that?
 - Amanda – Yes
- Fran notes – Is on the Community Involvement Advisory Committee working on Goal 1. Talked with DCLD people and no one has heard of you talking with them about this – it may be in your best interest to do this. All the planning commissions around the state are elected, while Washington County’s are appointed.
 - Amanda – will be something to consider. We are in the very infant stages of this work. We aren’t doing anything without going to the community and talking to you all.
 - Fran – we are the last ones to find out what is happening to US (like the website change). Please be more proactive so this doesn’t hit us like a ton of bricks.
- Lars notes – Resents the drive towards equity and diversity. Since he started in the CPO business many years ago it was for neighbors to get together and discuss issues. The latest information he is being asked is about his skin color and not about his experience or education. He is being asked his sexual orientation and feels it is none of their business. Is this about a quota? Was on the ROHMAC Board and was kicked off because he had been there too long (term limited).
 - Amanda – In the EDI resolution that the BCC adopted in Feb. 2020 is about making a commitment to serving the entire community, which includes centering our work around race/ethnicity. That does not mean we are ONLY focused on them – we are trying to address the historic inequities that have existed for people that are not White.
 - Lars – he speaks on behalf of CPO 10 and there is resentment.
- Paul – When it comes to race and inclusion, what would that look like functionally when it comes to bringing people into the fold? If you want people to be involved, they have to feel like their questions are going to be answered.
 - Amanda – There are lots of things we can do around language access, how we communicate to various parts of the community around opportunities for decision making, what time of day we are offering opportunities, and where we are communicating these opportunities. We can also connect with the community-based organizations (CBOs) that serve their culturally specific communities. Lots of communities don’t trust the government for various reason and it is important to have CBOs deliver some of these messages.
- Mary – land use ordinances are important to shaping our future. What is OEICE doing to train and inform our CBOs about land use ordinances?
 - Amanda – MSTIP and/or LUT has hired a consultant to look at connecting with culturally specific organization around some of this (like Middle Housing)

- Mary – not talking about middle housing – talking about ordinances. Why are you reaching out to the CPO people who have been involved in this for such a long time? Are you even aware that CCI has a code and ordinance subcommittee?
- Amanda – yes, aware. The best thing for the county to reach out to these communities is to work with CBOs. The next step is working on an equitable Community Engagement policy to develop best practices around community engagement with our communities of color.
- Mary – our frustration is we are being left out in the discussion. Do you feel like we don't have any meaningful input?
- Virginia – The elephant in the room – should we find a new home for the CPO program? It feels like OEICE doesn't want us. Maybe another department or sponsor.
 - Amanda – We are just barely beginning to discuss the revisioning – it's too early to say "it's not working" – We hear you that it's not working for you, and it doesn't seem to be aligning – there is LOT's of work to still be done, which will take at least a year to have a final product.
 - Virginia – should we just go on without support?
 - Amanda – that is not what I'm proposing
- John Hutzler – County Auditor – regarding Lars questions regarding audit
 - The Audit we are engaged in is an audit to determine the effectiveness of the County's efforts to diversify the boards and commissions. The BoC has clearly stated they want this. Our audit is to determine if this is being accomplished and how the County can go about this more effectively. The CPOs are NOT within the scope of this audit. We are looking at boards and commissions that are appointed by the Board.
 - Lars – it doesn't count if you're a veteran or wounded?
 - John – it's not that it doesn't count, and I'm sorry that's what you are hearing. Right now we are only evaluating regarding race and gender.
 - Lars – this is a type of discrimination.
- Bruce – regarding language – in another area, some neighborhood meetings are conducted in mandarin and interpreted in English – anything to enhance the turnout is appreciated. For 20-30 years we have been doing this and we have honed how we do it so we can have an effect. Phase 3 in the transition plan includes engaging CBOs. It sounds like we are moving towards a model where the department (i.e. LUT) would be the ones doing the specific trainings. It sounds like we will be engaged with the departments and not the OEICE?
 - Amanda – We don't know what the model will be at this point. What you're saying makes sense to me. The CE portion of OEICE are experts in equitable community engagement, not LUT, or Public Health, etc.
 - Bruce – CPO 1 is leading in engagement because we incorporate a wide array of topics, not just land use.

Second section (budget questions)

- 2.1
 - We submit how we think it will play out and adjust as needed.
- 2.2
 - The Budget Equity Tool is a set of questions and tools to inform how budgets are decided. Split into 3 parts:
 - Civil Rights Compliance
 - Data, Community Engagement, Targeted Resources
 - Process Evaluation

- We must start with doing a baseline as we collect this initial data
- If the Budget Equity Tool is something that can be shared, Marcus will send it out – She will investigate it
- March 9 BoC meeting will focus on this
- OEICE is currently working on their budget using this brand-new tool.
- 2.3
 - There are lots of reasons why the budget is different (screen share)
 - They have transitioned staff FTE a bit away from CPO to alleviate some of the budget
 - 2019-2020 budget was an anomaly because of the pandemic and changes
 - Fran asked – how much of that was DIRECT to the CPO program versus revisioning?
 - Amanda – nothing has been expended regarding revisioning at this point
 - Fran – specifically the 143k (20-21) on materials and budget.
 - Amanda – 2.6 gets to this a little bit. Civic Leaders program is now wrapped into CPO budget. Three buckets in our budget – CPO, general community engagement, and equity work.
- 2.4
 - Part of the budget equity tool will involve some community engagement around budget review, happy to include you in that process
- 2.6
 - Professional services line includes a lot of things. CPO, Civic Leaders, sometimes language services, consultants, training for external community members (which is different than staff training), which includes the training that was offered to CCI and CPO members
 - Mary – why is the CPO program being charged for Civic Leaders? Where are translation services being used? Trainings are focused on DEI and not land use things – it doesn't make sense for CPO budget to be used for this.
 - Amanda – Civic Leaders is considered a “pathway to participation” just like CPOs are. Trainings were available to staff, but also B&C members and other community members. We have an entire department for LUT – it doesn't make sense for OEICE staff to become experts on this. Translation services – it's been a while but 12F was utilizing this.
 - Virginia – we are constantly trying to figure out how to do things. If we are struggling, those other people who are excluded are struggling even worse. We would like you to coordinate the trainings so we can support them.
 - Virginia – How can a resident of the county get an invite to a training session?
 - We don't have the funding to train everyone – so we focus on community leaders, B&C, and CPO leaders
 - Bruce – is there a video library of trainings?
 - Amanda – there are some on the website and/or YouTube channel
 - Ellen – you stated we've only just begun, but you also said you've already changed the budget. When we talked to LUT this morning, they said we need to talk to OEICE about setting up training. If you already know how you're allocating budget, you must be further along in the conversation. There's also been less diversification – we don't have because meetings are virtual, preventing us from adequately welcoming new members and developing relationships. We should be able to have some input and be able to reach out to these people and involve them.

- Amanda – CBOs that are on our Community Partner list are orgs that anyone can reach out to. These are in your community serving people. It's a broad list. You are more than welcome to reach out to those orgs however you would like to and invite them to CPOs.

Code and Ordinance Subcommittee Update – Mary Manseau:

- We will draft a letter on the work program which will include an update to the neighborhood meeting rules. This will also include the things from last year, as everything this year has been focused on middle housing and none of it was addressed.
- Planning commission is moving forward with middle housing ordinances.
- Virginia proposed to add 1% for art in the work plan
- Fran W. noted there isn't anything about climate resiliency in the LUT workplan, but there is money available from the feds.

Significant Natural Resources Subcommittee Update – Jim Long:

- Met this month – deafening silence from the county about protecting SNR areas.
- Propose CCI send a letter to BoC regarding this and LUBA decision
- Recommend CCI put on the Treekeepers on a future agenda
- Approved language regarding the Leahy estate – we don't believe all the trees need to be cut.
 - Mary notes – any letters that go out from a subcommittee need to be ratified by the CCI membership
- Ken wants to connect with Jim about expanding wetlands in CPO 6

Communication Subcommittee Update – Ellen Partal:

- Melissa from LUT was at the meeting. The website deadline has been pushed out to the Fall.
- The LUT portion of the website is being divided in 3 parts:
 - Land Use
 - Transportation
 - Permits
- Asked Melissa to come up with some topics of conversations to have CPOs have upcoming projects for discussion.
- Will be reaching out to some Community Based Organizations (CBO), based on the conversation with Amanda today.
- Mary added – some CPOs have Facebook pages but they aren't connected. It would be a good idea to know which CPOs have pages.

Upcoming proposed CCI meetings – Bruce Bartlett

Round the Group: CPO updates, Relevant, Request for Help, Spark an Idea:

Public Comment:

- Eric Squires – Loves all the work going on. Is shocked the County doesn't have a spreadsheet with all this information (social media). Wants to keep on pushing email addresses that live with the CPOs so things are retained. Once we start creating records things that are said can be used against people. Thank you for your work. The county made significant investments to make 4

hours of video regarding LUT – he ripped these and uploaded to YouTube and shared those links with the Communications Subcommittee. LUT is another language in itself – we have a translation document, which are these videos. Appreciates the way Fran navigates addressing staff.

Adjourn:

Jim moved to adjourn meeting – Virginia seconded – no votes against
Meeting adjourned at 9:23pm