

CCI Meeting Summary
March 23, 2021 | 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, CCI Co-Chair); Ben Marcotte (CPO 3); Stan Houseman (CPO 3); Liles Garcia (CPO 6); 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); Mahesh Udata (CPO 7; CCI Co-Chair)

Meeting Scribes: Highland Edelman and Marcus Ford, Washington County Community Engagement Program Coordinators

County Staff:

Highland Edelman and Marcus Ford, Washington County Community Engagement Program Coordinators; Christina Deffebach, LUT Erin Wardell, LUT Principal Transportation Planner; Melissa De Lyser, LUT; Brenda Schaffer, WCSO; Jerry Willey, Commissioner District 4

Approximate total attendance: 51

Welcome, Introductions, Prior Meeting Summary:

- Meeting Called to Order at 7:02 pm by – Virginia Bruce
- Introductions & Check-in
- Review of minutes – Bruce moved to approve; Liles seconded – passed 9-0 (2 abstained)
- Letters to approve, they were previously approved by steering committee
 - Membership request to IAP2
 - Mary moved to approve; Stan seconded – passed 11-1
 - Request for CE office to have another staff member trained for web & email updates
 - Mary moved to approve; Gretchen seconded – passed 12-0
 - Request CE to resume CPO program leader training, and add other ongoing training
 - Gretchen moved to approve; Mary seconded – 12-0

LUT Presentation – Christina Deffebach & Erin Wardell

Presentation on First, Last Mile by Erin Wardell

Virginia asked if Safe Routes to School funding would be available to help with this – Erin responded this is something they can think about. They have a pretty good understanding where the gaps are currently and that is one option.

Mary asked about street lighting and if this would qualify under bike and ped funding under URMDAC – Erin said this is something they could consider going forward, and this is good feedback.

Gretchen asked about the 99W corridor and if it is being included in these plans – Erin said it will be. All the cities will be involved in this process, with Beaverton and Hillsboro committing funding.

Ben asked about maps that Tri-Met have put out that have proposed route changes that never come to fruition. He said what happens is they propose routes on roads that need improvements, and because those improvements don't happen the routes don't happen. He asked what needs to happen to make

this connection – Erin said she hasn't heard this before. Ben clarified the location (in Garden Home) and Erin said she would reach out to Tri-Met to see if there is something they can study here. Brenda (public) asked about Tri-Met not having extended parking provisions and if there is a chance this will happen – Erin responded this is a Tri-Met question and she will consult with them about this.

Presentation on Transit Development plan by Christina Deffebach

Bruce asked about Ride Connection using volunteer drivers. It seems like a community engagement issue to try and get more volunteers. Is this county doing any efforts to getting volunteer drivers – Christina answered that Ride Connection is its own company, and they are a leader in what they do. The county hasn't talked with them about expanding that.

Mary asked about urban unincorporated Washington County, and what is being done to address the gaps with Tri-Met – Christina answered it is best to work directly with Tri-Met about that. More voices about the needs of Washington County is very important. Christina will give a contact for who to reach. Stan asked if these transportation programs moving towards electric vehicles – Christina responded they are working to secure more electric vehicles currently.

Rural Broadband – Commissioner Jerry Willey, District 4

Presentation by Jerry Willey

Virginia asked if the county is looking at a way to sponsor this or will it all be for-profit – Jerry responded that it is expensive and will take partnerships with the private and public sector. It may cost up to \$1b, which is a challenge.

Virginia asked what CPO leaders can do to help this along and support – Jerry responded people will need to be made aware of what is going on and pressure may need to be put on the companies that we need to get this done.

Bruce asked if we are working with the Oregon or national association of counties – Jerry responded we are not, but that doesn't mean we won't. This just started about 6 weeks ago.

A community member asked about 5G – Jerry noted that is not being considered at this point.

Bruce recently attended the people's postal forum to see what the USPS can do to survive. One of the things that came up was having post offices being central to providing internet services – Jerry responded that may work for some communities but not (for example) Timber.

Lars noted that many people in his community are unable to connect because the signal is not there. If there are any opportunities to help he and others would be willing – Jerry agreed and called internet an essential service. We are still early in the game to seek help.

Gretchen mentioned the way Washington handled some of their similar issues may be something to investigate so they don't have to recreate the wheel – Jerry agreed

Mahesh asked about getting Intel involved – Jerry said they haven't done any outreach to the private sector yet. He also said they must have a plan before the State Senators will offer up money.

Paul noted he is in a rural area and is surrounded by forest, so wireless wouldn't be an option for him and other folks. When it comes to a plan you will need an inventory of what people need.

Code and Ordinance Subcommittee Update – Mary Manseau:

Still waiting on the work program to be released (April 6th). Theresa Cherniak from LUT will do a presentation on this at the April CCI meeting

Discussing whether this subcommittee should be part of CCI or should be something else – during ordinance season things move so fast that getting a response from CCI sometimes is not fast enough.

Also talking about creating 2 new subcommittees: sidewalks and right of way, and rural areas. Let them know if any of those are of interest to you.

Virginia also noted they are talking about a legislative and housing subcommittee – there will not be votes or discussion on this yet.

Communications Subcommittee – Virginia Bruce:

They did not meet in March, however there are still a lot of issues they are working on. They will meet in April. The content is about how CPO leaders need better communications to stay in touch with our constituents.

Significant Natural Resources Subcommittee Update – Jim Long:

They meet on the second Tuesday at 9am. They are strongly communicating their feelings about the ordinance and climate change. They are proposing a letter to the CCI steering committee regarding climate change.

They welcome any other participation.

Upcoming proposed CCI meetings – Virginia Bruce

- April – Chair Harrington and Theresa Cherniak
- May – Science behind SNR protections – who?

Emerging Issues: CPO updates, Relevant, Request for Help, Spark an Idea:

Virginia continued to encourage CPOs to get on board with the uniform email address cpo#leaders@gmail.com, as it makes communication with county entities to communicate with them. It will also make communication between leaders easier.

Jim asked about the future subcommittees – Virginia noted that more information will be circulated about these potential committees to make them happen the right way and with interest.

Mary said CPO 7 has learned that Zoom may still be used for Neighborhood Meetings occurring after covid with new rules to public meetings coming. She noted that CPO 7 has been having problems with getting staff to agree to Advisory Committees for road projects within their CPO as outlined in the county's Public Involvement Guidelines for Road Projects (Guidelines). Apparently, staff is planning to update the Guidelines to clarify when Advisory Committees are required and to address diversity, equity and inclusion. CCI should be aware of the proposed changes to the Neighborhood Meeting rules and to Guidelines and to be prepared to provide input into both processes.

Gretchen – CPO 4K is meeting regularly now, hosted King City Urban Growth Area Master Planning staff to share info. This area includes two rural CPOs, would like to involve them. Highland notes she and Kathy can contact her about that. Tigard is farther along in the HB2001 rules and they may be done with them before the county looks at them. People can reach out to her about this.

Bruce noted CPO 1 had Tualatin Valley Water District present about major emergency situations, and how people need to be prepared. Cedar Hills Ready also presented about how to be prepared for the big emergencies.

Lars reported that CPO 10 met a week ago about the community of Laurel. It is a very active community beyond CPO/CCI and county. They had a hit and run on Clark Hill Rd and it wasn't really reported about. Lars also said let's not run too fast in the idea that everyone believes in climate change.

Stan reported they are still in search of a chair/co-chair for CPO 3

Liles reported they will be talking about recycling in the April CPO 6 meeting

Paul noted there is not much happening in CPO 15

Jim noted that CPO 4M will have the senior planner from the City of Tigard updating the Washington Square Regional Plan at tomorrow's meeting. CPO 4M approved a motion to reverse the action by Washington County BoC about Ordinance 869 and the Habitat assessment. CPO 4M approved a proposal to ODOT and others for wetlands restoration south of Washington Square.

Virginia noted presentations from various county organizations requesting CPO meeting time should be recorded so they can be shared online in case the CPOs don't want to use meeting time for them.

Mary noted that every ordinance should be looked at from the perspective of climate change as well.

Public Comment:

Marc – how do we get access to the recording of this meeting – about 2/3 will be on the CCI Facebook page immediately, and the full recording will be available soon.

Highland – discussed sustainability team at the county as well as the Eat Smart, Waste Less program presentation available.

Adjourn:

Mary moved to adjourn meeting – Stan seconded

Meeting adjourned at 9:11pm