

CCI Meeting Summary
May 18, 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 – 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)~~; Mahesh Udata (CPO 7; CCI Co-Chair); 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);

Meeting Scribes: Christina Barboza and Marcus Ford, Washington County Community Engagement Program Coordinators

County Staff:

Christina Barboza and Marcus Ford, Washington County Community Engagement Program Coordinators; Stephen Roberts, LUT; Melissa De Lyser, LUT;

Approximate total attendance: 34

Welcome, Introductions, Prior Meeting Summary:

- Meeting Called to Order at 7:00 pm by – Virginia Bruce
- Introductions & Check-in
- Review of minutes – Gretchen moved to change the number on Senate Bill and approve the minutes – Mary seconded – passed 12-0
- Announcements
 - SB 513 (teaching Civics in high school) – the bill passed the senate as in now in the house with a “do pass” recommendation.

Stephen Roberts – Land Use & Transportation Director

Presentation by Stephen Roberts

Virginia asked Stephen to expand on what areas of LUT are being looked at in terms of Climate Change – Stephen responded it will be across the department. Every part of what we do will be affected by the changes.

Bruce noted instead of asking what can the County do, we should be asking how can we prepare for the inevitable impact and how we can be more resilient – Stephen responded it is important to look at it through multiple lenses, resiliency and adaptation is a big part of that. Clean Water Services will be a part of this effort as well.

Gretchen noted that a huge chunk of the county is in cities. In her many years of public involvement there is a lot of inconsistencies between the cities and the county way of handling things. She would like to see (specifically to climate change) is how the county can work with the cities to make these projects more consistent – Stephen responded the Board will be a part of this coordination. The issue of alignment with the cities is a common thread in all things we do.

Virginia asked if he sees a lens for what the county allows in terms of development applications – Stephen responds this is a topic that is on the table.

Fran notes she is starting up a county wide community action group uniting all the groups working on these issues so they all have one voice.

Virginia asked for the elevator pitch for the LUT Work Plan – Stephen said the Work Plan is a tool for keeping all our community development plans and other plans fit into our long range planning program – it's a prioritization program for our limited resources – broken down into 3 tiers (high, medium, and low priority)

Gretchen asked about the Powerline Trail. A big chunk of the trail goes over unincorporated areas. They feel like that section of the project has kind of gotten lost – Stephen responded it's part of the Westside Trail and most of it is pretty well developed. They are actively looking for funding for segments of it. Virginia added these trails are important not just for recreation but for commuters – Stephen clarified the county doesn't own any trails, but they try to help with trail planning.

Virginia asked what part Metro plays in all this trail business – Stephen responded Metro is still a huge player in this area. Trails are eligible for their grant funds.

Yvonne noted one of the big problems with the Westside Trail was a bridge needed for going over the Tualatin River.

Bruce asked about senior housing. He didn't hear anything about senior housing – Stephen mentioned it is not a requirement in the legislation and that is their focus right now.

Virginia noted the whole middle housing initiative is going to be dependent on developers Paving season is coming up.

Short term rentals, Air BnB ect; looking for a way to create a licensing process, noise regulations, ordinances ect.

Website for middle housing on the webpage will provide updates and information

Going live with new site 2022

Question about ordinance process – Stephen notes he doesn't know how the changes will affect the process. It presents some interesting opportunities – do we move to a 2-year work program cycle? We're going to see how things go as we move into our first year with these new changes. At this point they aren't planning on changing the week notice process.

Mary asked if any thought has been given to creating a workgroup that includes citizens to stay in touch with ordinances as they are being developed. Everything is very rushed – Stephen added this is a good point. The idea of sharing draft ordinances is interesting.

Bruce noted that LUT does not have a citizen advisory group, it has a planning commission. CCI has a Code & Ordinance Subcommittee, could they be a subcommittee of the planning commission? Looking for a way to maximize people's impact – Stephen responded this is an interesting concept.

Gretchen has had some side discussions about a committee that would meet monthly with staff from planning and transportation and would advise and hear about things that are going on in the departments. Will discuss this with Chair Harrington.

Question about changes to guidelines about public involvement – Stephen responded we adopted our current set of guidelines back in 2014. We are wanting to update the guidelines again for Land Use. There are several other initiatives going on and this has been on the backburner a bit. We are also transitioning to a new website.

Virginia asked about staffing at LUT – Stephen responded generally they are short staffed. 13% below budgeted staff level.

Mary noted she has seen LUT taking on more responsibility as time has passed (like what CE used to do), are developer fees having to support this (questions about land use process, status of land use projects,

where to find info about land use issues)? – Stephen responded it’s mostly current planning and building functions that is covered by these fees, not things like long range planning.

Virginia asked what is your vision of ways for LUT and CPOs to work together to increase community participation and understanding of LUT issues? – Stephen responded that we all need to continue talking. It’s been too long since he’s been to a CCI meeting. Melissa’s participation in the communications subcommittee is also beneficial. We need to do a better job of telling our story of what we are doing and how folks can engage in this process. We’ll continue to do the best we can with the resources we have, we will never have everything we want.

Code and Ordinance Subcommittee Update – Mary Manseau:

Waiting for the Work Program to be approved – June 1 will be work session, June 22 is planned for it to be adopted.

Each CPO received a copy of economic report prepared on middle housing (also available online)

Continuing to track sidewalk and right of way issues

Letters (regarding work program) they approved last month were submitted

Virginia noted they talked about creating a sidewalk subcommittee

Communications Subcommittee – Virginia Bruce:

They had 2 meetings because the published meeting date was incorrect.

Ellen has reconfigured their list of issues into a Google Document so multiple people can comment.

Melissa added this to the chat

Significant Natural Resources Subcommittee Update – Jim Long:

They meet the second Tuesday @ 11am

They discussed the wildlife they have seen in the past months

The federal migratory bird treaty act was changed by the last administration. CCI putting something together for testimony about this will be helpful – June 1 (Mary clarified it is June 22)

Discussion about tree code and climate response

Next meeting, they will be looking at elements of specific tree codes in different jurisdictions

Trying to get SNR support for what they are coming up with.

What incentives will promote not cutting down trees – they want to see a return on investment study on the benefit of saving trees.

Virginia has been talking about creating a change.org petition to let the Board know that Climate Change is on the community’s mind

Fran noted Comm. Treece has been working hard behind the scenes on Climate Change work.

Upcoming proposed CCI meetings – Virginia Bruce

- June – Scientific impact of SNR?
- July – Steve Berger?

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

Ben – CPO 3 – Still looking for a new leader, ongoing journey. Developer scheduled a developer meeting during their timeslot

Stan – CPO 3 – adds this particular development is slightly outside the CPO – In-n-Out Burger – The traffic impacts will be huge for their CPO. There is a lot of support for this, but there is a lot of opposition.

Virginia asked if there is anything they can do to support them getting a leader. Stan noted there are a couple people who have showed interest so we will see.

Paul – CPO 15 – they haven't had a gathering in quite a while. Back in April there was continuation of talk on the quarry out there. Washington County has a cooperative effort with state agencies to fix the problems. The owner is acting more responsibly than they have previously.

Jim – CPO 4M – Meeting every month virtually. Has had the same problem with neighborhood meetings being scheduled during the same time as their meeting. They need to update their bylaws. Going to have a developer talk to them soon. Wetlands restoration. Migratory bird treaty slideshow. CPO 4M membership approved a motion to pursue reversing the decision from the county around SNR.

Becky – CPO 6 – Was just elected with Ken so not a whole lot of information at this point.

Bruce – CPO 1 – they've had the School District, Water District, Cedar Hills Ready, Elizabeth Steiner Hayward, Cedar Mill Library, PGE came and talked about a K-12 curriculum

Virginia – CPO 1 – They don't limit themselves to land use and they make a point to talk about quality of life issues. There is no rule that CPOs have to limit to land use issues.

Ken – CPO 6 – They had elections at the last meeting. Thank you, Liles.

Liles – CPO 6 – They also had a Cooper Mountain update

Virginia added all these CPO leaders are happy to help with any questions for the new leaders

Gretchen noted maybe they could put together a training class that could be recorded.

Virginia noted that support from the Community Engagement program is being transitioned away from the CPO program

Gretchen – CPO 4K – Meetings have been more widely supported since we went on Zoom

Kay – CPO 4K – Had a good meeting – the participation is greater since they've been doing it on Zoom.

Mahesh – CPO 7 – Not feeling well tonight

Mary – CPO 7 – Had a general meeting where community members came and talked about the issues important to them. Next month with be TVFR and THPRD to talk about wildfires and what we can do to get ready for more. TVF&R is sponsoring "Ready, Set, Go" trainings over next several months for the public. For more information on trainings go to <https://www.tvfr.com/395/Wildfire---Ready-Set-Go>

Stan added Quake Up with Cedar Hills Ready is putting together a couple programs regarding this issue as well. Preparing our homes (and not just rural) for fire season.

Public Comment:

Adjourn:

Jim moved to adjourn meeting – Gretchen seconded all voted in favor

Meeting adjourned at 9:07pm