CCI Meeting Summary
October 19, 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); 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);~~ Ellen Partal (Communication Subcommittee Chair);

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

County Staff:
Marcus Ford, Washington County Community Engagement Program Coordinator; Andy Back, LUT; Todd Borkowitz, LUT; Melissa De Lyser, LUT; Theresa Cherniak, LUT;

Approximate total attendance: 33

Welcome, Introductions, Prior Meeting Summary:

- Meeting Called to Order at 7:02 pm by – Bruce Bartlett
- Introductions & Check-in
- Review of minutes – Mary motioned to approve the minutes (after some brief changes were made) – Ellen seconded – passed 13-0
- Announcements

Andy Back & Todd Borkowitz – LUT Organization and Planning Commission
Presentation by LUT

- Virginia asked what the qualifications to be a Hearings Officer is –
    - Andy: you have to be a lawyer in Oregon and have some experience regarding the Oregon land use system
    - Virginia followed up – is there a conflict of interest requirement?
    - Andy: It is something that has to be recognized
- What is the impact of the 2021 legislation on local planning besides Middle housing?
    - Andy: Erin Doyle (Government Relations) did a presentation about this – Andy will forward that document to the CCI
- Any work on the Fire Zone Evaluation – an OR State project?
    - Andy: SB 7062(?) rulemaking is underway for this currently – we are following but not currently on the committee. Doesn't think they will see changes to land use laws that will force them to do changes in the short term. Maybe in 2023 there will be some changes to address at the state level.

- Bruce asked about having alternates available for the PC in the case of absences or to form a quorum
    - Andy: It's ultimately up to the Board to decide that. They will keep an open mind about it – they have trouble enough right now staffing it, and it may be even more difficult to manage alternates as well.
    - Gretchen added they had this in another commission she was on – they ended up having 2 or 3 alternates over a period of time that made for very smooth transitions. Alternates had the opportunity to learn the process along the way.
- Bruce asked about the training of PC members on the CPO/CCI programs
    - Andy: Having more dialogue with the CCI is a good thing and encouraged – we go over the roles of CCI and CPO during initial training but it isn't necessarily refreshed. That's a good idea, over the next few months possibly having a PC work session and invite some of CCI to present.
- Mary asked about the controls on the PC meeting reviews – hard to control the slide bar – can the PC have their meetings put on YouTube?
    - Melissa: I don't see why that would be a problem but will not commit to that at this point. Will check in on this.
- Mary noted that CCI always tries to submit the annual letter to long range planning – things are not moving fast this year with middle housing taking up a lot of time – should CCI still try and send the letter for November or is there another date?
    - Andy: The work program is a little bit in flux because of the end of ordinance season. It may be later because of that change. You have time – personally he wants CCI to be comfortable with whatever they are submitting.
    - Theresa: This year the Board didn't adopt it until June – initial thought is maybe have it closer to when the budget is due – but what they found is it is difficult to get the Boards attention around budget time. Maybe they will have a 2 year work program because a lot of things don't change that quickly. November isn't a real date at this point – early January would be better.
- What role does a Commissioner have in appointing a PC member from their district?
    - Theresa: County advertises vacancies on B&C in a number of ways (LUT, OEICE) – County staff reviews the app and does a short review with the applicant and makes recommendations to the Board members. The Board may ask further questions or interview the candidates themselves. Typically the other Board members defer to the member with the vacancy, although that isn't strictly in the rules.
- Bruce – the training that is given by OEICE to the BoC is opaque – they would like to see it to see if they can enhance it. Will need to talk to Amanda about that.
- Andy: Hearing Officer position doesn't appear in the Washington County Employment Opportunities, it's a different process.
- Tom Black (guest) asked about Washington County Ordinance 869 – what is happening with that? What's the plan for the remand that came down on that?
    - Andy: We are still in the preliminary process with that. We don't have a plan on how we are going to respond yet, and certainly the Board will respond.
    - Theresa: I've read it a couple times and will need to read it more. Her staff will work on this response – they have changes they need to make based on what the Land Use Board of Appeals decided. There were also a set of guidelines that were adopted close to the same time.

    - Andy: Developers can still go back and make goal findings after remands have happened, but there is more risk and uncertainty. It doesn't create a moratorium for developments, but it makes the rules unclear.
- Gretchen noted her concern with the way that openings for committees and planning commission are put out so the public knows about it. It is concerning that it doesn't go directly to CPOs/CCI. Can that process be amended to enlarge to include CPO/CCI.
    - Theresa: we will work with OEICE to ensure those announcements go to CPO/CCI.
- Bruce noted Clean Water Services were advertising advisory committees and there could be some synergy with that and others.
- Gretchen: The CPOs were established 40 years ago when the majority of the county was still pretty rural. The composition of the county is very different now. It might be time to take a look at the original ordinance and reevaluate. Would like to see what staff has to say about this.
    - Bruce: The issue of the CPO boundaries is definitely in the waiting room.
- Mary: Concerned about some guests being allowed to ask questions live but others not.
- Ana (guest): Was invited by Mr. Back to this meeting. This is all new for her. Is interested in the projects they are doing and how they are organized. How can the public add to those projects and what ARE the projects, and how you measure the status of these projects? Also, how do you measure the quality of response? This meeting seemed to be more about the organization.
    - Bruce: the intention was to talk about the organization and not the process for this specific meeting. Gave Ana the CCI Leaders Gmail address for further follow up. CCI was in agreement with her concerns.
    - Fran noted there is a disparity with how some CPOs are functioning. That is something they are wrestling with right now. Thanked Ana for speaking up

Fran Warren– LCDC Citizen Involvement Advisory Committee

Presentation by Fran Warren

- Mary asked if climate would be something that is a land use goal? And would argue that Climate has huge impacts on land use
    - Fran: The goals originally did not include climate change – will get to this later in her presentation
- Ellen asked if CPOs recognize they are not getting financial support, who do they address that with? CPO/CCI are volunteers.
    - Fran: 60% of the counties leave the community engagement up to the planning commissions.
    - Fran discussed how CPO attendance picks up when something controversial is happening. Is it ok for a CPO to be quiet when there isn't anything "serious" going on.
    - Bruce: people also come out when they are opposed to something (i.e. annexation topics)
- Fran: Is the OEICE utilizing all the tools available, and are CPOs utilizing them?
- Paul: In order to get participation, you have to intentionally create controversy. This may help you get the information you are seeking. Then you can start to address some of the questions people have. CPOs should focus on the local and see how that fits in with the overall goals.
- Mary: One of the concerns she has is related to the word checklist – it seems like LUT is just going through a checklist – is this something being addressed at the state level?

    - Fran: Is still new to this so that is something she is still figuring out. We should evaluate what is being done and not done and give a score – she can find out how to do this. Wanted to find out from the group if there is value in doing that.
    - Fran: During the presentation from LUT – LUT noted there wouldn't really be any changes until 2023. Washington County is choosing to be a follower when it comes to the state's mandates, versus what Washington County is willing to fund.
        - Bruce asked for clarity
            - Fran: before the county does anything land use related, there needs to be a study and research, and if that doesn't start until 2023 then nothing will happen for a long time.
        - Theresa: The changes in 2023 were specifically related to the fire changes
- Gretchen: There's a tremendous loss of staff in LUT which puts incredible pressure on staff to get changes made. There must be an outcry from the public (like CCI) to return some of the people to LUT.
    - Fran: I always let the BoC know LUT needs more resources
- Theresa: LUT is doing a lot currently – a couple ordinances right now including housing. LUT does want CCI's input.
- Paul: The education component with respect to climate change – if something is going to put more CO2 in the air I'm not going to do it. I drive an EV, etc. These will mitigate climate change. I would like to see more in the way of education from the county to the community.
- Fran: Wanted to make everyone aware of what she is doing, and how they would like to utilize her.
- Stephanie Rose (guest): I live in Forest Grove – we haven't had a CPO for a while. And it isn't for lack of interest. Is also confused – all of this was laid out already, why do we continually need to fight this? Really confused on why the land use stuff is so up in the air – it seems so secretive. There is no real community input wanted because they would come to you if they really wanted it.
    - Ellen: Agreed – but this was all put in place long time ago before technology – that's why it seems like we are starting over again. We're working on it
    - Bruce: One of the perspectives it's important to have is that Washington County is unique because it was assumed cities would provide these services – but because there is so much unincorporated areas the County has to step up and handle it. Your enthusiasm is welcome and restarting CPO12F would be welcome.
- Bruce: CCI would like Fran to come back frequently and report on what is happening with LCDC CIAC.
- Fran: 10/28 is their next meeting – please reach out to her if there is something you'd like her to check on. Will double check if these are public meetings.

Code and Ordinance Subcommittee Update – Mary Manseau:

- Met this month – with planning commission and ordinance season everything is really focused on middle housing. CCI may consider someone coming to talk about middle housing again.
    - The ordinance will be filed by early January
    - Get your thoughts in writing to Mary and they will try to get them put into their letter
        - They will push on urban tree code, SNR, climate strategies, and improved rules for abandoned homes

Significant Natural Resources Subcommittee Update – Jim Long:

- Meets on the second Tuesday
- Talked about Treekeepers and trying to protect trees
- Big topic was the LUBA decision – CPO4M vs. Washington County
    - CPO4M is also appealing
- Jill added everything is in the process and we will see how things pan out.
- It will take a lot of citizen input

Communication Subcommittee Update – Ellen Partal:

- We have to get the zoom urls down pat – 3 meetings she was unable to get into this last month.

Upcoming proposed CCI meetings – Bruce Bartlett

- November –
- December –

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

- Lars: CPO 10 update – There will be a previous secretary of state coming to speak Thursday at 630pm
- Bruce: noted the time requirement needed to be CCI chair and that it is a lot of work for volunteers to do this, which is part of the existential crisis.
- Mary: CPO 7 update – Asked CE whether their meetings can be posted as YouTube link in lieu of minutes. State law requires a permanent record and YouTube doesn't necessarily cover that.
    - Ellen: Created YouTube channels for each CPO and linked to the Facebook pages.
    - Mary: Will share the email Marcus sent with Ellen, with the wording from the attorney
- Virginia: CPO 1 is sending the presentations from their meetings to CE and they are putting them as links on the webpage. CPO 1 continues to simulcast to Facebook.
- Jim: CPO4M will be talking about the LUBA decision and the appeal for the habitat assessment guidelines – will try and have their state rep come. Another appeal regarding a senior center happening as well.
- Gretchen: They will vote in their November meeting about taking action on the PC alternate discussions
- Bruce: CPO wanted the OEICE to give a report about what they are going to say at the BoC meeting on Dec. 14th, but they will not do this.

Public Comment:

- Tom Black (guest): regarding Goal 1 – does anyone currently attend the MTAC meetings? Do we get a report to CCI about this? Metro Technical Advisory Committee
    - Jim: Raymond Eck had been attending and was hoping to be appointed, but there hasn't been any movement.
    - Tom: It's important to have a report back about this for Goal 1. If you don't have that, you're blind to what's going on at Metro.
    - Gretchen: you may want to start watching the MPAC meetings as well.

    - Tom: When I was involved in CCI/CPOs, these MTAC reports weren't happening and they should be.
    - Jim: Tom do you have any available volunteer time to help out with that? Tom replied maybe
    - Mary: encouraged Tom to reach out to Ray Eck.
- Tom Black (guest): Is anyone paying attention to what is spent on the $10k (marketing money) that the county is to spend on CPOs every year?
    - Paul: The $10k is specific to marketing
    - Bruce: Can Marcus follow-up with this?

Adjourn:

Jim moved to adjourn meeting – Mary seconded – no votes against
Meeting adjourned at 9:18pm