

December 2023 CPO 1 Meeting Minutes

By Bruce Bartlett, CPO 1 Vice Chair

Online via Zoom. No in-person meeting due to illness.

[A recording of the meeting can be found here](#)

CPO 1 starts the land use-oriented meeting by reading the county's [Land Acknowledgment statement](#).

Service Provider Updates

All agencies are having an extremely difficult time hiring enough people to serve our needs. If you are looking for a rewarding professional first-responder job, look into the [Sheriff's Office](#) or [TV Fire & Rescue](#) positions.

Washington County Sheriff's Office – FlashAlert news alerts are [posted online](#) and on the [Washington County Scanner](#) Facebook page but real-time broadcasting of calls for service and responses over the Wash Co Scanner have been suspended for several years. An issue that must be addressed before real-time broadcast can resume is exemplified by this situation: When the broadcast system was live, non-emergency community members would show up at scenes and complicate the work of the service providers. Before broadcasting can resume, the Sheriff has required that broadcasts be delayed sufficiently to eliminate the possibility of interference. To receive the Sheriff's Office monthly newsletter, sign up [here](#).

The Washington County Consolidated Communications Agency ([WCCCA](#)) has provided the 911 system for public safety communications and emergency broadcasting for the county since 1985. Washington County, Clackamas County and Newberg have a new digital radio system, the "[WCN Network](#)," which requires listeners to upgrade to a P25 Type-II scanner, to monitor this system.

Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue – Station 61 at Murray & Butner reported that they served over 4,000 calls this year which is a 23% increase over the last 5 years. This strains their resources and the local ambulance service. An increase in the rate of their Local Option Levy will be required for salaries to remain competitive, for fire stations to be built in areas of high growth and for purchasing of equipment.

Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District – Many [volunteer positions are open](#) at THPRD for those who would like to give to our community.

A Peterkort residential development is proposing to create parks and trails in the Cedar Mill area in exchange for paying system development fees. A community visioning plan will guide the process. THPRD is likely to assume ownership of the completed amenities.

Starting in September 2023, a task force proposed [THPRD pursue a local option levy](#) to cover [increased operating expenses](#) which would be in the May 2024 election. For example, without the levy approval, facility hours would be reduced districtwide, after school programs for preschool through middle school students would be eliminated, collecting trash would happen less often and outdoor restrooms would be closed at several sites. It would necessitate closing the Sunset, Aloha and Conestoga pools and Conestoga and Cedar Hills splash pads. 31 full time positions and many parttime instructor positions would also be eliminated.

Tualatin Valley Water District – Requests that you do not call 911 if you have a water emergency. Call their 24/7 hotline 503-848-3000 with all water-related issues. Progress on installation of the large pipes

for the Willamette River water supply system is being made in incremental phases, in concert with other major infrastructure projects wherever possible.

CPO 1 updates

Draft proposals for the redevelopment of the Cedar Mill Shopping Center were shared which include garden spaces and trails.

The dramatic population increase of deer in the Cedar Mill area prompted a request for “Deer Crossing” signs. Road services, such as road signs, can be requested [here](#).

The trees along NW Cornell Road have grown so much they are disrupting the sidewalks to the point of danger. The county reports that there is a solution being developed.

Crosswalks & Other Safety Improvements in the UUA

Neighbors have been concerned about the lack of [pedestrian safety](#) features and crosswalks in Cedar Mill and around the Urban Unincorporated Areas (UUA). The [Urban Road Maintenance District](#) (URMD) funds small-scale pedestrian and biking improvement projects, including sidewalks, pathways and bike lanes. Information on requesting pedestrian and biking improvement projects can be found [here](#). Requests can also be made through the [Neighborhood Streets Program](#) established to improve the quality of life in neighborhoods outside cities by reducing speeding and cut-through traffic.

We heard about signalized crosswalk and mid-block crosswalk location requirements, installation and how residents can have input from the county’s Land Use & Transportation Dept’s Shelley Oylear, Traffic Analyst, and Sherri Grey, Program Coordinator for the [Urban Road Maintenance District Advisory Committee](#) (URMDAC). There are many requirements to be met before a new [mid-block crosswalk](#) can be installed.

If you can't attend the meeting, it is recorded and available on the [CPO 1 YouTube channel](#) for viewing at your convenience. Visit our YouTube channel and subscribe! The [CPO 1 Facebook Group](#) is a good place to discuss current issues and get timely updates.