

CPO3 Minutes, April 18th, 2024, Washington County

The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson, Rob Skinner at 6:30 pm.

Panelists in attendance were:

Aika Fallstrom, Washington Co. OEICE

Rob Skinner, CPO 3 Chair

Stan Houseman, CCI Rep

Emily Vonada, Member at Large

Juan Caez, Tualatin Hills Parks and Recreation (THPRD)

Liana Harden, THPRD

Lindsay Wochnick, TVWD

Deputy Turner, WCSO

Megan Rasmussen, WCSO

Mark Atkinson, Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue

CJ Doxsee, Washington Co. LUT

Chris Lueneberg, Washington Co. LUT

Will Koomjian, Treekeepers

Susan Mates, Treekeepers

Washington County Sheriff's Office:

Megan Rasmussen reviewed upcoming events – Recruiting for reserve deputies, also Search and Rescue openings for teens, and the K-9 demonstrations at Hillsboro Stadium.

K9 Trials: <https://bit.ly/K9Trials>

Search and Rescue Information: <https://bit.ly/WCSO-SAR>

Reserve Deputy Information: https://bit.ly/WCSO_ReserveDeputy

Sign up for the WCSO Newsletter: https://bit.ly/WCSO_signup

Then she reviewed this month's Calls to Service Map, and crime trends for the past few weeks. Deputy Turner also commented on this, discussed common suspicious activities. Encouraged citizens to report suspicious activities. Reviewed common property protection items (lights, security cameras).

He also reviewed the recent arrest regarding 4 alleged child predator arrests (suspected of trying to meet up with underage kids through the internet). Reviewed "red flags" commonly found on kids' cell phones. Discussed social media blackmailing.

There were a couple of requests for summary information regarding year-to-date totals of various crimes. WCSO is working on this, but nothing available yet. WCSO publishes a newsletter that is sent out monthly with recommendations and crime trends. Ms. Rasmussen also suggested using City Protect (app-based info).

THPRD:

Liana Harden gave a PowerPoint presentation around the accumulation of data and community attitudes around creating a dog park in Garden Home Park. Extensive community outreach made, both electronically, and in person. A formal community meeting was held too. There were opinions for and against the dog run.

Ultimately the prevailing sentiment was to not create a dog run at this time. Juan Caez discussed the upcoming THPRD levy and offered to answer questions. Emphasized that Rec Center hours will continue to be limited, as well as having to cut out important programs if levy fails.

<https://www.thprd.org/district-information/localoptionlevy>

TVWD

Lindsay Wochnick gave a review of the current reservoir projects which are imminent up at Taylor's Ferry Rd and 65th Ave.: decommissioning old reservoirs, building new reservoirs. Gave a summary of the new westside water source (from the Willamette River, and Sherwood Treatment plant), and pipeline construction. Willamette Supply program has about a \$1.6 billion price tag. TVWD is hosting another virtual forum on water usage, providing tips on more efficient irrigation, measures to prevent future weather damage. Rebates available for purchasing and installing a weather-based irrigation system.

Presentation by TreeKeepers

Will Koomjian from Treekeepers (a local and national tree conservation/protection non-profit) gave a presentation discussing the importance of protecting healthy trees, methods for determining tree health, and the importance of getting trustworthy evaluations and recommendations prior to deciding to keep or remove trees. Following the severe ice storm in January 2024, (this was an unprecedented storm from a tree damage standpoint) many out-of-state tree removal teams arrived. After the legitimate tree removal was completed, there were concerns over predatory harvesting practices, encouraging individuals to remove trees that did not need removing. Mr. Koomjian reviewed some of the "red flag" behaviors and recommendations that should raise suspicion regarding the legitimacy of their work. He stressed the importance of maintaining a healthy tree population and retaining as many undamaged or at-risk trees as possible. He also emphasized though that not every tree failure is predictable, and given the right set of conditions, very healthy trees can fall.

Washington County LUT

CJ Doxsee gave a presentation on Washington County's policies around parking reform. He provided a PowerPoint presentation on State of Oregon mandates and recent changes in county parking policies based on these mandates. He projected maps within Washington County where parking minimums no longer apply to new construction. This is being left to the discretion of the developer. They will be also repealing all the county's minimum parking requirements within unincorporated Wash Co., by the end of 2024. There will also be new requirements for development of parking spaces, with regards to required tree canopy coverage, as well as climate mitigation actions. The county may require a certain number of solar panels per parking spaces, or to increase the tree canopy count by an additional 10%, or possibly pay a fee that would fund equivalent energy savings elsewhere in the state. (These are triggered by lot development ½ acre or larger).

He also discussed some changes in requirements for multifamily housing parking. Commercial retail stores will also be limited to 5 parking spaces per 1000 sq ft. If any questions, feel free to contact him at cj_doxsee@washingtongov.com

Updates on existing projects:

1. Fanno Creek Trail and Portland Golf Club- PGC's application to allow for dredging of their pond and dumping the tailings on a wetland alongside the Fanno Creek Nature Trail has been submitted for a 4th time to the Division of State Lands. A decision should be forthcoming within a few weeks.
2. Portland Diamond Project's desire to purchase Red Tail Golf Course for development of a Major League Baseball arena and sports complex: Letters in opposition have been submitted by the Save RedTail Community to the mayors of Tigard, Beaverton, and Portland, and have placed records requests to the cities of Beaverton and Portland regarding the discussions. Beaverton is having a Voter's Forum at The Reser on May 1st – see the link attached: <https://www.beavertonoregon.gov/697/Voters-Forum>
3. Significant Natural Resource spaces are being redrawn by the County; many CPO members attended both forums. It's not clear at this time if suggestions and comments made by concerned citizens have affected any meaningful improvements in their designation process.

Respectfully submitted,
Rob Skinner, CPO 3 Chairperson