

CPO 3 Meeting Minutes, Washington County June 15, 2023

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

Panelists in attendance were:

Carol Renaud, Washington Co

Rob Skinner, CPO 3 Chair

Eric Christenson, CPO 3 Member at Large

Stan Houseman CCI Rep.

Ben Marcotte, CCI Rep.

Tabitha Alkire, Wa. Co. Sheriff Office

Justin Dyke, Tualatin Valley Water District

Glenn Fee, Executive Director Tualatin RiverKeepers

Absent: Tualatin Hills Parks and Recreation

Washington County LUT

Reports:

Justin Dyke- Tualatin Valley Water District

Water purchased from Portland Water Bureau will have an increase in chlorine from 2.2 mg/L to 2.5 mg/L, which is a normal increase to account for the increased dissipation associated with the warm weather.

Service shut-offs for non-payment have resumed. These had temporarily been put on hold during the change over to a new billing system, but now things have stabilized and the collections process as well as shut-offs for non-payment will occur.

Construction continues along Scholls Ferry Rd, it will slow down a little in June, but then pick back up in early July. There will be a couple of temporary interruptions of service in July and notices will be given to affected neighborhoods along Scholls Ferry Rd.

Tabitha Alkire - Washington Co. Sherrifs Office

National Night Out, an annual community-building campaign on the first Tuesday of August, focuses on gathering neighbors and local law enforcement together. (August 1st). If you are able to coordinate a neighborhood gathering that evening, please register your event before July 14th and meet with deputies and staff. Register at <https://www.washingtoncountyor.gov/sheriff/news/2023/06/06/national-night-out-2023>.

The incident to service map was reviewed, there appeared to be fewer overall incidents but the relative number of thefts was higher. Unfortunately, none of the deputies were able to attend tonight to specifically address recent trends in crime.

Special Presentation by Glenn Fee, Executive Director Tualatin RiverKeepers –

Mr. Fee reviewed the origins of the RiverKeepers (TRK), and their mission, which is essentially to protect and restore the entire Tualatin River watershed, where approximately 500,000 residents live. They partner with communities, THPRD, Clean Water Services, and various volunteers to promote awareness, conservation and restoration projects. TRK has started a Volunteer Restoration Leader program which trains volunteers to head up targeted projects (e.g. invasive species removal) throughout the watershed, also partnering with Friends of Trees. They (TRK) provide seasonal boat rental programs to encourage use and awareness of the Tualatin River, one launches from Cook Park in south Tigard/Durham area. Other boat rentals can be found at Root Bridge Park in Hillsboro (every other weekend).

TRK promotes "Partner Paddles" along the river also. This gets people out to understand the issues that directly or indirectly affect the river. He cited examples where development in King City and Bull Mountain allowed too much head cutting which resulted in serious erosion and development of silt islands in the river.

He then discussed the RiverKeepers concern with the project proposed by the Portland Golf Club, which seeks to dredge their main pond in the middle of the course, and dump the tailings on to a wetlands area immediately adjacent to the Fanno Creek Nature Trail, and Fanno Creek. TRK has submitted public comment to the Army Corp of Engineers raising these concerns. The wetland which has been proposed to fill is pristine wetland habitat, so even though the wetland is on the PGC property, there are impacts to recreation and downstream effects on water quality and habitat. The Oregon Dept of Fish and Wildlife has also commented with concerns regarding the impact of the project on Fanno Creek.

Questions were then asked by attendees and answered by Mr. Fee. These centered around possible effects of the recent Supreme Court ruling with regards to designated wetlands, the position of the ODFW, and the lack of stabilization efforts for Woods Creek which contributes the silt deposition in the golf course pond.

Mr. Fee provided contact information to the CPO and concluded his remarks.

Additional discussion was then held regarding the CPO 3 appeal to Washington County with regards to the PGC application. The appeal was submitted and accepted, the hearing will take place on August 17th, time to be determined.

The CPO leadership has invited the Director of the Portland Golf Club to come speak at our CPO meeting, and they have declined.

The Chairperson reviewed the available positions to be filled on the CPO 3 Executive Committee, and directed interested parties to submit their applications, as well as inquiries or suggestions for future meetings to CPO3leaders@gmail.com.