

CPO3 Minutes, October 19th, 2023 Washington County

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

Stan Houseman CCI Rep.

Ben Marcotte, CCI Rep

Emily Vonada, Member at Large

Lt. Matt Frohnert, WCSO

Chris Lueneberg, Wash Co. LUT

Justin Dyke, Tualatin Valley Water District

Juan Caez, Tualatin Hills Parks and Rec District

Tualatin Valley Water District: Justin Dyke

Fall is “targeted flush” season, when systems are flushed to improve water quality, occurs in neighborhoods that are technically dead-ends, or where there isn’t a major through-way of circulation. Flushing will temporarily increase sediment in the water, this isn’t harmful, but best to let your water run to clear this if you see it.

TVWD is also hosting a webinar called “Talking Water”, October 25th at 12:00 noon, which is information about preparing your homes for winter (clearing irrigation lines, protecting exposed plumbing, etc) in order to prevent damage to your home. There will also be a link posted on their website to the YouTube which can be watched at a later time.

Much construction is still going near CPO 3 with work being done on Hall Blvd and Oleson Rd through November 2023. Work will resume on Beaverton-Hillsdale Hwy at Western Ave to place a valve and lay pipe from December 2023 – April 2024. There will also be biologic testing of debris in the existing pipe which has been in place for over 60 years.

They are still active with construction in the Metzger area with work on the 48” transition pipe.

Work on Allen Blvd is expected to be finished early spring next year. Paving may not finally be complete (due to cool weather and rain), so most likely next summer.

There will also be an education campaign around introduction of the new water system when they get close to turning it on and firing up the new treatment plan. Treatment varies depending on the characteristics of the source (differences between Bull Run, Hagg Lake for example).

THPRD- Juan Caez

THPRD are looking to submit a levy to obtain funding for maintaining after-school programs, maintaining hours, building rest rooms, etc. This may be on the ballot in May.

Recruiting for volunteers for various committees (budget and finance), applications will be received for another day (closes Oct 20th).

Work continues on their climate action plan.

The Holiday Bazaar is scheduled for December 2nd at the Elsie Stuhr Center, we are still looking for vendors.

There are numerous Halloween events going on, this Saturday there will be one at the Garden Home Rec Center.

Pumpkin Patch Pool Party on Oct 27th at the Aloha swim center.

Sambasochi Festival at Garden Home Rec Center this Saturday (Oct 21). (traditional Mexican event).

Special Guest: Washington County Sheriff's Office – Lt. Matt Frohnert and Chris Lueneberg (Washington County LUT)

Addressing Speeding Concerns and Traffic Enforcement in CPO 3.

Lt. Frohnert- was specifically asked to address speeding and accident issues along Garden Home Rd.

Information was provided which was obtained by the "Traffic Sargeant" .

Data specific to Garden Home Rd:

In April, stealth monitoring deployed. Results:

StealthStat unit (inconspicuous, pole-mounted radar device) was deployed in that area of Garden Home Rd between 79th and 92nd in April 2023. Notes from an update in June state that out of the 37,821 vehicles measured, only 3.4% of them (1,292 vehicles) were 11 mph or more over the 30 mph limit. The vast majority of speeders were only 1-5 mph over (16,733 or 44.2%). An additional 16.8% were 6-10 mph over (6,350 vehicles). 13,446 of the vehicles (35.6%) were at or below the limit.

Approximately 20% of vehicles were found to be speeding greater than 6 mph above the speed limit.

Lt. Frohnert stated that although motor(cycle) deputies have been sent to the area, but are limited by the lack of safe areas to pull over speeding motorists. He stated that the traffic control division was also unable to locate a safe place to set up the Wa.Co. radar trailer due to the lack of adequate shoulder space on the road. When the motorcycle officers do try to provide traffic enforcement, the officers don't feel they have a safe place to set up or a safe place to pull violators over.

It was pointed out by the CPO attendees that it is concerning that there is a pedestrian pathway along Garden Home Rd, and how much sense does it make that it's not being patrolled because it's too dangerous for the officers?

Ben Marcotte (CCI rep) did point out that the radar trailer had been positioned at Marissa Dr. and Garden Home Rd without any issues, and the neighborhood is hoping to get permanent radar control/signs in that location.

There were additional comments raised by attendees asking about other methods to work enforcement in the area and Lt. Frohnert agreed to look in to other options to see if we can find some other viable means of controlling speed.

Chris Lueneberg (Wash Co LUT):

He acknowledged that enforcement programs were one of the most effective tools for controlling speed along neighborhood roads.

Stated that high-traffic, arterial roads are not eligible for County traffic control programs. There are several measures that the county uses to try to get people to slow down: signage, community campaigns. Next phase is to install the temporary radar trailers.

A 2nd phase would involve curb extensions, speed bumps, other changes to the road environment that requires community input (community led with buy-in from all residents).

Unfortunately GHR isn't eligible for any of these measures due to it's "arterial" status.

Mr. Lueneberg was asked whether or not the County could provide a permanent radar-enhanced speed sign along Garden Home Road and he stated that there wasn't a program currently available that he was aware of that provide such signage on an arterial road. There was also a questions as to whether or not the

ditches on the sides of GHR could be covered, but Mr. Lueneberg stated this would be extremely costly and wasn't in the current capital improvement plan for County roads up through 2028.

He then gave an update on the crosswalk at SW 84th Ave and GHR, which is very near completion.

Other business:

Kirstin Lurtz from Neighbors for Wetland Preservation gave an update on the project proposed by Portland Golf Club to fill a wetlands along the Fanno Creek Trail with dredge tailings taken from there irrigation pond. She reviewed the problems with the County delays in processing their application, which then resulted in a filing by the Golf Club for a writ of mandamus, which was not contested by the County. This essentially gave default approval (with conditions) for their application and completely negated any appeal process by the citizens in the area affected by the project. Furthermore, the County did not not have to pay any additional court fees nor refund any application fees. So basically, the only parties harmed by the county's negligence in processing the application were the citizens of CPO 3 and others who were wishing to appeal.

Member-at-Large Emily Vonada also announced the ongoing open house for the County's Significant Natural Resource project. It is on October 24th in Hillsboro, address is available on line at LUT's web page.

It was then announced the next CPO 3 meeting would be November 16th, and there would not be a meeting in December.

A guest from Tualatin Valley Fire District will be presenting at the next meeting.

The meeting was then formally adjourned.

A copy of the closed-caption transcript is available if interested by contacting CPO3Leaders@gmail.com.