

## **CPO 12F APRIL Regular Meeting**

Present: Brian Schimmel (Chair), Darci Hanning (CCI Rep), Sarai Rivera (Secretary), Hope Kramer (Vice-Chair), Jerry Willey (Washington County Commissioner), Cecilia H, Joe Rayhawk, Raymond Arkus, David Pero, Eric Canon, Heather Sturgil, Meagan McKibben, Michael IV, Rebecca Johnson, Shawn Cardwell, MichaelIV, Henry Reimann (FGPD Chief), Kim Marshall, Lauren Quinsland (FGPD), Sergeant Jason (Washington County Sheriffs)

### **6:00 PM** Introductions

### **6:05 PM** County Updates: Sergeant Jason

- Homelessness issues have improved compared to what it used to be
- Area crime map was shared, unspecific to homelessness. Increase in fraudulent calls. The department will be updating us on data requests.
  - Commissioner Willey: requesting reports as far back as 2018 to see the impact to what it is now. "We need new ways to collaborate with more data in order to help others."

### **6:15 PM** FGPD Updates: Lauren Quinsland, Community Outreach Specialist

- Lauran spoke about the homeless issues and how the police department takes action – respond to calls the same way they respond to other community issues, and communication through social media and in person. Education is a huge component and there is a lot of misinformation stoking fears in the community. Lauren will get data on those types of calls and provide information that can help reframe how our community thinks about the homeless population; important for educating the community about the crimes that happen locally.
  - Commissioner Willey: "In order to make good decisions, we need data."
  - Eric Canon: The crime at the feet of people that have no housing lays on them. Having that data, we are able to know where the true issues come from.

### **6:25 PM** Time, Place, Manner: Commissioner Willey

- The goal is to be on the same page with regard to shelter opportunities (our priority). Wash Co. draft reflects a 5 day 'time' designation. The question is, what happens after that? Cities are considering a stricter time, place, and manner.
- Commissioner Willey is concerned about the drafted timeframe to permit camping 5 days relative to cities, as well as available staff for enforcement. Also anticipating migration to more lenient jurisdictions – unincorporated county properties.
- Hope Kramer: "We have seen how people have responded when B street was closed; individuals ended moving to Highway 47. We need to get away to the current model. We don't want criminalize the homeless."

### **6:40 PM** Acquisition of Elm St. property (potential pods): Commissioner Willey

- Experiences at recent city, county and community meetings demonstrate the county is investing in community conversations about pod/shelter siting. There's interest by the county to engage further with local partners and strategize.
- Any camp that we plan to put in Forest Grove needs to have a reliable management structure, and ensure that it meets the requirements; that we are extremely careful about putting a shelter in the middle of historic Forest Grove.

- Additional perspective shared: the probable timeframe from close of sale to start of a pod program could be up to a year – i.e., ~18 months from now. That gives the situation enough time for the county and community to work together on an optimal solution. Any number of factors can play out, including environmental testing and/or an alternative option by the Forest Grove Foundation. This could result in a different location, alternative pod type, or program that will demonstrate stability for a future project.
- Commissioner Willey: “I am undecided on this because I see the need for pods. The positive side is that we could potentially close highway 47. I don't live in Forest Grove, so I don't know the impact to the neighborhood. I would like to hear more feedback before a decision is made.”
- Future meeting can provide opportunity to learn about the Foundation’s plans as well as Open Door’s planned pod village in Cornelius. Both are also in a due diligence process. Key attributes related to alternative shelter models: Siting, community support, and programming
- Commissioner Jerry Willy: “I agree that we don't need two, but that we have the necessary capacity. We need to see who all is working options and how much funding is available. Let’s make sure we are all holding hands, and making the right decisions”
- Eric Canon: It has been wonderful to see how our local community has come to together intending to help each other out. We have a decade long legacy to lean on regarding our severe weather shelters.

#### **6:59 PM** Future agenda topics

- CPO re-envisioning process/update
- Forest Grove Foundation strategic plans
- Clean Water Services (CWS) community events
- Tualatin Soil and water Conservation District
- General: recycling / reducing food waste, transportation, and land trusts

**7:00 PM** Meeting adjourned

#### **ZOOM CHAT**

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The FGPD publishes an annual report of calls for service in our community. Reports from the last five years are available online, though some of the trends are listed in the most current: <https://www.forestgrove-or.gov/police/page/2022-annual-report>”

Meagan McKibben: draft ordinance and presentation for time, place and manner for Washington County

<https://washingtoncounty.civicweb.net/document/44987/Review%20Draft%20Ordinance%20for%20the%20REGULATION%20OF%20PU.pdf?handle=AB75A58E1F16487E893A883B758E47F3>

Heather Sturgil: “The Highway 47/Martin Road roundabout project will start construction in June. There will be an open house to allow people to talk to the contractor 5-7 p.m. May 17 at the city auditorium.”