

**CCI Meeting Summary**  
**January 19, 2020 | 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm**  
**Virtual Zoom Meeting**

**Attendees:**

Jim Long (CPO 4M); Mary Manseau (Code and Ordinance Subcommittee Chair); Virginia Bruce (CPO 1, CCI Co-Chair); Ben Marcotte (CPO 3); Stan Houseman (CPO 3); Bruce Bartlett (CPO 1, CCI Secretary); Paul Johnson (CPO 15); Jill Warren (CPO 4M); Gretchen Buehner (CPO 4K); Greg Malinowski (CPO 7); Leslie Shaw (CPO 6); Raymond Eck (CPO 6)

**Meeting Scribes:** Highland Edelman and Marcus Ford, Washington County Community Engagement Program Coordinators

**County Staff:**

Highland Edelman and Marcus Ford, Washington County Community Engagement Program Coordinators; Pat Garrett, Sheriff; Kevin Barton, District Attorney; Brenda Schaffer, WCSO;

**Approximate total attendance:** 55

**Welcome, Introductions, Prior Meeting Summary:**

- Meeting Called to Order at 7:00 pm by – Virginia Bruce
- Review of minutes – Gretchen moved to approve the minutes – seconded by Mary – passed 9-0
- ~~Introductions & Check-in~~

**Washington County Sheriff's Office current issues & priorities– Sheriff Pat Garrett**

Sheriff Garrett went over Sheriff's Office services and priorities for 2021, and COVID's impact.

Virginia asked if they could detail people to post more things more often on Twitter/Facebook – Sheriff Garrett replied it is a good point, and he will connect their Public Affairs folks with CCI – after hours it's a bit more challenging than during business hours

Virginia asked about increase in overdoses. Garrett says overdoses are just up in general as COVID continues to cause isolation. Sheriff's Office is continuing to track drug rings dealing illicit drugs to community members and working to prosecute those folks to end the problem at the source.

Virginia asked how WCSO checks new recruits and ensures they aren't affiliated with dangerous militias – There are multiple layers of psych evals and multidisciplinary teams that do interviews. These evals are done by specific police psychologists

A community member asked about traffic laws which only charged a citation for failure to yield in the death of her son on Hwy 47 – he responded that there is a team that works on checking for criminal elements in cases like that. HE also recommends reaching out to legislators to work on law changes.

A community member asked how the WCSO is responding to pre-identified Mental Health (MH) calls – If a MH team is working, they respond to the incident. If they are not on, there are deputies trained for crisis intervention training.

A community member asked about human trafficking – Sheriff Garrett acknowledged this is happening and probably being under reported due to COVID. They have teams working on this.

A community member asked how they are ensuring deadly force is the last means used – they had a policy change which changed the language to require the least amount of force necessary. Reviewed the Graham Factors regarding Use of Force

### **Washington County DA's Office current issues & priorities– District Attorney Kevin Barton**

District Attorney Kevin Barton reviewed what's planned for 2021, and the role of the DA's Office in the Public Safety System

A community member asked what about measure 110? – DA Barton opposed this but they have adapted and will issue violations and referrals to treatment. He believes there will be a negative impact  
A community member asked what are you doing to increase awareness for the general public about how to deal with public safety officials – They try to be as open book as they can. They work on community education, like what he is doing right now, as well as going into schools and other community outings. Social media and web information is available as well. They try to be proactive. Sheriff Garrett added they have a link to their policies on the website.  
Bruce commented that he appreciates their passion for their communities.

### **Communications Subcommittee – Virginia Bruce:**

Virginia noted they have been working hard to identify solutions and working on their “grid” of issues. She reviewed the vision of the Communications Subcommittee  
If anyone else is interested in joining let Virginia know  
Shared the CCI Facebook page  
There will be a push for more community involvement in CCI

### **Code and Ordinance Subcommittee Update – Mary Manseau:**

If anyone is interesting in joining, let Mary know  
The focus is following the ordinance as they move through ordinance season  
Because of the change to ordinance season, they are hopeful that the process will slow down and things will be given the time they deserve

### **Significant Natural Resources Subcommittee Update – Jim Long:**

There hasn't been much to talk about for a few months, although he is quite disappointed with what came out of ordinance 869.  
There are some house bills that have their attention that have to do with rural reserve areas  
Ray asked what happened with the Alice Kinzer situation – Greg said he still needs to get with her to find out the latest  
Greg Malinowski notes differing opinions between County and Metro in what constitutes a significant natural resource, and what is developable property.  
Virginia asked for SNR subcommittee to have future meetings scheduled

### **Upcoming proposed CCI meetings – Virginia Bruce**

- January 19<sup>th</sup> – Sheriff and DA (Sheriff just hired a consultant to look into Use of Force)
- February – Theresa Cherniak – work plan
- March – Stephen Roberts – ordinance season and various other things
- April – Chair Harrington -
- May – Science behind SNR protections – who?

**Emerging Issues: Relevant, Request for Help, Spark an Idea:**

Virginia noted CPO 1 will have BSD facilities review, school schedules, and clothes closets presentation  
Mary said there is value in CPOs looking at Bike and Pedestrian Candidates List and providing feedback to URMDAC – they should get this feedback by July. URMDAC is meeting tomorrow

Greg noted that the people who bought out Polygon think they own everything out there and are seeking approval for more development in North Bethany

Discussion around the commissioners understanding of the rules of URMDAC and the need for a Commissioner representative assigned the URMDAC meetings – the community has a large voice in this

Ray noted CPO 6 will have BSD also in March. In February will have Stephen Roberts from LUT

Jim noted CPO 4M will have a rep from Public Health and numerous land use topics coming up

Gretchen noted that road projects get discussed every month at WCCC – that’s where all major road projects and funding opportunities get discussed. The next round of project to be selected for MSTIP funding will be happening during the coming year and will be based upon WCCC decisions.

Virginia urged all CPO leaders to utilize the [cpo#leaders@gmail.com](mailto:cpo#leaders@gmail.com) email accounts.

Jim and Stan noted that it needs to be said out loud that meetings will be recorded. Jim also wondered if meetings would be shared publicly – Virginia noted these will be shared publicly on CCI’s Facebook page.

Virginia asked for CE to create a welcome slide with virtual etiquette notes

**Public Comment:**

No public comment

**Adjourn:**

Mary moved to adjourn meeting – Stan seconded

Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm