

**CCI Meeting Summary**  
**September 21, 2021 | 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); Ben Marcotte (CPO 3); Stan Houseman (CPO 3); ~~Liles Garcia (CPO 6 – non-voting)~~; Bruce Bartlett (CPO 1, CCI Secretary); Paul Johnson (CPO 15); ~~Lars Wahlstrom (CPO 10)~~; Jill Warren (CPO 4M); ~~Gretchen Buehner (CPO 4K)~~; Greg Malinowski (CPO 7); Richard Smith (CPO 10); ~~Mahesh Udata (CPO 7; CCI Co-Chair)~~; Fran Warren (CPO 1 – non-voting); ~~Raymond Eck (CPO 6)~~; ~~Kay Gooding (CPO 4K – non-voting)~~; Becky Morinishi (CPO 6); Ken Seymour (CPO 6); Yvonne Johnson (CPO 4K);

**Meeting Scribes:** Marcus Ford, Washington County Community Engagement Program Coordinator

**County Staff:**

Marcus Ford, Washington County Community Engagement Program Coordinator; Joe Simich, Community Corrections; Brenda Schaffer, WCSO;

**Approximate total attendance:** 23

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

- Meeting Called to Order at 7:02 pm by – Bruce Bartlett
- Introductions & Check-in
- Review of minutes – Mary motioned to approve the minutes (after some brief changes were made) – Yvonne seconded – passed 13-0
- Announcements

**Cassandra Ulven – Measure 34-308 info**

*Short presentation by Cassandra Ulven*

- Mary asked – any ideas about when the North Bethany fire station will be built. Cassandra noted she doesn't know an exact timetable, it will be driven by deployment needs – there is already really good coverage in that area. Funding for the North Bethany Fire Station not included in this bond.
- Ken asked – will King City be built on the existing site? Cassandra responded there is unstable earth in the area that will require some work so it will hold in an earthquake. It is the ideal location, but will require significant upgrades.
- Attendee Hubertina – are we still sending out full size vehicles for medical emergencies? They will send the nearest rig depending on the emergency. Cardiac arrest will have any rig with at least 6 people. Non-life threatening they may send something smaller.

**Joe Simich – Community Corrections review/update**

*Presentation by Joe Simich*

- Paul commented – Washington County has a lot to be proud of in Community Corrections

- Fran asked will this presentation be available? – Joe noted he did a similar presentation in the 09/07/21 Board meeting, which is available on YouTube. A copy of his slides is included with the minutes.
- Bruce asked if the Law Enforcement Levy is part of the Public Safety Levy – Joe: yes, this contributes to Community Corrections as well. The ESPD Levy does NOT go to Community Corrections.
- Bruce noted he wished those levies were part of the formal county budget and not something that has to be put on the ballot every five years.
- Bruce asked why there is reduced funding for clean & sober housing – Joe: early in the spring they were anticipating some sizeable reductions from the state funding. The county does not make up those funds. They took a big enough cut where they had to make some reductions. They are also trying to work with the County Housing Department to try and collaborate around funding.
- Bruce asked if they run into opposition from neighbors about transitional housing – Joe: the majority go into places with house managers on site that have good rapport in the community. There is some structure and oversight. They have good neighbor agreements in place which requires that any new C&S houses going into a neighborhood have a good relationship with the neighborhood.

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

- Mary noted middle housing is taking up most of the staff's time. Hopefully filing an ordinance in December with hearings to follow, and adoption by the 06/30/2022 deadline.
- One of the newly appointed planning commissioners resigned due to the time commitment – Jerry Willey has an opening in his district for this.
- Mary hopes that presentations like tonight should be recorded and categorized and available for CPOs – may need better coordination with staff and waiting for the website update.
- Bruce asked why the planning commission doesn't use the standard video recording process – Mary thinks it is the old process, with YouTube being more user friendly. Mary isn't privy to the information as of why.
- Greg said the County may try to shift "affordable housing" to just be "more housing" – Mary responds there was a lot of push from planning commissioners for the focus to be on increasing the supply of affordable housing and staff made it clear that the HB2001 was about creating more housing and there wasn't a specific requirement for it to be "affordable"
- Greg noted it is hard to see this as good news. Mary noted it is "trickle down" – more housing is supposed to leave more housing at the lower level to purchase but doesn't believe this will work.

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

Jim notes they have been meeting – the county had a climate change panel, and this committee has a letter they would like CCI's support on. Suggesting the county start an advisory panel (most of the work has been internal and they want more community members involved). Jim will bring it to the CCI Steering Committee on Monday.

#### **CCI Future Discussion**

Bruce emailed a paper (attached) with a list of issues with the CPO/CCI system.

- Although Bruce is leading the meeting, he has not volunteered to be the Chair of CCI.

- The purpose is not to send the paper to anyone beyond the CCI at this point, but to form a basis of discussion
- *Bruce reviewed sections of the paper*
- Bruce would like this paper to be revised and enhanced with the intent to send it to the OEICE with recommendations of where we go from here.
- Membership requested to please take some time to review the paper and make changes and additions
- Stan notes – This was an effort of the promotion and marketing of the CCI/CPO program of a few years ago when we were attempting to expand the program on a broader scale beyond land use issues to include quality of life issues.
- Ken noted “Neighborhood Associations” referred to in R&O 86-58 are not “Home Owners Associations”; they are two separate types of groups. There are no count recognized NAs which eliminates an important bottom rung of the involvement program.
- Mary noted she feels the Board is missing “timely response” to the CCI subcommittee letters as outlined in the R&O 86-58 – “It’s really important to have the Board take another look at the R&O and remind themselves of their promises.”
- Mary had a conversation with Chair Harrington who said they are having “internal discussions” on the direction of the CCI/CPO program – Mary feels that doesn’t do enough because the community has ideas as well and should be included in determining the future of the program.
- Paul notes that the paper articulated our conundrums quite well. Although it’s not obvious what a solution might be, structural change might be necessary to get to a place where we feel comfortable.
- Fran said they need to clarify the purpose – she thought we WERE focused on land use. She believes Latricia’s presentation was unevenly focused. CCI/CPO members DO learn information about different life issues in the CPO. People need a variety of significant things to be excited about to attend CPO meetings or volunteer.
- Bruce added CPOs have been including quality of life issues in addition to land use on their agendas to get other folks interested and involved.
- Jim commented there are “conflicts of interest” with the county administering the CPO program – Bruce notes we need to document what these conflicts of interests are to make this clear.
- Greg agrees with the paper. Recalls back when land use planning started the state was empowering the citizens to be involved. Now the economic powers understand how to work the system and know how to make money with it and don’t want that system messed up. For example, CCI and many people pushed back to protect natural areas and trees, and the county said “they will work on that later.” The county includes all the cities and shouldn’t put the onus on cities to individually attempt the same work but that’s what the county expects in some areas.
- Fran noted - Also, Planning Commissioner (Poddar) stated that WashCo is very focused on communicating to those who have internet access. Now with the pandemic this has gotten worse. We used to have more paper and in-person options - and at libraries, at off-site locations where lower-income and endangered residents can attend and participate.
- Greg notes – having the CPO programs under the County Administrator’s Office is not the best idea.
- Stan asked – Having the CPO program advertised one time a year in the tax bill, is that covering all the people that live in Washington County? He thinks it is too little and not enough exposure for the CCI/CPO program.

- Mary notes - no. it is not! As volunteers, we need to understand if our role is to provide marketing for the program or if our role is to understand land use issues and other issues impacting our community.
- Virginia noted – We need to have an effective, yearly training for CPO leaders on how to understand and communicate land use issues
- Fran noted - Lack of CCI leadership just plays into the hand of those who want to kibosh it.

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

- October –
- November –

#### **Round the Group: CPO updates, Relevant, Request for Help, Spark an Idea:**

- Jim – CPO 4M has been meeting through the Summer – there’s currently a case before the Oregon land use board of appeals that has to do with wildlife habitat guidelines – they have been appealing for 3-4 years. The ruling is coming out this week and it’s a big deal.
- Fran – They started up a group – Treekeepers of Washington County – wondering if anyone is interested in an overview presentation. Would be available to present at CPO meetings. Fran will send to Marcus for inclusion in the minutes.
- Mary – CPO 7 hot topic is a gas station with 10 pumps going directly next to a wetland. They have not formally taken a stance yet; they are trying to get word out to the community right now. Next meeting will be about this. Mary will connect with Jim to get some contacts from ODF&W
- Becky asked if we can continue to address the issues Bruce brought up – Bruce says when he gets responses from this body he will integrate those and send it back out to the CCI body. Will be part of the Steering Committee discussion on Monday. All were invited to attend the CCI Steering Committee.

#### **Public Comment:**

None

#### **Adjourn:**

Jim moved to adjourn meeting – Mary seconded – no votes against  
Meeting adjourned at 9:13pm