

CPO 3 Meeting Minutes, Sept 21, 2023

(Note: a meeting was not held in August 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

Stan Houseman CCI Rep.

Ben Marcotte, CCI Rep

Emily Vonada, Member at Large

Eric Christenson, Member at Large

Deputy Pestka, WCSO

Chris Lueneberg, Wash Co. LUT

Daniel Rittatore, (Guest Speaker), Clean Water Services

Tualatin Valley Water District and Tualatin Hills Parks and Recreation District (THPRD) were unable to attend.

Washington County Sheriffs Office:

Deputy Pestka: 220 calls to service were logged in this last month, 846 reports were received. An additional 900 + R1 reports were generated by police activity (violations and suspicious activity noted while on patrol).

Overall, CPO 3 has had less crime than other neighborhoods on heavier traffic routes, and also due to the tight-knit nature of our neighborhoods. Many of the service call over the last couple of months have been welfare checks, or to reported crimes of opportunity.

A question was raised about the WCSO policy towards open use of narcotics, and is there a contrast to that being implemented in the Portland Metro area.

Deputy Pestka replied that the state regulation, which makes open use only a ticketed violation, is applied similarly in Washington County (as the statute allows), and WCSO is trying to focus more on the dealers. Unfortunately, he has also been responding to several overdose episodes, and they confiscate. They do appreciate

any citizen information regarding open or problematic illicit drug activity, however.

Washington County LUT:

Chris Lueneberg: The crosswalk at SW 84th Ave and Garden Home Rd is finally under construction and hopefully will be completed by the end of the month (September).

THPRD:

Mr. Caez was unable to attend, but did provide the following report for the CPO:

NAC & CPO Updates September 2023

Budget Update and Levy Task Force: THPRD is looking at options to stabilize funding for park and recreation services to maintain current service levels. The district is looking at an upcoming \$16 million gap in funding, representing about 21% of the budget. Without additional funding, THPRD will need to close facilities, reduce recreation services such as childcare programs, and reduce staffing. THPRD has established a levy task force, of community members, to advise the board on next steps.

Welcoming Week: We're celebrating Welcoming Week Sept. 8 - 17, a nation-wide effort to welcome immigrant and refugee community members through inclusive cultural community gatherings. THPRD is partnering on SIX different events – check our website for details.

Join an Advisory or Budget Committee

open until October 23.

Greenway at NW Laidlaw Road is expected to begin in September.

Park Maintenance Update: Park maintenance staff are planning for upcoming projects: To remove, and

replace a section of a asphalt pathway, and a water culvert at McMillian Park. Removing hazard trees at

Eichler Park, Raleigh Park, and Greenway Park.

Willow Creek Greenway Boardwalk Update:

: We have openings on our three advisory committees: parks and

facilities, programs and events, and nature & trails, as well as the district's Budget Committee. Apply now –

Nature & Trails Update: Construction of wetland and pond enhancements for wildlife at the Bronson Creek

Plans to improve the Willow Creek Greenway Boardwalk

continues. There is a community meeting at the Five Oaks/Triple Creek Neighborhood Association Committee

to present the Willow Creek Greenway boardwalk improvements plan on September 12 at 7:00 pm at Elmonica

Elementary School. To learn more about the project, visit the project webpage at

www.thprd.info/willowcreekgreenway.

Outdoor Restroom Expansion: Construction permits are in-hand for the restroom improvements planned for

Greenway Park, Schiffler Park, and Hazeldale Park. The project is going out for bid in August and anticipated

to start construction this fall.

Fall Adult Softball Open Now: The Tualatin Hills Athletic Center is offering fall adult softball now – sign up! They're also hosting a Halloween themed tournament in late September.

Fall Volleyball Leagues Open: The Tualatin Hills Athletic Center is offering fall volleyball. Sign up now! **THRIVE Program Update:** THPRD's afterschool programs have openings districtwide. Info online.

Drop In Pickleball Available at Conestoga Recreation and Aquatic Center: Join us for drop in pickleball every day. Schedule online.

Help us Celebrate these Fun Events

- Sept. 8: Concilio de Sabiduría – Club de la Tercera Edad · Stuhr Center · 1:30 – 4:30 pm
- Sept. 13: Zumba from Around the World · Cedar Hills Rec Center · 6 – 7:30 pm
- Sept. 13: Bilingual Story Time · Garden Home Rec Center · 10 – 10:45 am
- Sept. 16: Casa Abierta · Garden Home Re Center · 11 am – 1 pm
- Sept. 16: Cultural Book Fair · Conestoga Rec Center · 9 am – 12 pm
- Sept. 17: Vigentes Latinos (55 and Better Community) · Stuhr Center · 3 – 6 pm
- Sept. 24: Cedar Mill Cider Fest · 12050 NW Cornell Rd. · 12:30 – 4 pm

Guest Speaker – Clean Water Services

Dan Rittatore:

“On Site Septic Financial Aid Program”

A powerpoint program regarding the onsite septic system financial program was discussed. This was helped by addition of some federal funds. The guidelines are for urban areas, for homes that are within 50-300 ft of a mainline, and he displayed maps that showed many of the eligible areas. Approximately 1200 residents across Washington County are still on septic, and these funds are to help connect to sewer as well as to decommission existing septic tanks. CWS has partnered with Washington County to deliver this program. CWS had applied for approximately \$2.7 million and only was awarded \$1million from DEQ, so they have the funds to assist approximately 30-40 properties (at around \$20-30K per property). This won't be used for public sewer line extension, so you need to be within 300 feet of an existing public line.

The program is driven by household income and demographics. To qualify for a full grant your household needs to be below the 80% mark of median family income. If you are outside of the MFI, you may still qualify for some assistance.

The county will be identifying “preferred contractors.”

This program will have outreach to solicit interest until March of 2024. There are currently 71 applications received. If you have had work done since March of 2021, you are also eligible to apply for this grant. Work must be completed by December of 2026.

More information can be found at:

<https://www.washingtoncountyor.gov/commdev/onsite-septic-connection>

A question came up from one of the attendees about who one might call if they had concerns about a neighbor with a poorly functioning septic system/field. The attendee was directed to contact CWS directly.

Mr. Rittatore can be reached at: rittatore@cleanwaterservices.org

CCI Presentation:

Stan Houseman and Ben Marcotte: Stan gave an update as to the interface between the county, the developers and the community, through the CCI (Committee for Community Involvement) and CPO programs. An important feature of CPO's is to get information to the public.

There are concerns that the county budget may not be adequate to fund the CCI-CPO program, and but it's been good to see interest in the program improve.

There was a brief discussion about how the CCI is now involved in advocating for change / modification of the state statute involving mandatory time frames for the county to act upon a developer's application. This currently stands at 120 days, and if the application is not acted upon within that period, the developer may file for writ of mandamus, which then defaults to application approval (possibly with exceptions), and currently removes the public process for appeal (unless it has occurred and is completed in this 120 day period.)

New Member at Large welcomed:

We welcomed Ms. Emily Vonada who attended as our new Member at Large, elected in July of this year.

We still have openings on the CPO 3 Board for Vice Chair and Secretary.

Interested applicants can contact us at

CPO3Leaders@gmail.com

Rob Skinner
CPO 3 Chairperson