

CPO 1 notes for Sept. 12, 2017 meeting

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Following are the topics that were discussed in the meeting:

- A report on public safety from a Washington County sheriff.
- Mike Janin, superintendent of the THPRD, talked about his work running park patrol to secure parks and open spaces in the district. A former Beaverton police officer, he noted that there is more land being patrolled through his office than the city of Beaverton, 50 vs. 18 square miles. He encouraged the audience to contact his office online or by phone to report issues at their neighborhood parks.
- Holly Thompson, new THPRD board member, spoke about how she sees the district and what is currently happening. When she joined the board, she had questions in the following areas: programs, summer camps, inclusion and affordability, she said. She viewed as highlights: the opening of Mountain View Champions Park in Aloha on Oct. 14 and the district's efforts to get national accreditation. She encouraged the audience to advocate for parks and reach out to her with ideas and suggestions. Additionally, one audience member, Jim Cape, questioned the impartiality of Holly, a Beaverton city employee, on the board. He pointed out that most if not all board members were Beaverton residents. Mike Janin answered that the THPRD gives no preference to incorporated or unincorporated areas in their service to the people of the park district.
- THPRD superintendent of design and development Gery Keck gave an update on the renovation of Cedar Hills Park. Work on the park is set to begin in spring 2018 with roadwork on Cedar Hills Blvd., removal of some trees, relocation of water and sewer lines and demolition of William Walker School. The new school is set to open in Sept. 2019 and will share the park and its playground with the park. The park will have a splash pad and pavilion along with ball fields and community garden areas, among other amenities.

Audience members continued the discussion of parks with questions regarding acquisition of park land in the area as housing developments go in. Bruce Bartlett and Virginia Bruce told the audience that system development charges (SDCs) that developers pay to the county when building housing go into paying for parks. Gery Keck pointed the audience to a list of park projects funded through the 2008 \$100 million park bond measure in the district's website. Several people were interested in knowing more about SDCs and parks.