

CPO 1 Meeting Summary
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Virginia Bruce began the meeting by discussing recent development proposals in the area. “Neighborhood meetings are a good opportunity to take a look at proposed developments and provide feedback,” Bruce said. The hearing for the proposed gas station at West Union and 185th is now postponed until June 2022; the Thompson Crossing development application is available at the Cedar Mill Library reference desk.

Brian Yourstone (THPRD) and Kody Harris (WCSO) gave their respective updates.

Cascadia Planning principal Mike Boyer, Cedar Mill Methodist Pastor Rick Shewell, and Home First Development Project Manager Alex Reff presented on the Saltzman affordable housing development. This three-story building proposed for Saltzman across from the library is intended for senior individuals earning less than \$40,000 a year. Most future residents will be on fixed incomes so 24 of the housing units will offer rent assistance vouchers. Beneficiaries of these vouchers will only pay a portion of rent (based on affordability), which is estimated to be as low as 30% of their income. LGBTQ seniors are being particularly targeted since they often have difficulty finding a welcoming community.

Washington County Health and Human Services Department (HHS) gave us an update and provided information on the current state of COVID-19. Dr. Marie Boman-Davis, Dr. Kimberly Repp, and HHS Interim Director Mjere Simental noted that case counts remain unprecedented in Oregon and Washington County. At this point, Washington County is still enforcing the indoor mask policy. Members had many questions and the team was very helpful in providing answers and resources.

Demand for testing (both in-lab and via at-home kits) are exceeding supply, making it increasingly difficult to obtain tests. Regardless, individuals who are exposed to COVID-19 should attempt to get tested on the fifth exposure day. Those who are sick and are unable to discern if they have COVID-19 or the flu should err on the side of caution—stay home and isolate. HHS wants the public to avoid visiting emergency rooms for COVID-19 treatment unless necessary.

Currently, the government has authorized vaccines for those age five and above; booster shots are available for individuals age 12+. Specific therapeutics, self-tests, and masks are tools to combat the pandemic, and vaccination is the best protection against severe disease, even for those who have had the disease. HHS advises everyone to continue with the practices known to help: wear a well-fitting mask, limit gatherings, and wash hands frequently.

For vaccine information and business recovery programs, visit the Washington County website. Additional questions can be asked through the Washington County COVID-19 helpline.

<https://www.co.washington.or.us/HHS/CommunicableDiseases/COVID-19/index.cfm>

<https://www.co.washington.or.us/HHS/CommunicableDiseases/COVID-19/economic-relief.cfm>