

CPO 1 notes for Nov. 14, 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 focused on vehicle and home break-ins in the area. Perpetrators open unlocked car doors, press garage door remote controls, which gave them access to homes that were then burglarized. Sheriffs are asking residents to notice and phone in (to the non-emergency number) suspicious activity, or if cars were observed being opened, to call 911.
- THPRD report: The parks district is seeking volunteers to join district advisory committees. I asked about the lack of water in park drinking fountains and was told the fountains were shut down in anticipation of cold weather. I subsequently learned the fountains are routinely shut off mid-October to mid-April.
- The main event of the evening was the announcement of the Cedar Mill Creek Flood Remediation Collaborative Project -- one of the state's Oregon Solutions projects. The goal of the project is to minimize or mitigate for flooding in the Cedar Mill Creek and Johnson Creek watershed that is a result of altering the creeks and area wetlands in the past century. Several people who live along the downstream areas south of Highway 26 expressed displeasure with governmental agencies (there was a lack of awareness that Clean Water Services has jurisdiction over the creeks) that they said hadn't helped ameliorate the flooding in their neighborhoods. Melissa DeLyser, communications manager for the county's Land Use and Transportation agency, sought to assure attendees that the newly formed collaborative would address the flooding. Residents were encouraged to visit the county website ([cedarmillcreek.org](http://cedarmillcreek.org)) and fill out a survey requesting information on individual homeowners' flooding and suggestions to curtail it. Virginia Bruce suggested asking a CWS spokesperson to attend the December CPO meeting to give residents flood control ideas before the collaborative makes a final ruling next spring.