

CPO 1 Meeting Notes  
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After reading a land acknowledgement, Chair Virginia Bruce began CPO 1's December meeting by informing attendees of a development called Estates at Leahy Park. The proposed property includes a natural area, and LUT has told developers to work with caution. Those interested in this project can view the application by asking at the Cedar Mill Central Library reference desk. Other ongoing developments include Thompson Crossing (Biggi property) and the Saltzman retirement housing community.

Brenda Schaffer from the Washington County Sheriff's Office provided public safety updates. Schaffer reminded attendees to report crimes directly to the Sheriff's Office—for privacy reasons, the Sheriff's Office cannot see conversations on NextDoor. Traffic was a point of interest in this meeting, and Schaffer urged constituents to respect red lights and other safety devices. In response to a question, Deputy Winders added that traffic patrols can be requested on the Sheriff's Office website.

Following the Sheriff's Office updates, CPO 1 conducted their 2022 leadership elections. The 2021 incumbent officers (Chair Virginia Bruce, Vice-Chair Bruce Bartlett, Secretary Vicky Siah) sought reelection; for the CCI, CPO 1 elected two representatives and one alternate. Virginia Bruce, who served as a 2021 CCI representative, aimed to be reappointed in a 2022 CCI position. Fran Warren ran for the other CCI representative position, and Mary Lou Oberson stepped up as the CCI alternate. The motion to reelect all 2021 incumbents passed with 13 "yes" votes and 0 "no" votes. Subsequently, the motion to elect 2022's CCI representatives passed with 11 "yes" votes and 0 "no" votes.

The tree removal on Kenny Terrace was revisited from November's meeting, with neighbors presenting a letter to send to the Board of Commissioners. This opened debates on the letter's wording and environmental impacts of the Thompson Road realignment. Residents expressed frustration with the County's approach to the situation, citing it as "[without] due process" and "lack of transparency." Eventually, the Kenny Terrace letter passed with 14 "yes" votes, 1 abstention, and 2 "no" votes. Chair Bruce then proposed a second letter to the Board of County Commissioners expressing CPO 1's preference for the "Western Alignment" for Saltzman Road realignment. The Saltzman Road letter passed with 11 in favor and 2 members opposed.

Tualatin Valley Water District CEO Tom Hickman presented the first of CPO 1's December feature topics. In 1991, Wolf Creek and Metzger regions combined to form TVWD, and now, TVWD's water sources include river water, reservoirs, aquifer storage, regional partnerships, and water conservation efforts. TVWD managed costs over the pandemic period by reducing personnel services budget by 2.8%, deferring \$50 million of infrastructure projects, and partnering with other utilities. These efforts allowed TVWD to lower and share costs.

TVWD is also focusing on long term plans, and after a multi-year technical study, they selected the Willamette River as a water supply. The commissioning of the Willamette Water Supply System is set for 2026. Hickman describes the process as "planting the tree that creates the shade for future generations," and because TVWD operates as a business, he outlined four ways that TVWD gathers revenue. TVWD is financed by customer fees, three owner partners, system development charges for new water users, and low interest loans through EPA. However, bill assistance programs are available for those experiencing financial hardships. TVWD can help cover up to 28 CCF (\$191) for one month per year (value will change as water rates change) and offers a payment plan for any remaining balance. There are other community-based assistance programs available to supplement this, and Hickman recommends that those in need apply.

In conjunction with TVWD's presentation, Julie Cortez and Shannon Huggins from Clean Water Services spoke about CWS's water quality work. CWS has 26 independent facilities throughout the district, and their company operates using the Tualatin River. They focus on maintaining water flow—CWS reports that water quality is better than it has been in decades—creating programs to clean and distribute water. These objectives involve water resource recovery, surface water management, watershed protection, water security and planning.

To conclude the meeting, Brian Decker, a candidate for WashCo District Attorney, introduced himself to attendees. Decker has extensive experience in law and believes in ethical, evidence-based approaches. More information on his positions can be found on his campaign website, [deckerforda.com](http://deckerforda.com).