

CPO 1 notes for March 13, 2018, meeting

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Following are the topics that were discussed in the meeting:

Note: Attendance was about 30 initially with about 5 to 10 people joining as the main part of the meeting began.

- A TVF&R spokesperson reminded the audience about backyard burning and said to keep fire pit fires to “marshmallowing roasting” size.
- Washington County Sheriff’s office spokespeople spoke about the need to keep cars locked at night to thwart break-ins and people gaining access to garage remote controls in cars to break into homes.
- THPRD report: Eric Owens, of the parks district, gave an update on the Cedar Hills Park project, which is to be completed by summer 2019. Also, THPRD is looking at buying land in the Cedar Mill/Bethany area for parks. A potential land acquisition near 119<sup>th</sup> and Lovejoy in Cedar Mill did not happen as the owner opted to sell to a developer. Also, a vacant house at Saltzman and Thompson on THPRD land will be burned down as a TVF&R exercise.
- After the agency reports, a candidate forum was held for candidates for Washington County Commission, District 2, and Metro District 4.
  - Greg Malinowski, who is running for re-election to his District 2 county commission seat, talked about his seven years on the commission. He talked about the need for “work force housing” to address a shortage of affordable housing. He suggested zoning changes to allow housing to be built in less attractive areas along TV Highway and other currently non-residential areas as opposed to continuing to build homes in the west hills, which impacts streams from runoff and tree removal. He noted the growing interest in an ordinance to protect trees and his involvement with filling gaps in sidewalk pathways.
  - Pam Treece, also running for District 2 on the Commission, began her comments by chiding Malinowski for a comment regarding her campaign donations. Virginia Bruce pointed out that Orestar, the Oregon Secretary of State campaign finance website, is a resource for checking the sources of campaign contributions. She also supports an ordinance to protect trees and farmland within the urban growth boundary, calling it “heritage farmland” from the area’s pioneer past. In response to the question about affordable housing, she called for incentives for developers to build affordable housing.
  - In the Metro District 4 race, candidates Juan Carlos Gonzales and Dana Carstensen spoke about the need to preserve farmland, create affordable housing, expand public transportation and deal with plastic trash that can longer be exported to China for recycling. Gonzales called for urban/rural reserves of farmland and supports Metro’s 20/40 comprehensive plan for housing density.
  - Carstensen, a Metro hazardous waste technician, called for waste-to-energy systems to turn the area’s trash into energy. He also said Metro needs to protect the urban growth boundary, echoing Malinowski’s suggestion to rezone some areas to allow for affordable

housing. He also talked about creating community land trusts and limited equity cooperatives to develop affordable housing options. He's a proponent of swapping TriMet's diesel buses for an all-electric fleet to cut fuel costs and reduce air pollution.