

CPO 1 notes for May 8, 2018, meeting

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Following are the topics that were discussed in the meeting:

Note: Attendance was about 30.

- During introductions, a few neighbors who are concerned about a cell phone tower planned for their area of Leahy Road, spoke about their desire to learn about the process for influencing such developments, so others will be better equipped in the future to make their voices heard.
- Washington County Sheriff's spokesperson Doreen Rivera spoke about the large number of drugs that were turned in during the recent Drug Turn In event. Bales Thriftway had again the largest number of boxes totally 500 lbs. of drugs. The annual K9 trials to be held at Hare Field in were announced. Neighbors were also reminded to keep garage doors locked day and night to thwart burglaries.
- THPRD report: Lindsay Bjork, spokesperson, reported that three parks with lakes -- Commonwealth, Progress and Bethany Lake -- will be stocked with rainbow trout for summer anglers who hold valid Oregon fishing licenses. Also, the John Quincy Adams Young house on Cornell Rd. will be getting some exterior upgrades thanks to a large donation matched with THPRD funds. Virginia Bruce pointed out the house will not have to be moved as had originally been planned.
- After the agency reports, Kathryn Harrington, Metro councilor for our area, gave an update on the regional investment in transportation and affordable housing, food recovery and parks.
 - The transportation plan, which had been on a 4-year cycle due to the mandate to improve air quality, will now be on a 5-year cycle because the air quality in the metro area has "reached attainment," she said. Regarding housing, she said Sherwood, Beaverton, King City and Wilsonville have applied for changes to the Urban Growth Boundary in their areas.
 - She also pointed out the need for affordable housing as the number of homeless continues to climb. There's a potential for a funding measure on the Nov. 2018 ballot to help partners build and protect affordable homes throughout the region. Neighbors can express their thoughts through a survey at oregonmetro.gov/housing.
 - A food recovery initiative is well underway to keep food scraps out of metro area landfills. Commercial food processors and breweries, which the initiative is aimed at, have composted 150,000 lbs. of scraps so far.
 - Harrington finished up with a brief report on parkland restoration efforts at Killin Wetlands in Banks and Cooper Mountain. She said 17,000 acres have been restored in the Metro area.
- Susie Snortum, CEO of Waste-not Food Taxi, talked about her program to turn unused food into meals for the needy by providing volunteers to drive food from restaurants to food pantries. She said her group is transporting 1 ton of food per week from 100 pickup locations.
- Virginia Bruce finished up the meeting by describing developments either proposed or underway in the CPO 1 area. The developments are: a proposed sports facility at Cedar Hills Blvd and Barnes Road, a proposed housing subdivision at NW 119th Ave. near Cedar Hills Blvd. and

redevelopment of the Milltown Shopping Center at Cornell and Saltzman roads, which will begin in the coming months.