

# CPO 12C, Cornelius & West Dairy Creek Meeting Notes

## 2-9-16

*CPO 12C meetings are designed to inform citizens on topics of interest, help them participate in their government, and provides an informal forum to interact directly with City officials and representatives. So come and join your neighbors at our next meeting (held second Tuesday of each month @ Free Orchards Elementary School 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm)!*

*If you have a few hours each month and would like to work to improve your community and its interaction with your government, please consider serving on your CPO.*

### 1. Welcome & Introductions (Joseph Auth, CPO12C Chair)

### 2. Public Safety (Chris Plewik & Al Roque, Washington County Sheriff's Office)

- **Handouts:**

- *Selected Property Crimes Calls for Service map*
- *Press release on Public Safety Academy*
- *Body Worn Cameras*
- *Civil Unit and Code Enforcement*

- The Sheriff's office continues to deal with **vacant houses** and the problems they create in the community – many are occupied by transients and used as drug houses. There are no squatter rights in Oregon, so those who move into vacant houses illegally are not able to establish residency, and the police can enforce laws. A Cornelius City ordinance requires owners to report vacancies, but a lot of banks have not kept up with their reporting. It helps the police if residents report suspicious activity in/near vacant properties. So please help improve your community and keep it safe by reporting any suspicious activity you observe.

Drug house designation was approved in late November for a vacant house on South 8<sup>th</sup> Ave occupied by transients. As of last week they are no longer in the house.

- **Vehicle theft** – please lock vehicles. It does help! Most thieves are looking for easy targets. Don't leave items in vehicles.
- **Body camera** pilot project – 3 deputies in the City of Cornelius are wearing them. The pilot project lasts for 90 days. There are privacy concerns to address. The project will be evaluated when the pilot is completed. There are actually many details to work out. For example, it was noted that they need to have a policy in place to switch procedures to accommodate and handle mental health problems appropriately. There are also issues to work out with the District Attorney's office regarding evidence and privacy.

It will probably take at least a year if they move to full implementation. In addition to working out details, it is an expensive program to implement and operate. There are about 10 vendors to check out prior to doing so. There is additional information on the Washington County Sheriff's Office website.

### 3. Disaster Prep/Quick “Quake Up!” (Dan Schauer, OSU Extension)

- Dan made a video presentation and provided **handouts**:
  - *Are You Ready?*
  - *Be Prepared! Weekly Steps for Emergency Preparedness*
  - *A Consumer’s Guide to Food Safety*
  - *The Twin-Bucket Emergency Toilet*
  - *Disaster Preparedness for Pets*
  - *People/Pet Trauma Kit*
  - *Disaster Preparedness for Livestock*

Much of this information is available at [www.take5tosurvive.com](http://www.take5tosurvive.com) or [bit.ly/quakeup](http://bit.ly/quakeup)

### 4. Community Updates

- **Handouts:**
  - *February 2016 Cornelius Gazette*
  - *Letter on CPO Transition from CPO12C*
- **Feb 17<sup>th</sup>**: CPO13 will have a round table discussion on the proposed trail along the railroad tracks at 7 pm at Visitation Parish Center, Verboort
- **Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>**: Public open house in school library at 5 p.m. regarding annexation of land in SE UGB
- **Feb 24<sup>th</sup>**: Open house regarding Chehalem Ridge natural area – beginning a master planning process for public access to be held 6-8 pm at Centro Cultural in Cornelius. Refreshments will be provided. Asking for representatives from CPOs to attend.
- **Feb 27<sup>th</sup>**: 11 am - 1 pm at Centro Cultural, Spanish-Speaking town hall (Rob Drake). Will help educate parents on what illegal drugs look like. Refreshments provided.
- **May 14<sup>th</sup>**: Take care of Cornelius event in Fred Meyer parking lot. Spend half a day cleaning up the City. Then have a hot dog lunch at Harliman Park with a raffle. See City facebook page with updates on event.
- Invitation to give CPO topics of interest for future meetings.
- CPO12C transition program letter to Washington County – the letter was ratified by CPO members present at tonight’s meeting.

### 2. Town Hall with State Rep. Susan McLain

- Susan has lived in Cornelius/Forest Grove and has been a teacher in local schools. She retired recently.
- Susan gave an update on several items from the Short Session in Salem. For more information, contact Susan:
  - **Consumer Protection Committee**, emergency administrative rule clauses
  - **Agriculture and Natural Resource** Committee – hemp debate between federal and state laws, variety of products (clothing, edible, rope) as well as marijuana.
  - **Education K-12 Committee** – asked to have her bill pulled today; chose not to bring it out during the short session. Bill brings in virtual schools to our State system. Virtual schools need to be reviewed so the State knows the children are getting a good education. If you want public \$ you need a State Review.
    - Co-sponsoring summer learning – help all levels of income and special needs and English learners to keep skills up.

- **Transportation Committee** – wish this committee was busier. Hearing from stakeholders.
  - Interesting topic of paper pallets vs. wood pallets.
  - Transportation package to come in 2017. Vision is balanced: (1) maintenance on current system, retrofitting for earthquakes. Funding – gas tax, registration or mileage fees, &/or tolls. Figuring out a package of funding. Some federal grants coming.
- **Questions from floor:**
  - Is there a way to find \$ wasted in our current system? Answer – too much demands on state \$. Susan said that the tax restrictions in 90s, including Measure 5, hurt state funding
  - Any thought to tax structure changes? Expects a corporate tax measure on Nov 2016 ballot. There is also an alternative Senate bill being reviewed. Business taxes could increase prices.
  - Senate bill 1573 on annexation into cities. (3 or 4 bills are land use oriented creating controversy.) Section 2 prohibits public hearing on annexations. Some cities want to vote on annexations.
  - Gun rights – Susan voted for background checks on all private gun sales. Allows State Police to have more opportunities to check people out. What is in this session is a definitive time on how time period allowed to complete background checks. Bill says you must have it back in 30 days or they can sell you a gun. Complex checks take the time.
  - Rob Drake thanked Susan for helping to obtain Cornelius Library funding. Believes it will help bring more businesses into Cornelius. Will be asking the Oregon Legislature for dollars soon. Cornelius has some lottery funds, but needs more help – they need to raise an additional \$5 million.

**ADDENDUM: See separate document for copies of all the handouts brought to this meeting, including a page from the Sheriff's Office on testing body-worn cameras, and the letter from CPO 12C to Washington County, referenced in item No. 4 Community Updates.**