

CPO 12C Cornelius and West Dairy Creek Meeting Notes 6-13-17

CPO 12C meetings are designed to inform citizens on issues and topics of interest in their community, help them participate in their government, and provides an informal forum to interact directly with city and government officials and representatives. So come and join your neighbors at our next meeting (held second Tuesday of each month, Sept - May @ Free Orchard's 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.

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1. **WELCOME & OPENING COMMENTS** (Joseph Auth, CPO12C Chair)
2. **PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATE (Sergeant Trost, Cornelius Police Department; Daisy Santillan, Washington County Community Outreach Specialist)**

Sergeant Trost spoke on the homeless problems in and around Cornelius:

They have been working with banks and property owners of vacant 'zombie' houses and have made good progress evicting trespassers in the last several years, which reduces related crime, vandalism and drug issues in impacted neighborhoods. They can hold the old owners accountable.

City ordinances differ from County ordinances and the police must comply with the laws. There are several laws to back up police officers responding to trespassers and homeless people, such as the No Camping Ordinance within the City of Cornelius. 'No Trespassing' signs can be helpful on vacant lots and houses, but are not needed on occupied homes (including lawns and driveways).

When they arrive, officers try to make sure that homeless people are ok and not a danger to themselves or the community. They provide resources to them, like Open Door, the Sunrise Church in Forest Grove, Centro Cultural, the Hawthorn Walk-in Center, or a mental health resource team. They also refer cases to CAT (Criminal Apprehension Team) when warranted for criminal investigation. Some homeless people are transient and will move elsewhere.

The homeless camp under the Dairy Creek Bridge is under Hillsboro jurisdiction. The Cornelius Police Department is coordinating with Hillsboro for long-term solutions.

3. **CORNELIUS TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM PLAN UPDATES (Ryan Wells, Cornelius Community Development Director)**

The Cornelius Transportation System Plan Survey will be open until **5 pm June 23, 2017:**

<http://www.ci.cornelius.or.us/tspupdate>

Transportation System Plans (TSPs) are required by State law. They serve as the transportation element of a local comprehensive plan. A TSP provides long-range direction, ensures systems are adequate to meet needs of planned land uses, facilitates cost-effective use of public funds, and demonstrates project needs and readiness. The Cornelius TSP was last adopted in 2005 and since then there have been many changes that will impact the transportation system: Metro has updated their Regional Transportation Plan, the UGB has expanded around Cornelius, there have been significant improvements downtown, the planning horizon has been extended from 2025 to 2040, Cornelius has new street design standards (for skinnier streets to reduce maintenance costs), and they have a need for pavement management strategies.

Cornelius is conducting a variety of public outreach activities, including two surveys, three project advisory committee meetings, a community meeting, presentations at various events, two City Council and Planning Commission work sessions (the first is **July 10th, 7 pm** and is open to the public), and public hearings.

Adoption of their new TSP is expected around March 2018.

Cornelius has limited budget, so building new roads is their last option. Safety is their #1 Goal. Other goals include managing the system well (Goal 2), travel choices and livability (Goal 3), economic vitality (Goal 4), fiscal responsibility (Goal 5), and an equitable transportation system (Goal 6).

Cornelius receives funds from the State fuel tax & vehicle license fees, county gas tax & vehicle registration fee, City gas tax, County transportation development tax, the County MSTIP and grants. Funds from the last two sources are for new projects. Even with their funding sources, Cornelius has very limited funds to work with: they expect to bring in 1.2 million dollars per year with only about 8% of that available for new projects; the remainder of each year's revenue goes to operations and maintenance. Over the 22-year planning horizon they will receive 26.9 million dollars (2.2 million for new projects), which is far short of the funds needed for maintenance. The City of Cornelius needs to find other funding sources, or live with a suboptimal road system.

A question was asked about the possibility of light rail on the RR tracks north of the UGB Area. Washington County Commissioner Bob Terry was present and said that Washington County is now looking at a combined use of the R/W for buses and a trail. Due to the extremely high cost of light rail they are no longer considering that option for the foreseeable future.

Cornelius is working with ODOT and looking at installing a light at 341st to benefit traffic on TV Highway as well as pedestrians crossing the highway, and eventually providing access to portions of the NE UGB Area and the properties zoned commercial on the south side of TV Highway. The light will be funded from transportation development taxes. They are also looking at adding an additional light at South 29th Blvd and Baseline.

A question was asked about taxing developers in the SE UGB Area to build a good quality privacy/sound barrier to protect the properties along 29th Street. It was felt that \$1,200/home would cover the cost of a concrete wall.

The TSP will address different types of solutions: projects and strategies. Strategies involves system management issues, such as the timing of traffic signals, management & function of the system. Ryan said that projects must be in the TSP to be considered and completed.

All project documents, links to the Community Online Survey #2, and future announcements are available at www.ci.cornelius.or.us/tspupdate.

The recommended projects are outlined in Technical Memo #6 “Solutions” – linked here:

http://www.ci.cornelius.or.us/sites/default/files/fileattachments/community_development_amp_planning/page/551/final_tm_6_solutions_20160630.pdf

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Cornelius TSP**
 - Survey #2 www.ci.cornelius.or.us/tspupdate open until **5 pm Jun 23rd**
 - City Council Hearing **7 pm Monday, July 10th** at Cornelius Council Chambers

- **Shipman property** (vacant land between 338th and 341st) annexation and zone change
 - Planning Commission Hearing **7 pm Tuesday, June 27th** at Cornelius Council Chambers
 - City Council Hearing **7 pm Monday, July 10th** at Cornelius Council Chambers

- **CPO 12C Meetings, 6:30 – 8 pm, 2nd** Tuesday each month at Free Orchards Elementary School Library, 2499 S Beech Street, Cornelius. Note CPO 12C will not meet in July or August. The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 12, 2017.**

- **Enough funding has been received for the new Cornelius Library that building will start this winter.** The City Council Chambers will be demolished in August/September. The old library will eventually be the new City Council Chambers, but in the meantime, meetings will be held in La Plaza Hall at Centro Cultural located at 1110 North Adair.

CORNELIUS TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM PLAN

What is a TSP?

- Provides long range direction for development of transportation facilities and services for all modes
- Includes transportation standards, future improvements and a reasonable finance program
- Projects within the Plan may be constructed by the City or by private developers in conjunction with new development

Public Involvement Opportunities

Community Meeting #1 – overview of project purpose, future needs, and potential solutions

Community Presentations – present evaluation of solutions and recommendations

- Cornelius Booster Club: Monday, June 12 @ 12 pm, Cornelius City Council Chambers (1310 N Adair)
- CPO12C Meeting: Tuesday, June 13 @ 6:30 pm, Free Orchards Elementary Library (2499 S Beech St)
- Centro Cultural Spanish Town Hall: Wednesday, June 14 @ 6 pm, Centro Cultural (1110 N Adair St)

Community Online Survey #2 – The Community Survey #2 is now open for your participation! This survey focuses on the improvement projects that the City is proposing to build over the next 20 years, either as capital (City-funded) or developer-funded projects. The survey is available in English and Spanish. Please visit www.ci.cornelius.or.us/tspupdate to participate in the survey. The survey will be open until 5 pm Friday, June 23, 2017. Thank you for your input!

Website – visit www.ci.cornelius.or.us/tspupdate to review project documents and to keep informed throughout the project.

Project Schedule

May 2017 – Draft Solutions and Code Amendments

Summer 2017 – Public outreach events and City Council-Planning Commission Work Session #1

October 2017 – Draft Financially Constrained Plan

Winter 2017 – Recommended Draft Transportation System Plan and Ordinances

Spring 2018 – City Council-Planning Commission Work Session #2

March 2018 – Adoption Process

*schedule is subject to change

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