

CPO 12C Cornelius and West Dairy Creek Meeting Notes

10-11-16

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 and government officials and representatives. So come and join your neighbors at our next meeting (held second Tuesday of each month, Sept - May @ 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.

Website: <http://www.co.washington.or.us/CAO/CPO/CPO12C>

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Officers: Joseph Auth (Chair), Sarah Jackson (Vice Chair), Margaret Banks (Secretary)

1. **WELCOME & OPENING COMMENTS** (Joseph Auth, CPO12C Chair, and Dan Schauer, CPO Coordinator)
2. **PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATE** (Sheriff's Office)
 - a) Reminder to not leave running vehicle unlocked and unoccupied – they get stolen! Do not leave valuable items in a vehicle visible to the public!
 - b) Join your neighbors Saturday Oct 15th 9-11 am @ Starbucks for the 'Talk to a Cop' event

Margaret Banks gave a brief thank you to police officers for what they do in our community.

3. **WOOD STOVE EXCHANGE PROGRAM** (Tim Davis, Housing Rehabilitation Specialist, Washington County Office of Community Development) <http://www.WoodStoveExchange.com> 503-846-4425 or email WoodStoveExchangeProgram@co.washington.or.us

Old wood stoves use a lot of wood, heat poorly, harm health and pollute. The County's wood stove exchange program offers rebates of \$1,500 - \$3,500 on trade-ins of old, uncertified wood stoves for new, cleaner devices that produce a lot less smoke. Some households may qualify for a free heating device, based on income eligibility. Renters or property owners can apply. Washington County and the City of Hillsboro are helping to fund the program.

In addition to rebates, this program offers other services, such as assistance with choosing the appropriate heating system and education on clean burning.

There are at least 4,000 old wood stoves in use in Washington County. The Wood Stove Exchange Program is a 5 year program with the goal of changing out 700 old wood stoves and fireplace inserts (1986 & 1992 labels or earlier).

This program is focusing on wood stoves for a reason – wood stoves tend to be the primary or secondary heat source for homes that have them, which means they are used a lot and produce a lot of air pollution. Wood smoke consists of small particles 2.5 microns in diameter. When inhaled into the lungs, these small particles move deeply into the lungs and never come out. Wood smoke particles also capture other chemicals in the air, moving them deeply into the lungs as well.

4. CORNELIUS CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES (Mayor Jeff Dalin *not present*, Councilor Steve Heinrich, Council President Dave Schamp) All incumbents and running unopposed for 4-year terms

Steve Heinrich and Dave Schamp introduced themselves and talked about their priorities for the City. Steve noted that the City has made a lot of progress in the past few years. With the exception of several years, he has served on the Council since 1991. If reelected, his current goals include housing development and seeing the commercial area is developed. Dave Schamp has served on the Council for the past 5 years. Dave said the most important things for the City are continuing to work on public involvement, bringing the City together, finding ways to reach out to the Latino population, and making the core area more appealing (new Library with affordable housing).

For added details, please contact the candidates <http://www.ci.cornelius.or.us/> contact information under the City Council tab.

For video of this discussion (amateur footage, unedited, with decent sound)
<https://www.periscope.tv/WashCoCPO/1LyGBOPZygLJN>

5. STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 29 CANDIDATES (Juanita Lint Republican and Susan McClain Democrat Incumbent)

CPO 12C hosted a State Representative candidate forum for District 29. The candidates were provided with the following questions, and answered questions from the floor. Joseph Auth, CPO 12C Chair, moderated the forum.

Prepared Questions:

- a) How will you improve public education in the State of Oregon?
- b) Representative Clem had a bill in the 2015 Legislature to allow rural zoning within cities. Would you support such a bill if reintroduced?
- c) We heard transportation will be a big focus this upcoming legislative session. What are your priorities towards transportation in the State of Oregon?
- d) What is your stance on Measure 97 and why?
- e) What are your priority topics you would address if elected?
- f) Benton County has a ballot initiative for ranked choice voting, or RCV (see description below). Will you support or push a bill to have ranked choice voting statewide?

Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) is a voting method that allows voters to rank candidates in order of preference. First, every vote counts for its first choice. If a candidate has more than half of the vote based on first choices, that candidate wins. If no candidate has more than half of those votes, then the candidate with the fewest first choices is eliminated. The voters who selected the defeated candidate as a first choice will then have their votes added to the totals of their next choice. This process continues until a candidate has more than half of the active votes or only two candidates remain. The candidate with a majority among the active candidates is declared the winner.

The following answers capture some points and highlights. The discussion was captured on video and is available at <https://www.periscope.tv/WashCoCPO/1RDGloVpPgRKL> (amateur footage, unedited, with decent sound). For more detailed information, contact the candidates directly.

Juanita Lint, Republican <http://www.juanitafororegon.com>

- a) Talked about ensuring sufficient funding was allocated to schools and that a variety of school programs and learning environments were important for students on different paths (college, job skills). How kids are tested is also important.
- b) Juanita would let cities decide if they wanted rural zoning within their boundaries.
- c) She wants a comprehensive transportation package.
- d) Opposes M97 – it will be a hidden tax and will make businesses in Oregon less competitive. It will hit people who can least afford it hard.
- d) Priorities include promoting small businesses, minimizing regulations for small businesses, education funding, and reducing transportation gridlock.
- f) Benton County's RCV initiative seems complicated and doesn't want to create a complicated voting system, but is willing to look at the proposal.

Question from floor on cutting government spending in lieu of taxation – she said there are lots of places to cut and that they need to look at what you really need from government.

Susan McLain, Democrat Incumbent <http://www.susanmclain.org>

- a) Measure 5 limited taxes, took funding away from local communities and gave it to the legislature. She talked about reviewing taxes paid by citizens and businesses and ensuring schools received funding they need. She also wants to ensure that schools that provide e-learning are doing as good of a job as standard schools.
- b) She voted 'Yes' to allow rural zoning within cities before, but it didn't pass the Senate.
- c) She would look at taxes to be able to undertake maintenance and new construction. She wants a big, bold transportation packet and would like Oregon to receive federal road funding again.
- d) In favor of Measure 97. Oregon business have lower tax burden than in other states. M97 only impacts businesses with at least \$25 million in sales.
- e) Priorities include education funding (K-12 and higher education), transportation, and consumer protection.
- f) Benton County's RCV initiative only applies during the general election, not the primary election. It sounds complicated, but is willing to look at it. She wants to make voting easier and more efficient

Question from floor on cutting government spending in lieu of taxation – feels they need to look for spending cuts and efficiencies in budgets before raising taxes. She would also look at directives and

initiatives to ensure the best job is done on important projects, and would reallocate and cut programs that are not needed.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Washington County Public Affairs Forum – Election Candidates** Election candidates have been invited to appear at programs from **Sep 12th – Oct 24th**. **Mondays at noon** at the Peppermill Restaurant, 17455 SW Farmington Road, Aloha.
- **Washington County Board of Commissioners**
 - **Oct 4th 10 am, Public Hearing** Charles D. Cameron Public Services Building Auditorium, 155 N First Ave, Hillsboro, OR:
 - **Proposed A-Engrossed Land Use Ordinance No 810** – proposes amendments to the Community Development Code that would require commercial marijuana business activity for recreational purposes in unincorporated Washington County.
 - **Proposed A-Engrossed Land Use Ordinance No 811** – proposes amendments to the Community Development Code that updates flood plain regulations in unincorporated Washington County in response to new FEMA requirements.
 - **Oct 11th 8:30 – 11:30 am, Extended Work Session**, Scoggins Valley Park with a tour of Hagg Lake
http://www.co.washington.or.us/BOC/Meetings/Meeting-detail.cfm?customel_datapageid_9261=1296562
- **Sheriff's Office 'Talk to a Cop' event Sat Oct 15th 9-11 am at Starbucks in Cornelius**
- **Annexation & Zone Change Public Hearings on Fogarty Family Trust Property** (*property is located at 625 NW 341st Ave, Hillsboro, OR*) **Cornelius City Council Oct 17th 7 pm**. Held at Cornelius Council Chambers, 1310 N Adair.

The property on the west side of NW 341st Avenue north of the railroad tracks applied for annexation and zone change with the City of Cornelius. The zone change will be from AF-20 (agricultural zoning) to R-7 (residential zoning) that will allow approximately 60 homes to be built on the property. The public will have an opportunity to provide testimony.
- **Cornelius Planning Commission Hearings, 7 pm** Cornelius Council Chambers, 1310 N Adair:
 - **Oct 25th** – considering proposed regulations for marijuana facilities in the City
 - **Nov 9th** – considering proposed regulations for mobile vendors within the City
- **CPO 12C Meetings, 6:30 – 8 pm, 2nd** Tuesday each month at Free Orchards Elementary School Library, 2499 S Beech Street, Cornelius **except as noted below**:
 - **Wed, Nov 9th**
 - Washington County Futures Transportation Study
In a previous presentation to CPO12C, Washington County showed a potential north-south highway running between Hillsboro and Cornelius. The public comment period for this study should be opening soon.
 - Eat Smart, Waste Less Program
 - **Tues, Dec 13th**
 - Cornelius Economic Opportunity Analysis

ADDENDUM:

Personal statement of appreciation to Cornelius Police and Washington County Sheriff's Office, read aloud at this meeting by CPO 12C Secretary Margaret Banks. Cornelius Police Chief Al Roque and two fellow officers came forward to accept Margaret's remarks.

We've been thinking about the police officers and staff that serve our community lately, particularly in light of all of the recent events in this country. We want to express our support and thanks to all of you. Life in our community and country would not (& could not) be as good as it is without you. You make a real difference in many lives. Thank you again for all you do for our community.

Duane & Margaret Banks