

CPO 12C Cornelius and West Dairy Creek Meeting Notes

12-13-16

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 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)

2. PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATE (Officer Matt Harris, Cornelius Patrol Deputy)

BEWARE of telephone scams. Some callers say they are with the police or IRS and demand money. The police and IRS will never demand money over the phone. Officer Harris is encouraging people receiving telephone scams to fill out an online FBI report. The FBI may not contact you, but filling out the report helps them to investigate the scams.

They will be driving around city tomorrow looking at **ordinance compliance** & educating the community. They may tag abandoned cars. Their goal is to remind people to park legally and take care of their vehicles appropriately.

There will also be a **traffic enforcement** mission tomorrow evening regarding the 'move over law'.

3. Ryan Wells, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (Ryan Wells, Community Development Director City of Cornelius, 503-992-5370, rwells@ci.cornelius.or.us; <http://www.ci.cornelius.or.us/development>)

The City of Cornelius is currently experiencing significant growth in residential developments. The city is striving to support this growth with additional commercial and industrial developments in the downtown and industrial park regions of the city. For information in addition to the following provided by Ryan Wells, contact him or the Community Development Department at (503) 357-3011.

The Cornelius Economic Opportunities Analysis (EOA) is an effort on the part of the City to meet its obligations related to Statewide Planning Goal 9, which involves an accounting of the available commercial and industrial land in the City as compared to the projected City growth and economic demand over a 20-year planning horizon. The EOA also identifies commercial and industrial sectors where the potential for recruitment and growth is the highest. The EOA effort is funded through a \$40,000 grant from Metro, and the City of Cornelius hired a team led by PNW Economics, LLC and PR Land Use Strategies. The EOA will provide the City with a quantitative assessment of the future commercial and industrial land needs to meet the projected demand for certain sectors.

However, this EOA will go beyond the standard boilerplate format described above. In addition to meeting the Goal 9 requirements, the City and the project team are also proactively developing conceptual

development opportunities for three specific “Opportunity Sites”, which are areas that pose the highest opportunity for commercial and industrial growth within and outside our downtown. These sites are: 1) The vacant commercial properties around Fred Meyer; 2) the Grande Foods site between Adair and Baseline; and 3) the Holladay Street industrial properties (between 4th and 10th). Through this effort the City will identify Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Code amendments that can accommodate and incentivize private investment in these and other areas around town to bolster our economy. Financial and infrastructure incentives may also be included in the proposed strategic and action plan that will come out of this effort. The City will also conduct additional outreach to property owners and agency partners to improve communication and develop stronger connections for collaborative approaches to development.

Presentations on the EOA will be held at the Planning Commission in early February 2017, with a projected adoption by the City Council on February 21. These meetings will be open to the public.

4. CENTRO CULTURAL (Edgar Sanchez Fausto, *Pacific University student*, & Maria Caballero-Rubio, *Executive Director Centro Cultural de Washington County*, <http://www.centrocultural.org>)

Centro Cultural is the oldest culturally specific Hispanic organization in Oregon serving large numbers of Latino residents. It was founded in 1972 by a group of immigrant families who decided to make their permanent home in this area. The founders believed in creating a vibrant, cohesive society shared and valued by established and newcomer residents of different ethnicity and backgrounds. Centro’s mission is to ensure that Hispanic immigrants are fully prepared to integrate into the larger community. Centro provides events and programs to connect people, exchange cultures and assist newcomers. They are supporting those who participated in the 2016 ‘walk out’ of Forest Grove schools. A goal of the ‘walk out’ was to create a better climate in schools for all students and teachers, and to get them talking.

For more information visit the Centro Cultural website listed above.

5. CPO 12C OFFICER NOMINATIONS: Joseph Auth (Chair), Sarah Jackson (Vice-Chair), Margaret Banks (Secretary)

All 3 officers were voted in unanimously by voice vote.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Tomorrow night’s Cornelius planning commission cancelled due to weather. Moving to Jan 10th.
- Metro public open house at FG at city hall tomorrow – cancelled.
- Participate in the **City’s Transportation System Survey** on the <http://www.ci.cornelius.or.us> website through the end of this week.
- **Cornelius Planning Commission meeting, early February**, will be open to the public. There will be a **presentation on the Economic Opportunity Analysis (EOA)**. *Projected adoption of the EOA by the City Council is February 21.*
- **CPO 12C Meetings, 6:30 – 8 pm, 2nd Tuesday** each month at Free Orchards Elementary School Library, 2499 S Beech Street, Cornelius. The January 2017 meeting has been cancelled.