

CPO 6 Meeting

Meeting Date: 4/7/16

Meeting Time: 7:00pm to 9:00pm

Location: TVF&R Meeting Room, 20665 SW Blanton St., Aloha, OR 97078

CPO 6 Steering Committee: Liles Garcia, Chair, Ray Eck, CCI Rep, Joyce Purdy, Secretary

Absent: Luis Nava, Vice-Chair, Rex Nere, CCI Rep, Dan Schauer, OSU Extension CPO Program Coordinator

Attendance at meeting: Approximately 21

Agenda:

1. **Special Announcement- Aloha Community Farmers Market (Kody Harris)** – Kody Harris, volunteer director for the new Aloha Community Farmers Market announced that opening day for the farmers market is May 5th. It will be held every Thursday from 3pm to 8pm behind Thriftway, next to Kinnaman Rd, from May 5th through September 15th. The organization was formed as a Public Benefit Corporation but they still intend to apply to qualify as a 501 c(3) to enable contributions to be tax deductible. Vendors scheduled to be part of the market include a vendor selling honey, one with chocolate products, a dog biscuit vendor and many others. A community booth will be available for community organizations to promote their activities. There is a fund raising goal of \$5000 to cover the costs for the market and for all people making a donation of \$25 or more there will be an early opening VIP party. For more information, and to donate, see www.alohacommunityfarmersmarket.org (In lieu of the normal monthly meeting, the CPO6 Steering Committee decided to be present for opening day of the Aloha Community Farmer's Market)
2. **Public Safety Update- Sheriff's Office (Deputy Strange, Darlene Schnorr)** – Deputy Strange handed out materials including traffic accident statistics and crime data. Upcoming events were announced such as the prescription drug collection day scheduled for April 30th and the K-9 Trials scheduled for June 4th at Hillsboro Stadium from 10am to 2pm. One question was asked about who in the Sheriff's Office could come to a community group to present topics such as a use of force overview. Darlene indicated she is the contact to coordinate this training. Another question was asked regarding how a young person can become involved in a decoy program. She stated that those that participate are part of the Explorer Program and must be 14+ years old. The Academy for the Explorers Program is in June. Deputy Strange reported that he had been involved in the arrest of a serial burglar in the Aloha area (at least 2 crimes had been connected to this individual). Another question was asked about the incident reported on the local news about shots fired into a home in Aloha – was the person responsible ever caught? Neither Deputy Strange nor Darlene were aware of the resolution of this incident but indicated that they would look into this and bring information to the next meeting.

Recent crime statistics can be found at [Crime Reports](#).
3. **Public Safety Update – TVF&R (Lt. Laas)** – Lt. Laas indicated that 4-5 new recruits will be done with their 6 month training on May 1st. The merger of the North Plains/Midway District 2 and Newberg Fire Department into TVF&R is proceeding and starting July 1st TVF&R will be providing service. A question was asked – will Fire Station 69 have sufficient capacity to serve the new South Cooper Mountain developments? TVF&R is looking for property near Scholls Ferry/Roy Rogers to break ground on a new fire station but has not yet found the land to do this. The excess land surrounding the existing station in this area is being re-zoned R-6 (from institutional) and will be sold to a developer. For more information on TVF&R activities see www.tvfr.com.
4. **Tualatin Hills Parks and Recreation Department (THPRD) Update (Linda Myers)** – Construction of SW Quadrant Park is planned to commence soon with completion by the Fall of 2017. It will include side by

side turf fields, a natural grass baseball diamond, 2 tennis courts, a community garden, a 5000 sq ft inclusive playground (built to accommodate those with disabilities), and other great features. The Westside Trail/Waterhouse trail connection is planned to be completed by Fall. Due to drainage and other environmental/safety requirements, building trails is quite expensive. Cost can be as much as \$1m/per mile. Additional improvements are planned to property adjacent to Conestoga Middle School. A turf field and lights are planned. Anthony Mills (CPO6 resident) has been appointed to another term on the Bond Oversight Committee. Summer registration for THPRD classes begins 4-16-16. A question was asked as to how future donations to THPRD which are adjacent to SW Quadrant Park will be used. Linda indicated she would check with planning but believed the likely use would be as additional green space. For additional information see www.thprd.org.

5. **Metro Update (Kathryn Harrington, Craig Dirksen – Metro Councilors)** – Kathryn started the discussion by sharing an upcoming event – the annual plant sale by the Aloha Garden Club which is scheduled for Saturday April 24th from 9am to 2pm at Aloha Huber school. The councilors then distributed some information which included the Winter and Spring issues of Our Big Backyard a Metro publication which provides articles and upcoming events. Online copies are available at www.oregonmetro.gov. Also distributed was a sheet providing a regional snapshot on housing (as of Sep 2015) and jobs (as of January 2016). Metro annually focuses on 4 topics on a rotating basis: Housing (Fall), Jobs (Winter), Transportation (Spring) and Infrastructure (Summer). Since the “housing crisis” is a headline on many news stories, the councilors wanted to explain the focus they take and how they can influence the supply of homes. Currently there is no doubt that the supply of affordable housing is lagging the demand. However, Metro asserts that the issue is not the sufficient supply of land on which to build housing, but the infrastructure to support it. In the handout a statistic was quoted indicating that in areas added to the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) since 1998, only 8% of the planned housing has been built. This is because general funds available for building infrastructure are limited and the majority of funding comes from developer fees. When land is brought into the UGB, developers must assess whether demand for housing in that area is sufficient to take the risk to purchase the land and incur the development costs (electricity, sewer, etc). Developers pay fees to the County when housing is developed, and at that time funds are made available for road improvements outside of the property being developed. Unfortunately these funds generally are not sufficient for all improvements needed to handle additional traffic caused by the development. This is the current challenge for CPO 6 as development proceeds on South Cooper Mountain, South Hillsboro, and other infill developments. A question was asked as to whether Metro sets density requirements. The response was that the State of Oregon sets this requirement which currently stands at 10 units/acre. Not all new housing must have this density but the average of all developments must target this goal.

Another question was asked about whether Metro or other agencies approving developments consider wildlife corridors. Specifically, there are many deer and other wild animals living on Cooper Mountain which will be negatively impacted by the new developments. Metro acquires many undeveloped properties which remain undeveloped to protect our watershed and wildlife but was not aware of a coordinated plan to protect wildlife corridors on Cooper Mountain.

Transportation issues are a major concern for residents of CPO6. The councilors indicated that transportation planning is one of the key focus areas for Metro and culminates in the Regional Transportation Plan. Updates to this plan are done every 4 years and the next update will be done by 2018. There will be 3 transportation forums in 2016 and funding for transportation should improve a bit due to budget funding which has now been approved by the federal government. Federal flexible funding may be available to support safe routes to schools (sidewalks, traffic signals) and trails. Property taxes in Washington County (MSTIP funds) provide \$30m of funding per year for repairs. Although developers pay a Transportation Development tax for every property developed, this does not provide enough funding to pay for all required infrastructure.

Metro owns many regional parks which provide options for residents to enjoy the natural beauty of our area. One of those options is boating on the Tualatin River. A boat launch at Rood Bridge has been developed and another at River Road/Farmington is being planned. Metro owns and operates the Oregon

Zoo and the Elephants Lands exhibit is being developed to improve the habitat for the elephants and viewing experience for residents. The Metro councilors will be invited to come back to the November CPO6 meeting to provide another update. For more information on Metro activities, see www.oregonmetro.gov.

6. **Land Use (Liles Garcia)** - Liles discussed developments planned for Kemmer Ridge 2nd and 3rd phases (mtg scheduled 4/21), 10 houses being constructed at Division/162nd, additional homes being planned on the land adjacent to the Fire Station which has now been zoned R-6, and other pending developments. More info on development applications and can be found at <http://washims.co.washington.or.us/GIS/index.cfm?id=31> Neighborhood meeting information can be found on the CPO 6 website at <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/washington/cpo-6-reedvillealohacooper-mountain>.
7. **CCI/URMDAC/198th Update (Ray Eck)** – At the last CCI meeting a presentation was made on the CPO Transition from OSU to Washington County leadership. Information will be presented to CPO 6 at the June meeting once details are finalized. URMDAC’s focus in 2016 is maintenance of roads although safety improvements are also being discussed. Thirteen intersections of 185th have made the list of worst intersections in terms of safety. Improvements are currently underway at 185th/TV Highway to address some of these safety concerns. 198th will be widened to 3 lanes + bicycle lanes and sidewalks based on the current plans. There will be several left turn lanes including at Blanton and the Kinnaman intersection is planned to be straightened. Ray has applied for a position with the Metro Technical Advisory Committee – confirmation of his appointment is anticipated by 4-27-16. More information can be found at <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/washington/committee-citizen-involvement-cci-0> , <http://www.co.washington.or.us/LUT/Divisions/Operations/Programs/urban-road-maintenance-district.cfm> , and <http://www.oregonmetro.gov/regional-leadership/metro-advisory-committees/metro-technical-advisory-committee> .

Next meeting: CPO 6 will be opening the New Aloha Farmer’s Market on May 5th from 3-8pm.

Please come join us there!