

Minutes of WC Citizen's Action Network 5th Annual Meeting.

April 1, 2015 at TVF&R on SW Blanton

Present: Linda Peters, Ellen Saunders, Jim Long, Brian Wegener, Steven Campana, Robert Bailey, Greg Malinowski, Luis Nava, Sharon Cornish, Tom Black, Faun Hosey, Glenna Dryden, Dale Feik, Russ Dondero, Daniel Vazquez

The WCCAN minutes of 1-26-2015 taken and submitted by Mary Lu Savara and Ellen Saunders.

Treasurer's Report (submitted by Brian Beinlich)

Bank balance on 12/31/2014 \$241.55

Bank balance on 3/31/2015 \$189.55

Treasurer's report was approved with one minor correction on page 1:

3/31/2014 = 3/31/2015

Draft Agenda for 2015 Annual Meeting -

- Current Priorities
- Minority efforts
- Water/Environmental management
- Land use and transportation
- Air quality and Intel issues
- County term limits initiative
- State legislative issues
- Election of 2015-2016 board and officers
- Future directions, strategies, meeting schedule

Current Priorities

Greg Malinowski -

Five lane roads; heading for a traffic Armageddon.

Funding uncovered, diverting \$, Walker Road through Cedar Hills

Need to get roads fixed

Two Commissioners elections next year, 2016 Elections

Gain Share: secrecy, stretch out the time

Inclusionary zoning

How to add \$ to schools, give every kid the same amount, 50% to all schools

30 yr. SIP tax break agreements, but only 5-year payback plan from the State

Some commissioners want to add to Urban Growth Boundary, we don't know \$

Citizen Participation Organization (CPO) Program Reorganization:

Board of Commissioners appoints 10 members of Transition Planning Team, the other 3 from "at large" members to be chosen by committee to rewrite the CPO program;

Other applicants mostly have CPO connections

OSU - "they quit", staying on another year

Considered doing away with CPOs and replace with public relations (from CAO office)

Beaverton - good NACs (Neighborhood Advisory Committees)

Hillsboro - has no Citizen Participation organization/s

South Hillsboro (development): not enough \$; needs special service districts

Shifting MSTIP

With Health clinics cuts: nurses quit and got other jobs

Tom Black: CPO – reinventing the wheel, 40-year old program, they are just another subcontractor, why not have another RFP to bid on IGA?

Propaganda machine, nobody is used to that, laughter

Commissioners were surprised by the amount of interest in preserving CPO program.

More-user friendly to citizens; some commissioners think “only NIMBYs” (“Not In My BackYard[ers]”) participate

Nobody describes WCCAN as a NIMBY

“Save Helvetia” is a major bogeyman, may try to shove Helvetia into Greg’s district.

Will Mr. Terry get private discussion re: maps? ‘remind him Linda Peters doesn’t live in Helvetia’.

New Commissioner Districts (border to Cornelius Pass), logic of demographics

The county is looking at a wood stove “buy-back” program

There are particulates in the air / are people burning waste products?

Greg M.: analysis – half of particulate matter is coming from chimneys

The monitoring site is southwest of Intel, but prevailing winds change

Slash-burns should be regulated to not burn during inversions

(It’s) Easier to regulate the burning of Slash piles

Russ – Where are we on steep slopes (esp. North Bethany)?

Greg M.: asked staff – instead of prohibiting, considering

Allow development on Type III (with hearings?) (testify in May and June), ordinance?

Clean Water Services (CWS) wants water retention ponds.

Committee Reports:

Minority Efforts: **Luis Nava – Latinos** are very involved and on committees working with city councils of Cornelius and Hillsboro, the Hillsboro 2020 Plan and 2035 Plan, putting ideas on website for vote, Hillsboro Trail System Master Plan; Involving Signing, Hillsboro School – language barriers, want to increase graduation rates; City of Beaverton – Diversity, Equity and Inclusion plan, working with Police Departments – immigration issues, ICE, trying to build trust, changes, Citizen involvement – (e.g. “Ferguson”, etc. brought them to the table); Quarterly meetings, Sheriff’s Department, Human Rights Council, Centro Cultural, OSU Extension Service- 4-H, Metro Public, Tri-Met + statewide – OSU Open ETAN, League of Women Voters of Oregon - Board member, hard to become US citizen, costs about \$1500 to become citizen of the US, plus learn the language, State GED committee, and caucuses.

Water/Environment management Brian Wegener – Tualatin River Keepers

Spawning

Scoggins Creek: (there is) a scaled-back plan for raising Scoggins Dam (seismic upgrading) to keep river cool

Hillsboro & TVWD is an expensive project about \$1 billion (~\$1,000,000,000.00) pipeline from the Willamette River to Hillsboro

Lake Oswego-Tigard Water Partnership – [\$254 million]

City of Tigard bought water rights

Water Watch of Oregon court case – impact on salmon in Clackamas River, [there may be] significantly less (water). Water flows uphill to \$.

When is Oregon: Accommodating growth vs. promoting growth?

Clean Water Services (CWS) uses water more than once

Recycled water and reuse of water, beer brewing with it

Intel has to treat water, Intel uses five (5?) million gallons of water per day

Storm water and waste water

CWS watershed permit // cooling water with trees; 2009 five-year permits

CWS FG Fernhill Natural Treatment System: Discharges in winter, not summer

Cities: Municipalities separate storm water systems permits

Wastewater and storm water mixed; CWS serves 12 cities, temperature concerns

Vegetated corridor standards, riparian

[CWS Design and Construction Standards] Washington Square Mall parking lot

Model example: Hilton Head, South Carolina = Wal-Mart parking lot with lots of tree-cover

City of Tigard Main Street – grant opportunity, improves creeks

Steep slopes create landslides.

Development threatens wetlands: Bethany, South Cooper Mountain Plan

South Cooper Mtn. High School in Beaverton School District --- filling 2.5 acres of wetland?

Tonquin rock Quarry (Clackamas Co.) – threatens shared wetlands of Tualatin River Natural

Wildlife Refuge in Washington County

Legislature: restoring the DEQ budget is important! They need staff.

O Dept. of Ag.: water quality protection

Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation District – strategic planning process

TS&WCD doesn't have a tax-base

\$80K – to get measure on WC ballot = litmus test

Wapato Lake

Tualatin River Water Trail new access point at Farmington this summer,

WC Visitors Association signage

Land Use and Transportation - Faun Hosey

2035 Transportation System Plan - adopted last fall; [with] (*diluted language*)

Study funded by state committee - includes Meeky Blizzard

Development and transportation (doesn't) pay for itself for 30-years

Hillsboro profit levels - costs of development are borne by the public (not developers or corporations)

Robert Bailey – Senate Bill 716 hearing next week (early April)

Air Quality and Intel Issues - Dale Feik

Worst permit record in the US, permits out-of-date

DEQ – Water, air

Public comments to State Environmental Quality Commission

Resolution (platform plank with legs)

Air rules? Salem meeting 4/15 + 16 - Intel already wrote the temporary rules

ALS - Higher incidences of Lou Gehrig's disease by Intel plant

Dale wrote Intel Manager and CEO Brian Krzanich- and got a reply

Dale is on settlement negotiating team

- Risk assessment is a legal agreement
- Filed a complaint to EPA – Intel falsified and did not follow the rules.
- Trying to get EPA and DEQ to monitor [Region 10]
- General counsel Thomas Wood wrote: “We will meet conditions of settlement agreement only.” DEQ Regs. are not on the table
- The California model does not address – the chemicals here!
- “Good Neighbor Assoc. Agreements” – (you) need to know what you need! (and put teeth in it.)
- Russ: For the record: (there is a) difference of opinion on some of things.
- Neighbors for Clean Air
- Robert Bailey –risk assessment
- Linda – continue encompass views on issues, articulating to one another, without enmity
- Russ: Go for the jugular, Dale has a strong perspective
- Keep activists focused (*Lois Gibbs Telephone Conference*), Tuesday, May 19th

Washington County Term Limits Initiative

Tom Black: Term limits for Commissioners

- In twenty years, not one ballot initiative title has made it to the WC ballot.
- Question: “**Shall the County Charter be amended for term limits for county commissioners?**”
- **16,000 signatures needed by August.** Home Rule County needs more signatures.
- **City of Hillsboro, City of Tigard, and METRO already have term limits: 2 terms (?)**

Linda Peters – (it's an) arduous exercise that needs professional staff and lots of money to get passed.

State Legislative Issues

Russ Dondero – has spent average 1-2 days/week at the “Puzzle Palace” for WCCAN in eight areas. Dale and Ellen also attended hearings at the capitol.

Taxpayer Return-on-Investment of \$ to corporations; e.g. Intel, Genentech

Transparency Bill through SIPs, credits to corporations, Gain Share

Omnibus bill based on national models, Legislative counsel changed language

We are stakeholders. Job creations, where are they coming from?

Concept: Rep. Smith Warner; Rep. Phil Barnhart + attorney Rep. Lininger of Lake Oswego

HB 2940 in play, principles

Similar bills not in play HB 2077 and HB 2630 had a hearing, up for a work session soon

Inclusionary Housing Bill HB2564 Speaker Kotek supports strongly

Housing Alliance opposition by the Homebuilders Assoc.

Dirty Diesel (esp. school buses)– Is a statewide issue. There are over 190 school districts in Oregon.

SB 824 – Rep. Greenlick

HB 3310 - Sen. Dembrow

SB716 - expands into urban growth boundary: beyond UGB, oppose

Write your legislators how much you think these are important issues.

Russ – General Aviation – lead-based fuel;

Oregon Senate Joint memorial #1 – asks Congress to do something re: aviation fuel

There are 8/9 bills dealing with **Toxics**) OLCV & 100 Friends

Ellen Saunders: SB613 - toxic spraying: Mike Applebee has sprayed in Washington County and Southern Oregon

Aviation toxic pesticide spray has no regulations, – Ellen pesticide issue, sprays

Election of WC CAN Board at Annual Membership Meeting 2015-2016

Every candidate was approved.

2015 Board members

Russ Dondero, Chair

Dale Feik, Vice-Chair

Jim Long, Secretary

Brian Beinlich, Treasurer

Luis Nava & Dorila

Faun Hosey

Mary Lu Savara

Daniel Vazquez

Future Directions, Strategies, Meeting Schedules –

Next WCCAN meeting: Fifth Wednesday = April 29th changing leadership
Suggestions for officers: Dale vice-chair; Tom secretary

Linda: closing remarks, working across the county with different areas of expertise, passion, determination, persistence, proud happy and humble, wishes us well
Her family needs her, thank yous, hugs.

Russ – Madam Chair Emeritus, group hug,
Everybody email Russ your phone numbers

Other comments: We need to recruit younger members.
Opening the election ballot will get more people involved.
Suggestion: There should be “Term-limits on the apathetic.”
Some board members stepping down but will still be active.
Former educator Daniel Vazquez announces he’s running for school board in Beaverton.

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