

STAFFORD HAMLET  
COMMUNITY MEETING

Notes

February 12, 2019

Chair Bill Markt called the February 12th Community meeting of the Stafford Hamlet to order at 7:09 pm at the Stafford Elementary School, West Linn, OR.

Attendance:

- ❖ Board Members Present: Richard Fiala, Bill Markt, Matthew Palmer, Len Schaber
- ❖ Excused: John Keith, Katy Krider, Jana Lombardi, Patty Mamula, Mary Moore, Joe Wikoff
- ❖ Absent:
- ❖ Staff Present:

Clackamas County Commissioner Ken Humberston:

County Commissioner Ken Humberston was invited to provide an update on what he is working on and what is happening in Clackamas County.

The County is updating marijuana licensing, and the goal is to have one license per tract. There have been problems with multiple licenses per property, and the County is trying to address the problems that have resulted. Commissioner Humberston said the OLCC is looking to limit the number of licenses statewide just as they do for liquor stores.

Commissioner Humberston said the Board of County Commissioners is going to be voting on a Vehicle Registration Fee (VRF) soon. The fee will be \$30 per year. Commissioner Humberston explained how Washington and Multnomah Counties fund road maintenance, and said that Clackamas does not have the additional funding sources that the other two have. A community member asked if commercial vehicles will have to pay the VRF, and the answer was they will not because they pay the weight mile tax. Bill Markt asked if the County would want to do outreach again in March, and Commissioner Humberston said no because the VRF would be voted on before then. Matthew Palmer asked what would be the annual revenue from the VRF, and Commissioner Humberston said it would be 11 million. The 11 million is split 60% to the County and 40% to the cities. A community member asked about charging bicyclists an annual fee, and Commissioner Humberston said he has talked to people about it and said he suggested \$10 per year as a concept. Richard Fiala asked if transferring roads from the County to the cities would be a priority. Rick Cook said he heard the County would work with cities to match funding.

Commissioner Humberston said February 12 was Association of Oregon Counties day at the legislature. The County was lobbying to prioritize funding of I-205 projects. The County is also lobbying for funding for the proposed new courthouse on the Red Soils campus. The State may

allocate \$97 million. The total cost of the new courthouse is estimated at \$235 million. One possible funding mechanism is a bond measure with an amount estimated at 13 cents per thousand, which would cost a house assessed at \$300,000 an average of \$39 per year. The County is also supporting a Veterans Memorial at the Capitol. The county is also following a bill that would allow counties to have discretion in reducing property taxes for disabled veterans.

Chair Bill Markt asked the community for an advisory vote giving an opinion on the VRF. One community member opposed the VRF and 13 community members supported the VRF.

Family Promise Tualatin Valley: No presentation was given as there was no speaker in attendance.

Carol Yamada - Pollinator Propagator proposal:

Carol Yamada said she is working on a new project that she is calling pollinator propagator. The goal is to plant more native plants for pollinators in the area. She said the programming component could be to increase planting of native plants and to improve habitat. She said this could be a Town Hall topic. She has created a website to go along with the project. She has spoken with Bosky Dell Native Plant Nursery about plants.

Carol is also going to speak with County Commissioner Martha Schrader because she is working on a project involving native plants.

Bill Markt suggested Carol include the pollinator propagator at the April 13th Farm Preservation Forum. Bill said John Keith is helping organize the forum.

Jay Minor asked if Matthew Palmer has talked to County GIS about amps. Matthew Palmer said it is still in the works. Jay Minor said he would like to be involved at at the meetings.

Adjournment: Chair Bill Markt adjourned the meeting at 7:45 pm.