

Committee for Community Involvement

JANUARY 16, 2024 MEETING MINUTES

Time: 6 - 8 p.m.

Held via Zoom Webinar format

CCI Attendees: Karen Bjorklund (Chair), Rick Cook, Bill Merchant, Brent Parries (Vice Chair), Gordon Slatford, Graham Smith, Barbara Smolak, Laurie Swanson* (*Ms. Swanson was not present for the votes on items 2-4)

Attending PGA Liaison to CCI: Tonia Holowetzki

Public Attendees: Janet Davis, Lisa Massena, Tammy Stevens, Marge Stewart, Ric Sward, Meg Weisheier, Randall Yamada

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1. Welcome, Introductions

Welcome and introductions.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Bill Merchant motioned to approve the minutes from the November meeting as presented. Brent Parries seconded the motion. The committee members voted to unanimously approve the minutes.

3. CCI Vote on CPO representative and alternate for C4 (Clackamas County Coordinating Committee)

Bill Merchant motioned that the CCI submit a vote for Kenny Sernach as CPO representative to C4 and Pamela Burbach as the alternate representative. Rick Cook seconded the motion. The committee members voted to unanimously approve the motion.

4. Election of CCI Officers

Barbara Smolak motioned to elect Karen Bjorklund for a second term as Chair of the CCI, and Brent Parries for a second term as Vice Chair. Bill Merchant seconded the motion. The committee members voted to unanimously approve the motion.

5. Public Comment: Individual CPOs vote on CPO representative and alternate for C4 (Clackamas County Coordinating Committee) for the next two years

- Chair Bjorklund asked CPO spokespeople to use two polls during the meeting to vote for a CPO representative and an alternate for C4 (Clackamas County Coordinating Committee). Results of voting were to be shared at the conclusion of the listening session.

6. Public Comment: Community Planning Organization (CPO) Listening Session

- Chair Bjorklund said the goal of the listening session was to gather input and learn of issues and challenges facing CPOs.

- Spokespeople for five CPOs had registered to speak. Based on the amount of time on the agenda and the number of CPOs, the maximum allotted time for each CPO to speak was 10 minutes. CPOs were called in alphabetical order.
- The following spokespeople presented comments and concerns on a variety of subjects on behalf of their community planning organizations [these will be organized by category in a separate CCI summary document, along with comments the CCI received by email from other CPOs]:
 - Tammy Stevens, Chair of the Hamlet and CPO of Beaver Creek
 - Janet Davis, President of the Bull Run CPO
 - Meg Wiesheier, Vice-President of the Eagle Creek-Barton CPO
 - Ric Sward, Vice Chair of the Firwood CPO
 - Randall Yamada, Chair of the Stafford-Tualatin Valley CPO
- After the CPO representatives concluded their remarks, Chair Bjorklund opened the floor to questions and comments from other attendees. Lisa Massena of the Hoodland CPO asked several questions, and both CCI members and CPO representatives contributed comments.
- Chair Bjorklund told the group that CCI will take the information gleaned from the listening session and may discuss some follow-up questions at the February meeting to determine if more information is needed about the subjects raised during the listening session before determining what kind of recommendations may be required. Eventually, CCI will have a series of recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners, which will also be communicated to the CPOs.
 - Tonia Holowetzki noted that one email was received during the listening session, which will be added to information and input gathered during the listening session.
- CCI Member Rick Cook asked about the status of the new county liaison Ed Nieto. Ms. Holowetzki stated that Mr. Nieto will be soon coming on board full time. He will be joined by Maria Magallon on February 5 as she transitions into community engagement from another county department.
- 7. Result of vote on CPO representative and alternate for C4 (Clackamas County Coordinating Committee)**
- Ms. Holowetzki announced the results of the votes emailed by CPOs, and the CPO and CCI votes during this meeting, unanimously electing Kenny Sernach as CPO representative to C4 and Pamela Burbach as alternate representative to C4.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 20, 2024, 6 – 8 p.m. via Zoom.