

Cottrell CPO Community Meeting
Thursday, October 24, 2024, 6:30 PM
Pleasant Home Community Church
32120 SE Dodge Park Blvd, Gresham

MINUTES

1. Introduction - Mike Dawson
 - a. A brief introduction to the agenda of the meeting

2. Update on Land Use Board of Appeals process - Charlie Ciecko
 - a. The legal process is a Marathon vs sprint. It's not a done deal.
 - b. The county hearings officer approved the project adding dozens of conditions.
 - c. The water bureau has proceeded with the project at the peril of ratepayers. It is still in appeals court (LUBA). Gresham barlow school district, 1000 friends, ONA all joined as intervenors.
 - d. Awaiting LUBA decision on Nov 18 or later.
 - e. If LUBA remands or overturns the decision, the water bureau will have to stop construction.
 - f. Mr. Ciecko was asked about a "stay" or a halt to construction during appeal. Answer: you have to show irreparable harm. We decided to conserve limited financial resources.
 - g. Asked about stockpiling contaminated soils. PWB did get a permit to backfill contaminated soil around their site and to haul it and to use it as fill in the finished water pipeline routes.
 - h. Ron Baird was upset that he has not received email replies from the CPO. Answer, we are all volunteer, we need everyone to help.

3. Update on Construction, Safety Concerns - Lauren Courter
 - a. Our community has seen increased traffic and trucks.
 - b. The construction crews mobilize at 6 am, start construction at 7, and run their trucks til 10. M - Sa, 12 hours a day. 60 - 70 decibel level noise to the surrounding neighbors. Can get up to 90 decibel. "Louder than a medium sized tractor" - this will go on for 5-7 years.
 - c. Ms. Courter shared examples of unsafe incidents and construction vehicles operating outside their approved bounds.
 - i. Incident with cyclist
 - ii. Finally there is signage up from the county indicating trucks should not be on Carpenter Lane West

- iii. Truck on wrong side of a 55 mph road.
- d. Delays
 - i. 15+ minutes, 10 minutes more.
 - ii. No priority to residents and students - priority to given to construction trucks
 - iii. We were told that "At the very worst (peak construcion) at the most delayed intersection the delay caused by the projects is all of 15 and a half seconds." Very wrong.
 - iv. School Bus drivers have been submitting complaints of being delayed
- e. Safety
 - i. Violations of basic traffic laws
 - ii. Dodge park and cottrell = they leave equipment in the right of way
 - iii. Large pup truck passed a tractor in a no passing zone
 - iv. Multiple complaints out of hudson road.
 - v. A person on next door got on video - double haulers - two in a row running a read light 26th and bluff.
- f. Response form Multnomah and Clackamas Counties
 - i. Multnomah County approved unrestricted Truck / Haul Routes
 - ii. Land use staff is "short staffed"
 - iii. Instead of honoring that this was a conditional use permit, their responses rely on general state and county statues.
 - iv. Mult Comm Stegman - No response
 - v. Clackamas County Commissioner Shull is Active
 - 1. Petitioned the sheriff
 - 2. Petitioned to city council in gersham
- g. Current and Future Traffic
 - i. October has brought 300 more workers per day
 - ii. Future
 - 1. 300 trucks per hour for hauling soil
 - 2. They will roll thru Gresham, Troutdale, Estacada, Damascus, Sandy
 - 3. Additional traffic delays
 - 4. Increased safety risks
- h. Expect the Unexpected

- i. Contaminated soil - they told us one number during the comment period but got approved for a lot more.
 - ii. Tree removal - approved for tree removal on one side of the street and now they are removing trees on both sides of the street.
- 4. New tools to keep our community safe - Charles Waugh
 - a. Mr. Waugh walked us thru the new reporting tool on our website cottrellcpo.com
 - b. If you see something report it!
 - c. 3 pronged approach to find the reporting form
 - i. Website
 - ii. Signage
 - iii. Flyers for reporting
 - d. Flyers were passed out detailing the website form and things to watch for
 - e. He asked for volunteers to pass the flyers out to truck drivers themselves so they know they are being watched.
- 5. Fundraising Appeal - Tami Wensenk, Katrina Dawson
 - a. Tami and Katrina detailed new tools to help us fundraise
 - b. Goal is 30K
 - c. They asked for connections in Portland
 - d. And asked for donations for auction type items
 - e. Passed out flyers that will collect this type of info.
 - f. Government projects can get stopped - don't think they can't.
- 6. Q & A - Mike Dawson presided over an extended Q & A. highlights:
 - a. Coffee with the contractor. Meeting coming up - they are moving it to our area on November 14. 9 - 10:30 AM Multnomah county grange on bluff road. Can they move it to happy hour? Send them a note and ask!
 - b. Who are the people are that will make the LUBA decision? They are judges - attorney and land use lawyers. You can look at the LUBA website - watch the very brief oral arguments on you tube as well.
 - c. Lusted rd residents are experiencing exhaust pipes and Jay brakes. Report it!
 - d. When are they going to require them to bus into the workers vs allowing them to drive? We dont know