

Tuesday March 19, 2024

Bull Run CA/CPO Community Meeting

Time: 7:02pm-8:17pm

Meeting Location: AIMS Community Church

Notice of this meeting was made by signage in the CPO area, notification in The Sandy Post newspaper and by email to the Bull Run CPO distribution

Community Members in attendance:

Judy Africa, Chris Anderson, Diane Anderson, Glenn Austin, Kellen Bateham, Debi Beal, Roger Beal, Roger Bell, Gregory Berkholtz, Larry Bute, Dana Carlson, Janet Davis, Rachel Dawson, Cindy Fogerty, Jim Fogerty, Melissa Gergen, Rod Gergen, Bruce Gier, Clair Guy, Ron Hamilton, Sharon Hamilton, Butch Hattenburg, Admin Hawkins, Dave Hazelwood, Marcia Hazelwood, Burt Keplinger, Tabitha Leaf, Velma Marshall, Klaus Meister, Victor Padrta, Bonnie Percy, Fred Pollastrini, Dan Reynoldson, Kyle Rich, Mark Rogers, Joshua Serraino, Keith Sprengel, Julie Stephens, Amanda Van Pelt, Kalila Van Pelt, Beth Willhite

Meeting Summary: Janet Davis called the meeting to order at 7:02pm. The agenda was presented as follows:

Meeting Agenda

Welcome/announcements

Invited speakers:

➤ Joel Howie, P.E., Civil Engineering Supervisor, Clackamas County
Update on the Bull Run Bridge

- Joel recapped the history of the 126+ year old bridge. There has been no change in restrictions for weight and emergency vehicles since our last meeting.
- Cameras are up and being monitored. They are contacting companies that are violating the weight limits
- Design work for the new bridge has started with an estimated completion date 18 month from the date of the meeting
- Construction cost is now estimated at over \$18 million. There is only \$25-30 million in the overall State budget for all bridges.
- They have submitted applications to the Federal Bridge Investment Program. Latest submission was the day before this meeting on 3-18-2024. If approved, it would be in the 2027-2030 timeframe.
- Portland Water Bureau is contributing \$1 million
- Oregon Senators have provided their support

- The question was asked if there was a possibility the existing bridge could be left in place for pedestrian and/or bicycle traffic. Joel advised that was not possible because of the liability. For example, damage and/or injury in the event of a seismic event. It must be dismantled when the new bridge is in place and that is included in the ~\$18 million estimate.
- There is a webpage with information:
<https://www.clackamas.us/engineering/bull-run-river-bull-run-road-bridge-replacement>

➤ Shannon Mills, Portland Hydroelectric Project Relicensing Project Manager - *Portland Hydroelectric Project Relicensing*

- Shannon described the size of the project as being 36 megawatts, about 10,000 houses, so small producing.
- The City of Portland and the Forest Service own all of the land within the boundary of the plant/facility.
- There are 2 dams and 2 reservoirs.
- Hydropower generates electricity as well as helping to move water thru the system.
- The city must complete a 5+ year relicensing process that begins no later than February 28, 2024.
- They welcome questions/comments about the project including environmental, fish and wildlife, etc.
- There is a webpage with more information:
<https://www.portland.gov/hydroelectricity>

Approval of minutes

All approved with Clair Guy making the motion to approve, no opposed and seconded by Mark Rogers

New Sign-in roster - Debi Beal

There was an explanation of the intent to make it easier for folks to sign-in. Discussed the format, requested community member make additions/corrections and any suggestions for improvement.

Mt. Hood Corridor Wildfire Partnership update – Beth Willhite

Beth explained that this is a coalition of several agencies in the Hwy 26 corridor. This group is currently planning a vegetation management strategy.

There will be a Planning Wildfire Preparedness meeting on May 19, 2024, from 9am - 2:30pm at Welches Middle School. Beth will send additional information when it becomes available.

Janet Davis passed out booklets for Wildfire Preparedness

□ Bull Run Bridge Update - Claire Guy

The new single lane delineators have improved the goal for only one car at a time crossing the bridge. Vehicles seem to be going across slower, also.

□ Road Clean-up – Clair Guy

Clean up will be on April 27, 2024 from 10am - noon
We will meet at the Bull Run Powerhouse

Folks were curious about what is going on with the Powerhouse and Clair gave a brief description of the activities they are engaged in. They provide tours for groups who come out to the Powerhouse and Clair offered to try to include anyone in one of them if they contact her.

□ Liaison Update – City of Sandy Wastewater Treatment Project - Janet Davis

Sandy Clean Water website is live but needs to be updated.

There were problems with sewer pipes allowing rainwater in because of age and wear. Repairs are in progress, and they have completed 4 of 10 areas of the city sewer system so far.

Ongoing maintenance and inspection will be in place going forward.

Treatment plant repairs have been completed, tested, and sent to DEQ and EPA and is being reviewed. No overflows after repairs so far but capacity is still the issue. The city needs increased capacity, or a new plant built to accommodate population growth.

An expanded sewer connection moratorium is now in place. The limit is now 300 new hookups for building applications that were already approved prior to the moratorium.

Update on the 'Pollution permit' application that has been submitted to DEQ for discharge into the Sandy River at Revenue Bridge. The speculation is that this will be approved, and the treated water will be released into the Sandy River, but that is not official. Public comment period not yet announced.

□ Bull Run CPO Old business

Application for event use of a property on Thomas Road has been approved with changes. To address sound concerns they will hold receptions indoors in a barn, and the parking will now be on grass and/or turf grass versus gravel to preserve the land for possible future farm use since this is zoned EFU.

Discussion regarding the property on the corner of Warriner and Bull Run Rd where there is now a pig farm. There is still no application to change the zoning from Forest deferral. The owner, Gregory Berkoltz was in attendance, and it is his understanding that he is in compliance with the county.

□ New business

There was no new business.

□ Adjournment at 8:17pm