

Bull Run CPO Meeting Notes October 30, 2018

Meeting Location: Aims Community Church

Notice for this meeting was made by signage in the CPO area and by email to people on the Bull Run CPO mailing list.

The semi-annual regular Bull Run CPO meeting was called to order by President Beth Willhite at 7:05 PM with 14 members in attendance:

Chris Anderson

Craig Klascius

Keith Sprengel

Beth Willhite

Velma Marshall

Roger Beal

Donna Pollastrini

Judy Africa

Dan Weidinger

Al and Patty Klascius

Tony Anderson

David and Naira Truax

The agenda was presented as follows:

- Welcome/announcements
- Program: "*Chlorine Safety and Transport in the Bull Run River Area*" by City of Portland Water Bureau (Tony Andersen and Kim Gupta)
- Approval of minutes (minutes available at <http://www.clackamas.us/citizenin/documents/bullrunminutes.html>)
- Old business
- New business
- Adjournment

Heartfelt thanks went out to our hosts: The Aims Community church and especially to Donna Pollastrini, who graciously facilitates our building access.

Following are some highlights of Kim Gupta's presentation:

- Safety of workers and the community are the Portland Water Bureau's top priority.
 - In response to last winter's driver that skidded on Bull Run Road, Kim said that particular driver is no longer allowed to do "haul-ins", and that the truck should have been chained up.
 - Drivers of chlorine gas trucks are trained in transporting hazardous materials and must meet qualifications set forth by both ODOT and Portland Water Bureau.
 - Drivers are employees of the company that sells and distributes the chlorine gas to the city (JCI, for more information: <http://jciind.com/product/chlorine-gas/>)
- Portland Water Bureau adheres to "process safety management."
 - Once in the Bull Run Watershed, pilot cars are dispatched to accompany the gas trucks (they carry one-ton canisters with 1/2" thick steel walls).
- Typical route is through Sandy, but a Corbett route has also been used.
- Cylinders are filled to 80% capacity. Storage pressure was unknown, but Kim will get back with Beth with an answer.
- Although gas, trucks and drivers are provided through JCI, Portland Water Bureau owns their own cylinders.
- Tire tread is also part of a suite of standard check procedures put in place.
 - Deliveries typically every one to two weeks but are driven by need.
 - Tanks are filled 24 hours before transport and checked for leaks as an additional safety precaution.
 - Valves are the weakest link in the system, but they are thoroughly inspected on a regular basis.
- Spill plan is in place and includes:

- Notification to spill responders as part of an Interagency Response team.
- Law enforcement to inform community. This point was not clear. Roger Beal suggested that there may be an opportunity to tie in with the reverse 911 system. Questions regarded the County Sheriff's ability to limit geographic scope.
- The Portland Water Bureau has used chlorine gas since 1929, but chlorine is not effective against the cryptosporidium parasite.
- New filtration plant:
 - Planning for construction of new filtration plant is in process, with the preferred alternative site likely to be located at the "Carpenter Lane" site (a 95-acre parcel located near the existing Lusted Hill facility (likely to be closed after the new plant is built).
 - Work will require the construction of some new conduit to tie into the existing line.
 - A community forum on the project will be held on 11/8/18. For more information: <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/water/article/700806>
 - More about the filtration project: <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/water/76429>
 - Chris and Craig would like the Portland Water Bureau to work with the County to install a safety guardrail between Bull Run River bridge and the corner below SE Phelps road.

Minutes of the April 24, 2018 meeting were read by secretary Keith Sprengel and accepted as read by unanimous vote. A motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Roger Beal and seconded by Chris Anderson.

Old Business

- Craig Klascius's cow was found.
- Review the sliding chlorine gas truck incident. Leila will work with DOT to install a guardrail. Marcia suggested that large rocks would provide an ascetically pleasing alternative.
- The Adopt-A-Road program maiden voyage on June 9th was successfully navigated by 13 volunteers in just 2 hours. Naira Truax did a great job gathering

supplies and organizing the event...big thanks to Naira! And another big thanks go out to all who turned up and worked to clean up the road.

- The City of Portland Water Bureau contact for issues regarding the Bull Run Watershed is Dan Weidinger. He can be reached through dispatch 24-7 by calling 503-823-6084.

New Business

- County notice of land use applications, land use decisions, and upcoming County hearings on land use since last meeting:
 - The County approved “subject to conditions” a 20-foot encroachment into a 50’ riparian set-back for a new home construction on a Bacon Creek property.
 - Two hearings are scheduled on County proposals to amend the ZDO’s to limit the number of marijuana producers to one per tract in AG/F, EFU, and TBR (agriculture and timber) zoning districts. Currently there are no limits. The Planning Commission hearing is scheduled for November 26, 2018, and the Board of County commissioners hearing is scheduled for January 16, 2019; for more information: <https://www.clackamas.us/planning/marijuana.html>
- Chris mentioned that wells on several local properties experienced well issues in 2018 (i.e., intermittent flow, stopped producing water). He wondered if the combination of marijuana grow operations and increasing number of residences in the area were, in part, responsible. Several in the group would like to have a program on the topic of wells and water rights presented by speakers from the County and Oregon Water Resources Department. (For more information regarding Oregon ground water and well programs, visit: <https://www.oregon.gov/OWRD/PROGRAMS/GWWL/Pages/default.aspx>)
- Our next Adopt-A-Road clean-up is scheduled for the first Saturday in December, 12/1/2018, at 10 AM. Naria Truax volunteered to coordinate the cleanup, material, and supplies. Thanks again to Naria for stepping up on doing the hard work.
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President Beth Willhite adjourned the meeting at 8:13 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Keith Sprengel, Secretary-Treasurer