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BCCP Update

How Does LUBA's Ruling Affect Beavercreek?

In 1997 Metro identified over 18,000 acres around its boundary as Urban Growth Boundary Reserves. Over 3,000 of those acres are located in Beavercreek and are identified as Areas 25 and 26.

For the past two years approximately 10 appeals regarding these Urban Growth Boundary Reserves have been under consideration with the Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA). On February 26, 1999, LUBA made a ruling to reject all Urban Growth Boundary Reserves primarily because some reserves include "protected lands," i.e.: Exclusive Farm Use (EFU) lands and Agricultural/Timber lands. The two Reserves identified with "protected lands" were in the Stafford area and the St. Mary's area.

On Thursday, March 11, 1999, Metro appealed LUBA's decision. When discussing this appeal with a Metro attorney, we were informed that until Metro's appeal is settled, Urban Growth Boundary Reserves would remain as is.

In an effort to clarify what a Metro "Boundary" and "Urban Growth Boundary Reserve" are, a description follows:

Metro's Boundary is the area under Metro's jurisdiction. It is an area that is urbanized with dense residences, services and industry.

Metro's Urban Growth Boundary Reserves are areas identified for future inclusion in Metro's Boundary. Areas identified as Reserves may not make any boundary or zoning changes. Growth is minimized until master planning of the area is completed.

So, what does all this mean to you, the residents of Beavercreek?

Honestly, we don't know for sure. We hope it will give us more time to try to remove Areas 25 and 26 from Metro's Urban Growth Boundary Reserves. The BCCP is in constant contact with our political leaders in an attempt to permanently remove Areas 25 and 26.

Oregon City is currently considering sending a letter to Metro requesting the permanent removal of Areas 25 and 26

In the meantime, the BCCP is continuing its work to bring the incorporation of Beavercreek as a city to election in November 2000.

Another question might be... if Areas 25 and 26 were removed as Urban Growth Boundary Reserves would we want or need to consider the incorporation of Beavercreek as a city?

Currently Beavercreek is governed by Clackamas County. Clackamas County is a very large County making Beavercreek a small fish in a large lake. Oregon City has been actively annexing areas in the direction of Beavercreek. In 1997 the County Market Committee and the Business Roundtable of Clackamas County created a map identifying 982 acres in Beavercreek as industrial and commercial "employment" sites. If the residents of Beavercreek want to take responsibility, plan it's future and implement a city with "quality of living" as a priority, the answer to the question would be "yes."

Community Calendar

Beavercreek Committee for Community Planning (BCCP)...

2nd & 4th Monday at the Fire Station at 7:30 p.m.

Beavercreek Boosters...

3rd Wednesday at the Grange at 7:00 p.m.

Beavercreek Communty Planning Org. (CPO)... 4th Wednesday at the Grange at 7:00 p.m.

Beavercreek Grange...

2nd Saturday at the Grange at 7:00 p.m.

Beavercreek Lions...

1st and 3rd Saturday at the Grange at 7:30 a.m.

Boy Scout Troop #445...

Mondays at the Fire Station at 7:00 p.m.

Carus Community Planning Org. (CPO)...

2nd Thursday at the Beavercreek Christian Church at 7:00 p.m.

Clarkes Community Planning Org. (CPO)...

1st Wednesday of each Quarter plus February & March at the Clarkes Fire Station at 7:00 p.m.

Keep Beavercreek Rural...

1st Tuesday at the Fire Station at 7:00 p.m.

Booster Happenings

"Thank You!" to all who supported the "Pampered Chef" fundraiser held at the Beavercreek Grange on March 6, 1999. We hope everyone who attended enjoyed themselves. It was nice to see so many smiling faces. We appreciate those who sacrificed a small part of one of the first spring-like days to come by and support us. Being able to visit with friends, say "hello" to our neighbors, and meet newcomers to the area was an added bonus. This is what our community is all about!

Also, a special "thank you" to those of you who chose to sign up as new Boosters. We welcome you and hope you will enjoy participating in fundraising events such as this one in order to make your community a better place to live.

Co-Chair persons: Aggie Eckert and Berry Stevens

Hitch 'N Post Rumor Proves False!

You may have read recently in either the Oregon City News and/or the Oregonian regarding the closure of the Hitch 'N Post.

To dispel any rumors, the Hitch 'N Post will remain open and offer both food and bar services. Only the Branchs will be leaving.

The Hitch 'N Post looks forward to serving you, now and in the future.

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CPO Spotlight

March was a busy month for the Beavercreek CPO. There were two meetings held... a special meeting on March 10, 1999, and the regularly scheduled meeting on March 24, 1999.

The March 10th special meeting was called in order to hear a land-use action in the Beavercreek area in time to provide input to the Clackamas County Hearings Officer.

The general meeting, held March 24, 1999, had as its guest speaker, George Abbott, who told the members about the "Association of County CPOs and Neighborhoods". He is one of the founding members who felt that Clackamas County is not listening to the citizens and felt that by forming a coalition the citizens would be better informed as well as have a stronger voice. He suggested calling your cable provider and asking them to play the condensed video that was made at the initial meeting in February.

The Officers of the CPO would like to thank those who took time out from their busy schedules to attend both of these meetings.

The next meeting of the CPO will be held on Wednesday, April 28, 1999, at 7:00 p.m. at the Grange. Everyone is invited to attend and become involved in your community.

If you need further information please call 632-8370 and leave a message and one of the Officers will get back to you.

BCCP Proudly Announces the "Beavercreek Bulletin Online"

Well, it's official... the "Beavercreek Bulletin" is finally online.

Anyone interested in seeing the "Bulletin" can log onto the Internet and go to www.bctonline.com/b_bulletin_online/ and see the electronic version of the "Bulletin." The electronic version is just the same, but online.

It is hoped that this will make the "Bulletin" more accessible to people in the area. All past issues are also available. The site is still under construction so please bear with us.

The Editor

18th Benefit Auction Saturday, April 10, 1999

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Verbal 1:00 - 4:30 p.m.

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