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BCCP MEETS WITH OREGON CITY COUNCIL

You may have read Dennis McCarthy's article in the Oregonian on November 13th, his corrections on November 16th and/or the anonymous flyer titled "Beaver Creek Wakeup." You may have also read the Oregonian's "You Make The Call" survey request in the November 16th issue and the results of that survey in the November 26th issue. If you have read any or all of the above and are wondering what's going on, this month's "Beaver Creek Bulletin" feature article will try to clarify current Beaver Creek issues.

In 1997, Metro identified 70 "Areas" around its boundary to utilize for urban growth in the next 40 years...you've probably heard of the 2040 plan. Of those 70 Areas, 17 were identified as tier 1 Areas totaling approximately 4,500 acres leaving 53 Areas as tier 2 Areas totaling approximately 14,000 acres.

It is estimated that tier 1 Areas will be brought into Metro's boundary in the next 1 to 5 years. It is also estimated that tier 2 Areas may be brought into Metro's boundary in the next 2 to 20 years.

Two of these tier 2 "Areas" include the Beaver Creek area... Area 25 (1,048 acres from Oregon City's southern boundary to approximately Wilson Road) and Area 26 (2,144 acres from approximately Wilson Road south to approximately Carus Road).

It is our understanding that Area 25 was included at the request of the Oregon City Council and Area 26 was included at the request of Metro Councilman John Kvistad.

Having lands included in Metro's Urban Growth Boundary Reserve does two things. First, it freezes the Areas from any zoning changes and any annexation. Second, it targets the Areas for future, densified urbanization.

On September 10, 1997, a Beaver Creek community meeting was held. Two volunteer member committees were formed - the Beaver Creek Committee for Community Planning (BCCP) and the Keep Beaver Creek Rural. The objectives for each were:

BCCP - to educate itself and then educate the citizens of Beaver Creek regarding their options for representation and planning and decision making authority.

KBR - to utilize the intervention process in an attempt to remove areas 25 and 26 as Urban Growth Boundary Reserves.

In March of 1998, the BCCP held three community meetings to share what it had learned. A survey was taken and of the surveys returned, 72% asked the BCCP to pursue bringing the incorporation of Beaver Creek as a city to election. Incorporating and running Beaver Creek as a city is a huge responsibility, however, it would allow representation of Beaver Creek at all levels of government, the ability of Beaver Creek citizens to study, plan, implement and control its own destiny, and it would stop future annexation of Beaver Creek by Oregon City.

In order to bring incorporation to election there are several requirements... a petition, budget and economic feasibility study. Also, funding is needed, as an economic

Community Calendar

Beaver Creek Committee For Community Planning (BCCP)...
2nd & 4th Monday at the Fire Station at 7:30 p.m.

Beaver Creek Boosters...
3rd Wednesday at the Grange at 7:30 p.m.

Beaver Creek Community Planning Org. (CPO)...
4th Wednesday at the Grange at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

Boy Scout Troop #445...
Mondays at the Beaver Creek Fire Station at 7:00 p.m.

Carus Community Planning Org. (CPO)...
2nd Thursday at the Beaver Creek Christian Church at 7:00 p.m.

Clarks Community Planning Org. (CPO)...
1st Wednesday of each Quarter plus Feb & Mar at the Clarks Fire Station at 7:00 p.m.

Keep Beaver Creek Rural...
1st Tuesday at the Fire Station at 7:00 p.m.

feasibility study requires assistance from experts. The BCCP has applied for over 50 grants. Also, State, Metro and County funding has been solicited.

There is a provision in State law that allows any established city, within three miles of an area seeking to incorporate, the right to veto its petition to incorporate. In order to secure State funding, State Departments require the support from the City of Oregon City in the form of a motion or resolution that they would not veto Beaver Creek's efforts to incorporate.

On November 4, 1998, the BCCP attended a workshop with the Oregon City Council to inform the Council of the BCCP's progress and to solicit Oregon City's support of Beaver Creek citizens' efforts.

Mayor Fowler immediately changed the purpose of the meeting recommending that Beaver Creek's incorporation efforts be dropped and all efforts be directed toward the removal of Areas 25 and 26 from Metro's Urban Growth Boundary Reserve in order "to keep Beaver Creek Rural."

The BCCP explained that the Keep Beaver Creek Rural Movement has been working for the past year to remove Areas 25 and 26 through an intervention process with the Land Use Board of Appeals. Mayor Fowler continued to insist that incorporation efforts must be dropped, "as ANNEXATION is both cheaper and easier."

It became apparent to the BCCP that the Keep Beaver Creek Rural Movement (in attendance at the workshop) has yet another objective... the derailment of Beaver Creek's efforts to

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incorporate.

It also became quite apparent that if Areas 25 and 26 were removed from Metro's Urban Growth Boundary Reserve, and Beavercreek's efforts to incorporate were vetoed by Oregon City, that Oregon City would yet again have a free rein to continue their outward growth via annexation of Beavercreek. Why would the Keep Beavercreek Rural Movement want this?

In the workshop Mayor Fowler stated Oregon City's desire to annex lands up to Henrici Road. This desire was confirmed when a motion was made by the Oregon City Council, at a public meeting that followed, to request Metro to remove Area 26 and most of Area 25, with the exception of lands adjacent to Oregon City's boundary!!! With a possible expansion of Oregon City's boundary south toward Beavercreek, future annexation of Beavercreek would easily follow.

The citizens of Beavercreek have already voiced their desire to bring to election the incorporation of Beavercreek as a city and take control of their own destiny, as opposed to being annexed by Oregon City and forced to accept their name, taxes and governance. It is the directive of the BCCP to provide the citizens of Beavercreek the opportunity to control their own future by voting on incorporation rather than allowing a radical movement decide what is best for the citizens of Beavercreek.

Since the November 4th workshop, the Co-Chairs of the BCCP, Dan and Tammy Stevens, have met one-on-one with Oregon City's mayor-elect, John Williams, and commissioner-elect, Dan Holladay. Additional one-on-one meetings will be requested with the three incumbent commissioners. The BCCP believes, that with Oregon City's new leadership and the sharing of information, plans and ideas, that Beavercreek will receive the support of Oregon City.

For information on placing an ad or meeting notice in this publication please contact Marsha Jett at 632-3572

BOOSTER HAPPENINGS

- 12/5-Xmas Tree Lighting at the "Corner Park", 7:00 p.m.
Xmas Tree Sale starts and runs through 12/20
- 12/6-Xmas Caroling, meet at the "Corner Park" 4:00p.m.
- 12/8 & 12/11 - Fire Dept Canned Food Collection, meet at the Fire Department at 6:00 p.m.
- 12/12 - Toy Wrap & Potluck Dinner, Fire Dept., 6:30 p.m.
- 12/13 - Xmas Caroling, meet at the "Corner Park", 4:00 p.m.
- 12/17 & 18 - Box Food at Fire Department, 6:30 p.m.
- 12/19 - Food Box Delivery, 8:00 a.m.

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CPO SPOTLIGHT

The monthly meeting of the Beavercreek Community Planning Organization was held Wednesday, November 25, 1998, at the Beavercreek Grange. The guest speakers were from the Oregon State Police. They discussed their budget and need for more troopers. They encouraged members who agreed that we need more troopers to enforce the laws, to contact their Legislator and tell them to provide more funding. CPO Bylaw changes were also discussed. Please make every effort to attend the December 23rd meeting as interesting and controversial speakers have been invited and some important Bylaw changes will be voted on.

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