



Management Update Minutes

OREGON

Tuesday, September 28, 2021, 9:30 a.m.

Courthouse Square, 555 Court St. NE, Salem
5th Floor, Suite 5231, Commissioners Boardroom

ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners Danielle Bethell, Kevin Cameron, and Colm Willis, Jan Fritz, Matt Lawyer, Jessica Stanton, Tamra Goettsch, Colleen Coons-Chaffins, Jane Vetto, Max Hepburn, Tim Glisson, Lani Radtke, Lindsey King, Brandon Reich, Chris Trussell, Scott Norris, Brian Nicholas, Kathleen Silva, and Kristy Witherell as recorder.

Jan Fritz called the meeting to order at 9:37 a.m.

INFORMATIONAL:

Update to Proposed Connection of Gaia Street SE, a City of Salem Roadway, to Culver Drive SE

- Max Hepburn, Lani Radtke

Summary of presentation:

- Residents on the street are opposed to the connection:
 - Concerned there will be excessive traffic from the Amazon facility.
- Updated traffic impact analysis:
 - The lots being developed will bring an additional 250 trips per day to the new proposed intersection; and
 - Amazon will bring an additional 350 trips per day to the new proposed intersection.
- There are currently an estimated 1,300 trips per day on Culver Drive;
- The county has the authority over the proposed connection; and
- The identified options are:
 - Deny the connection;
 - Allow the connection, restricting access to Gaia Street for emergency use only; and
 - Allow the connection:
 - Staff recommends this option.

Board discussion:

- If the connection is denied the city will not make the proposed improvements to Culver Drive:
 - Do not know if residents want their rural road improved.

Discuss Wildfire Rebuilding Along Rivers

- Brandon Reich, Chris Trussell, Lindsey King

Summary of presentation:

- Under today's standards the setback for building next to a river is 20 or 30 feet, depending on the size of the river;
- Property owners who lost their homes during the wildfires are being allowed to build at the same location that their homes were at before the fires, even if this is closer than current standards would allow:
 - Property owners are being informed that due to the wildfires and loss of vegetation the banks of the river may be unstable; and
 - Property owners are required to get a geotechnical report that determines if the original location is stable enough to build on.
- The 2021 House Bill 2289 allows property owners to rebuild at the original location.

Board discussion:

- Advising property owners to re-vegetate their property.

Discuss the Letter of Support from the Vietnam War Memorial Fund

- Commissioner Cameron

Summary of presentation:

- In 2014 the county donated \$10,000 to the World War II Memorial; and
- The county will donate \$10,000 to the Vietnam War Memorial Fund.

Ice Storm/Wildfires/COVID-19 Update

- All

Summary of presentation:

Brandon Reich, Chris Trussel:

- Construction Contractors Board licensing requirements for the Christian Aid Ministries (CAM) homes:
 - The homes have been started;
 - When a contractor works on a home they have to be licensed;
 - The licensed contractor can have unlicensed employees;
 - When volunteer groups build homes they work under a licensed contractor:
 - Have to have licensed plumbers and electricians.
 - The Service Integration Team has allowed CAM to start building homes without working under a licensed contractor; and
 - For the county to issue a permit there has to be verification of one of the following:
 - The property owner is doing their own work;
 - The property owner is acting as their own general contractor, with contractors working for them; or
 - The general contractor is doing the work.

Board discussion:

- The housing team is looking for a contractor who would be willing to oversee these builds:

- It is difficult due to contractors being very busy.

Brian Nicholas:

- Residential and commercial site clean ups continue along with tree removal; and
- Last week was the deadline for submitting Right of Entry forms:
 - There is a short grace period where forms will be accepted through October 15, 2021:
 - This deadline will not be advertised.

Tamra Goettsch:

- There is a community well in the North Fork area that is compromised:
 - Serves 13 properties:
 - Many of the homes were not destroyed, they just don't have water.
 - The county is looking for funding sources that may help offset the \$180,000 cost; and
 - The well was destroyed in the fires, but there were issues with the well prior to the fires.

OTHER:

Consolidated Plan Review and HOME American Rescue Plan (ARP):

Tim Glisson:

- HOME ARP grant agreement with Housing and Urban Development (HUD):
 - If approved by the board, allows the county to spend \$112,558 of American Rescue Plan funds;
 - Have 30 days to sign and return to HUD;
 - There are timelines associated with spending the funds;
 - The funds can be spent on the following:
 - Rental housing;
 - Tenant based rental assistance;
 - Supportive services; and
 - Acquisition and development of non-congregate shelter.
 - The funds can be spent on the following qualified populations:
 - Homeless;
 - At-risk homeless; and
 - Other qualified individuals.
 - There are currently no projects identified to spend these funds on.
- The Consolidated Plan was submitted to HUD:
 - HUD has provided a list of items that need to be updated or responded to.

Board discussion:

- Bring the HOME ARP grant agreement to board session tomorrow:
 - The board will approve, but will hold off on spending the funds.
- Ms. Fritz will assist in developing the Consolidated Plan responses for HUD.

COMMISSIONERS COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS AND UPDATES:

Danielle Bethell:

- Sending a letter to Congressman Schrader in opposition to an excise tax on plastic that would raise the cost of plastic by 26 percent.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

COMPLETED BY: **Betsy Young**

Reviewed by: *Melissa Rounds*