



Management Update Minutes

OREGON

Tuesday, August 31, 2021, 9:30 a.m.

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

ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners Kevin Cameron, Colm Willis, and Danielle Bethell, Jan Fritz, Chad Ball, Tamra Goettsch, Kelli Weese, Tom Rohlfing, Rex Weisner, Nate Combs, Scott McClure, Max Hepburn, Lani Radtke, Kathleen Silva, and Kristy Witherell as recorder.

GUESTS:

Alison Kelley, Liberty House
Crystal Deffenbaugh, Liberty House

Jan Fritz called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

INFORMATIONAL:

Liberty House iRespect & Protect Campaign Presentation

- Alison Kelley & Crystal Deffenbaugh, Liberty House

Summary of presentation:

- The iRespect and Protect Campaign is a program designed to help youth stay safe online:
 - The program provides education promoting healthy and safe online choices.
- The program was started to address the increasing number of youth suicides in our communities; and
- A public service announcement video was played for the commissioners.

Board discussion:

- Liberty House is asking for the county's support in the following areas:
 - Requesting that a link to the iRespect and Protect website be available on the county's website; and
 - Support with obtaining grant funding.
- Feedback from youth has been positive; and
- The county can help with connecting Liberty House to schools in the area.

Discuss Potential Impacts to County Roads with the Addition of Affinity Estates Subdivision in Salem

- Lani Radtke & Max Hepburn

Summary of presentation:

- The City of Salem has approved the development;

- Elkins Way is a local access road:
 - Under county jurisdiction, but not maintained by the county:
 - The county cannot legally spend road fund money on this classification of road; and
 - Maintenance is the responsibility of the abutting property owners.
 - Due to the natural topography the drainage for the new development runs into Elkins Way;
 - The developer and the city are proposing to connect storm water piping and infrastructure into Elkins Way; and
 - The county is working with the city on an intergovernmental agreement (IGA):
 - The city would maintain the storm water infrastructure;
 - In the future, if the road is annexed into the city it would legally become the city's responsibility to maintain; and
 - The developer cannot move forward until the IGA is in place.
- Lone Oak Road will be connected to Rees Hill Road:
 - Due to the topography of Rees Hill Road there is limited site distance at the proposed intersection;
 - The county is working with the developer and the city to try and identify a safer alternative; and
 - An IGA will be needed so that the city is responsible for maintaining any infrastructure that is required at the new intersection.

Board discussion:

- The county would have to approve the storm water infrastructure being proposed; and
- Commissioner Bethell would like the abutting property owners included in the conversation.

Update of Proposed Connection of Gaia Street SE to Culver Drive SE

- Lani Radtke & Max Hepburn

Summary of presentation:

- Discussed previous land use case decisions with the Planning Division, specifically the original 2009 subdivision plat that was approved:
 - Since the county did not reject the connection at that time, it is expected that the connection will happen.
- Working on making it safer.

Board discussion:

- Culver Drive is a county road;
- Surrounding properties are not supportive of the proposed connection;
- Waiting on the amendment to the traffic impact analysis;
- Working on the best ways to improve the road to account for the additional traffic:
 - The road is currently chip sealed and in poor condition; and
 - There is a potential to have the city do a significant overlay:
 - This would help the county with maintenance; and

- The county is requesting a 4" overlay due to the amount of truck traffic.
- If the connection is not allowed traffic may increase on Culver Drive; and
- Will confirm whether or not the county can stop the connection if they choose to.

Review Proposed Letter on behalf of Wildfire Victims Experiencing Insurance Challenges Rebuilding in the Canyon

- Jessica Stanton

Summary of presentation:

- Gathered information on individuals experiencing insurance challenges while trying to rebuild their homes in the canyon;
- The Division of Financial Regulation stated that filing a complaint will allow for the quickest resolution for these individuals;
- Provided the commissioners with a draft copy of the proposed letter for their review:
 - The letter outlines the process for filing a complaint; and
 - The complaint form will be mailed with the letter.
- Have educated the Service Integration Team (SIT) on the process.

Board discussion:

- Commissioner Bethell does not want individuals referred back to SIT for help with this problem.

Discuss 2021 Wildfire Labor Day Memorial Events in the Canyon

- Jessica Stanton

Summary of presentation:

- There are currently three requests for the commissioners to speak at events.

Ice Storm/Wildfires/COVID-19 Update

-All

Summary of presentation:

Tom Rohlfig:

- Shared the proposed boundary map for the wildfire property tax relief with the fire chiefs from Drakes Crossing and Silverton Fire Departments:
 - They agree with how the lines are drawn in their jurisdictions.
- The map will be brought to board session for approval.

Jane Vetto:

- Drafted a board order that addresses providing paid time off to county employees who have been directed by their healthcare provider to isolate or quarantine due to the pandemic surge:
 - Regular full time employees will receive up to ten days of paid leave;
 - Prorated for part time employees;
 - Retroactive to August 1, 2021; and
 - Effective through December 31, 2021.

Board discussion:

- A copy of the order will be provided to the commissioners; and
- Will be brought to board session next week.

Tamra Goettsch:

- Discussed with SIT their exit process for individuals who are involved in the case management process:
 - When a survivor is back to a pre fire situation they do an exit interview; and
 - If an individual is not at a pre fire situation but does not want to participate any longer, they may opt out:
 - SIT encourages them to participate in an exit interview; and
 - If they would like services in the future they may rejoin the process.
- Approximately 100 cases have not been assigned to a case manager; and
- SIT is delaying hiring additional case managers while they determine appropriate staffing numbers.

Kelli Weese:

- Ms. Weese is the new Economic Development Coordinator; and
- Ms. Weese introduced herself to the commissioners and gave a brief summary of her background.

Lani Radtke:

- The gates will be operational by the week of September 13, 2021; and
- Letters providing gate access codes are going out to residents today:
 - Also included will be instruction on how to obtain an ID card that can be read by the gate; and
 - Emails will be sent to known email addresses to alert residents that the letter is coming.

Board discussion:

- The commissioners would like a presentation on the gates given at board session;
- There will be opportunities to visit the gates to see how they work; and
- The Oregon Department of Transportation has announced the final deadline for submitting the Right of Entry form is September 15, 2021.

OTHER:

Fair update:

Jessica Stanton:

- United Way will be providing a daily update on donations made for housing in the canyon;
- The commissioners would like county employees who worked at the fairgrounds during the wildfires to receive the same benefits as the volunteers:
 - Free parking; and
 - Entrance passes to the concert.

- Fair attendance has been strong.

Rental Assistance Program:

Melissa Rounds:

- There are currently 139 applications:
 - 66 were submitted by landlords.
- Total of \$604,000 requested;
- 20 of the 139 applications are fully submitted:
 - Both the landlord and the tenant have signed; and
 - Total of \$120,000 requested.
- Advertising started last week utilizing television, radio, print, and digital mediums:
 - The number of applications has increased;
 - All ads were produced in English and Spanish; and
 - The television ad was played for the commissioners.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

COMPLETED BY: **Betsy Young**
Reviewed by: Melissa Rounds