



MEMORANDUM
City of Beaverton
Community and Economic Development Department

To: Don Mazziotti, Director
From: Valerie Sutton, Senior Planner
Date: October 11, 2013
Subject: Public Outreach for South Cooper Mountain planning effort

The Public Involvement Plan for the South Cooper Mountain planning process was developed based on interviews with City of Beaverton staff, elected and volunteer community leaders, and feedback from the Beaverton Committee for Citizen Involvement (BCCI).

An array of public involvement tools and opportunities has been employed to reach out to the public and various stakeholder groups. Project committees have been established to provide ongoing advice and technical assistance to the project staff. Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) meetings provide public comment opportunities. CAC membership includes several property owners within the project area, representing the South Cooper Mountain Annexation Area (SCMAA), as well as the Urban Reserve Area (URA) and North Cooper Mountain (NCM) which are located in unincorporated Washington County and served by a Citizen Participation Organization (CPO6). Liles Garcia, a Washington County Planning Commissioner and member of the CPO6 Steering Committee, sits on the CAC, representing both bodies.

Outreach to citizens in the unincorporated areas has included articles in the CPO6 and CPO10 newsletters (see attached), and email announcements of all public events held to date have been sent to CPO membership lists through the OSU Extension service that supports the County's CPO program.

Email blast announcements were sent to the Neighbors Southwest, Sexton Mountain, South Beaverton and Greenway NACs, CPO6 and CPO10 for the May 23rd Open House and the July 13th Visioning Workshop. In addition to the email blasts, postcards were mailed to all properties within ½ mile of the perimeter of the entire planning area.

At the invitation of the CPO10 Chair, I gave a presentation on SCM to their group on April 18, 2013 and engaged the group in a healthy discussion. I sent a request to the CPO6 Steering Committee to attend their August or September meetings to give a presentation, but never received a response from Eric Squires, who as Chair at that time had sole control over the CPO6 agenda. At the advice of Liles Garcia and OSU Extension staff, we opted to hold a separate SCM informational meeting on August 12th sponsored by the City. In addition to the CPO6 membership, email announcements were sent by OSU Extension staff to CPO4B (Bull Mountain, Tigard) and CPO10 member lists, reaching out to nearly 1,100 households.

We will continue to reach out to the unincorporated areas in the project vicinity as the project moves forward, continuing to provide opportunities for the public to participate. Widespread email blasts and mailings will be sent encouraging people to attend future open houses and events.

Although the CPO6 Chair recently resigned, and declared CPO6 to be "inactive", Liles Garcia will continue in his role on the CAC to serve as a liaison with both CPO6 and the Washington County Planning Commission throughout the project.