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The Scrimmage Line

February 2008

On the Field

The next RGF - Current Issues Coalition meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 18, from 3-5pm at the Olson Annex (1101 Broadway, Suite 205 - upstairs conference room). Our guest speaker will be Rick Williams, Executive Director of the Lloyd Transportation Management Association.

The Scrimmage Line serves as the Current Issues Coalition's "Condensed Minutes."

CIC is a committee of the Responsible Growth Forum and meets monthly to review issues relating to growth in Southwest Washington.

For more information on the CIC, please contact Megan Forell at (360) 695-1385.

At the February 27th RGF - CIC meeting, meeting attendees reviewed the current list of agenda items. Below you will find an overview of topics discussed.

SEWER SERVICE BOUNDARIES

The City of Vancouver, Board of County Commissioners and Clark Regional Wastewater District are in negotiations over which entity serves which area. The County made a deal with the City of Vancouver to expand services north of 119th street and collect corresponding covenants. In addition, the City agreed not to appeal the new UGA. In the meantime, CRWD will be offering services to the northern part of the Urban Growth Boundary.

Matt Swindell, Ridgefield City Council member, discussed with CIC members the issues facing the City of Ridgefield, including growth and sewer service options. The City has three options available for sewer:

- Treatment plan expansion
- \$40 million pump and transmission line to the City of Vancouver
- Unified treatment facility

Although growth in Ridgefield has slowed, it's important for the City to have identified an option to accommodate future capacity.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

Certain RGF members were involved in the interview selection committee to help identify the new Community Development Director. According to the County, no final decision has been made.

WESTERN WASHINGTON STORM MANUAL (WWSM)

The Board of County Commissioners rejected the first draft of the WWSM and subsequently sent a new version to the Department of Ecology for review. It's currently scheduled to be implemented later this year.

GMA

The plan is done, with the exception of issues in the Three Creeks area.

Urban holding

Most issues with urban holding have been settled, according to CIC members.

Concurrency

134th Street has reopened and is awaiting final funding of the new interchange.

Downtown parking

It is unknown when the City will move forward with a ban on private gravel parking lots in downtown Vancouver.

CAMAS TREE ORDINANCE

Council has put this as a priority to review mid-year

PORT TAX

After the defeat of the Port tax, the Port is still determined to purchase and develop Alcoa.