

# Committee for the Future of Damascus

## Subcommittee Minutes

Subcommittee Name: Finance/Executive Committee/Board Meeting/Public Info.

Date: March 15, 2004

Meeting #: 81

Submitted By: Joyce Schwer, Secretary

Attendees: Dee Wescott, John Hartsock, Ernie Platt, Joyce Schwer, Diana Lobo, Randy Shannon, Gary Fosberg, Dan O'Dell, Roy Ledbury, Barb Ledbury, Chuck Kisselburg, Marty Beaudet, John Fromwiller, Earlean Marsh, Dave Rouse, Greg Dardis, Jim Wright, Dave Zopf, Randay Shannon, Les Otto, Greg DeGrazia, Tim Giorgi, Mike Hammons, Ken Salvitelli, Sherry Pendarvis, Michele Kargman, George Allen, Steve Marcak, Curt Todd, Judy Church, Patty Hoersch and Earlene Buliviac.

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### **1. Items decided/completed:**

- ❖ John Hartsock, Vice Chair, received an award on behalf of the CFD at the 2nd annual RDI (Rural Development Initiatives) Regards to Rural Awards in the "Rural Community Progress" category. CFD was chosen from among 25 entries. A group photo with award in hand will be taken at the April 5 CFD meeting.
- ❖ The County/Metro concept planning charrette (design workshop) for the Damascus/Boring study area will take place in September.
- ❖ It was decided to leave the Boring area residents in the telephone survey boundary. The survey firm can divide out the results between Boring and Damascus so a clear picture of opinion for each area can be determined, as well as for the entire area. This is especially important for views on incorporation, as Boring residents on the whole have declined to become part of a potential city of Damascus. Results should be compiled by early April.
- ❖ The Boring community forum went well overall with over 200 people attending. Many attendees were new to the issues, which is wonderful to expand discourse, however they were also overwhelmed by all the information. As a result, people may have voted to stay separate from Damascus more from a "gut feeling" of wanting to retain a separate identity than from a comprehensive understanding of all the issues at hand. However, unless the telephone survey indicates something strongly to the contrary, Boring CPO will continue to look at the "village" model of governance as a possible fit for the area instead of inclusion in a city of Damascus.
- ❖ Metro has defined "industrial land" to include a broader range of businesses that can be included on areas zoned industrial. These include office buildings (not just headquarters) as long as they do not interfere with freight movement. Large parcels (50+ acres) can be subdivided to include larger and smaller subdivisions if

they constitute "support services" for the industrial area (like food markets, restaurants, parts/products used in the larger industries), but no big box retailers.

**2. Items in progress:**

- ❖ The financial feasibility study to determine the effect of including the Clackamas industrial area within the city of Damascus boundary should be completed soon. It is unclear if Happy Valley has a legal right to pursue annexing this area, but it appears the state statute prohibits bulk annexation of areas that have properties that exceed \$7 million (there are a few in that area). John and Dee are meeting with Mayor Gene Grant of Happy Valley on Saturday, March 27 to discuss this issue.
- ❖ The Rock Creek Industrial Study Area interviews were originally intended for property owners, but that has been changed to include all interested parties (those people, cities, service providers, businesses, etc., that will be affected by change in the area). Small group discussions will be held April 7, 8 and 15. Those interested in discussing their views with the County should schedule an appointment ASAP with Shari Gilevich at 353-4523. Groups can attend together.
- ❖ John and Dee Wescott, Chair, have been meeting with utility companies like PGE and NW Natural to discuss funding for the incorporation campaign. There is interest but nothing concrete as yet.

**3. Items on the radar screen:**

- ❖ Should there be a forum before summer to keep the public interested and informed? What would the topic(s) be?

**4. Items requiring CFD approval and applicable deadlines: None**