



CCBA Update

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CORE FOUR NARROWS LIST OF URBAN RESERVES

At a meeting this morning, the "core four," composed of Metro Councilor Kathryn Harrington and Washington County Chair Tom Brian, Multnomah Commissioner Jeff Cogan and Clackamas County Commissioner Charlotte Lehan, agreed to "98%" of the areas that will be recommended as urban reserve to the Metro Council. The main area of disagreement is in the Cornelius area of Washington County, where agricultural and environmental groups are advocating for decreasing the amount of urban reserves to the north of the City.

In Clackamas County, all the areas advocated by CCBA for inclusion as urban reserves, with the exception of the French Prairie area south of Wilsonville, have been included as urban reserve. Those areas include the Stafford area, both above and below I-205, small areas around Oregon City and larger areas to the south of Damascus and east of Boring.

The next step is for drafting of an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the counties and Metro to adopt the urban and rural reserve areas. That decision then goes to the state Land Conservation and Development Commission for approval. The state decision can then be appealed directly to the Oregon Court of Appeals. Most observers expect someone or group to appeal.

CCBA TO HOLD JOINT FORUM ON COSTS OF GROWTH

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The Clackamas County Business Alliance will be joining with the Westside Economic Alliance, Home Builders Association of Metro Portland and the East Metro Economic Alliance to present a forum on the costs of growth. The forum will be held on Tuesday, February 23rd from 7:30 AM to 9:30 AM at the West End Building in Lake Oswego.

The featured speaker will be Dr. Elliot Eisenberg, who is the Senior Economist of the National Association of Home Builders in Washington, D.C. The forum will address several issues including:

- When a new home is built, does it have a positive or negative impact on the local community.
- After a new home is built, what are the recurring financial effects on the community.
- What factors increase or decrease the economic impact of new home construction.

For further information and registration, please visit: www.homebuildersportland.org, or email Jennifer Wessling at: jenniferw@hbapdx.org, or call 503.684.1880. Space is limited so please register before February 19th.

SOME THOUGHTS ON THE RECESSION

To listen to the rhetoric coming out of Washington D.C., one might believe the current recession is a unique event, that can only be cured by massed government intervention and changes to our economic system. Courtesy of American History Magazine, here are a few things to remember:

- Since 1790, there have been 47 recessions, averaging one every 4.6 years.
- Most recessions last from 10 months to 2 years.
- The first major recession was in 1819, caused by, guess what, banks making bad property loans in a rapidly rising land price market.
- The worst recessions were probably those in 1837, 1857, 1873 and 1893, all of which were caused by the over-expansion and collapse of railroads.
- Bank rescues were one of the major issues in the recessions of 1907, 1920 and 1980. The difference was that an ad hoc consortium of business leaders funded the bank rescue of 1907.



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Upcoming Events:

CCBA Board of Directors

Meeting: Wednesday,
February 10th starting at 7:30
AM, held at the Oregon Golf
Club, Petes Mountain Road,
West Linn

Community Safety

Appreciation Luncheon:

Monday, February 22nd at
11:30 AM, held at the North
Clackamas Chamber of
Commerce. For more
information please visit:
www.yourchamber.com

**Sustainable Historic
Renovations - Lessons**

Learned: A seminar sponsored
by Jordan Schrader Ramis on
February 23rd held at the
Oregon White Stag Block in
Portland. For more information
please visit the Education /
Workshop page at:
www.jordanschrader.com

Joint Forum: Does Growth
Pay for Itself?: Tuesday,
February 23rd starting at 7:30
AM, held at the West End

While none of this makes those currently unemployed or struggling companies feel any better, it is important to remember that recessions are not new to this century or even decade. And, almost every recession has been followed by economic prosperity.

Building in Lake Oswego. For more information and to register please visit:
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