



CCBA Update

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METRO AND COUNTY ADOPT URBAN RESERVES

On February 25th, first Clackamas County and then Metro adopted the urban and rural reserves map. Clackamas County Commissioners, along with the commissions in Washington and Multnomah County, all adopted intergovernmental agreements that included maps showing the location of urban and rural reserves, and undesignated areas within each county. The Metro Council then heard public testimony and acted on each proposed agreement and map separately.

CCBA Executive Director, Burton Weast, testified at both the County and Metro hearings, in general support of the urban reserves mapping for Clackamas County. Weast and other speakers pointed out that one problem was the lack of undesignated land, particularly in Washington County. "Without undesignated land the assumption is that we can guess the future growth of the region for fifty years without making an error," said Weast.

Several other speakers from the business community also pointed out that the proposal only allowed for increasing the regional Urban Growth Boundary by 11 percent while almost doubling the population of the region. For these numbers to be met, the Metro area will have to have a "refill" rate of nearly 50 percent to accommodate new residents and employers. The current refill rate for the region is about 19 percent.

As Bev Bookin, representing the Coalition for a Prosperous Region pointed out, "The entire proposal

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assumes that the citizens will accept much higher densities in every region."

In the end, Clackamas County approved 70,649 acres of rural reserves and 13,664 acres of urban reserves, including all of the Stafford area, which was a source of much controversy.

A total of 151, 666 acres of rural reserves were designated in Washington County along with 13,567 acres of urban reserves. Multnomah County adopted 49,201 acres of rural reserves and 855 acres of urban reserves.

Under state law, Metro must go first to urban reserve areas before expanding the Urban Growth Boundary for the next fifty years. Rural reserve areas are to be held in farming and agricultural uses for fifty years.

The next significant step will be the review by the state Land Conservation and Development Commission in October. After the state approval, the entire process can be appealed to the State Court of Appeals

SPECIAL VETERAN'S FORUM ON APRIL 27TH

This spring the 42nd Brigade will be returning from overseas to Oregon. It is estimated that up to 300 soldiers will be returning to Clackamas County without jobs. CCBA and the Workforce Investment Council of Clackamas County (WICCO) will be presenting a special forum on assistance employers can receive by hiring a veteran. If your company needs qualified and motivated employees with outstanding work ethics then mark your calendar and find out about the programs that can get our veteran's to work at reduced cost to employers.

The special forum will be on Tuesday, April 27th, at the Monarch Hotel in Clackamas, beginning at 11:30 AM and ending at 1:00 PM. More details to follow. To register in advance, email Jennifer at jen@ccba.biz or call 503.607.0679.

WELCOME NEW AND RENEWING CCBA MEMBERS

CCBA welcomes new members in January and February:

Oregon Iron Works
David Evans and Associates
City of Happy Valley

CCBA also thanks renewing members in the last three months:



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Upcoming Events:

CCBA Board of Directors Meeting: Wednesday, March 10th - **CANCELLED**

Egg's 'N Issues Breakfast:
Elections could bring new leadership - What will happen then?
Thursday, March 11th at 7:30 AM held at the Gray Gables Estate. To register and download a flyer, please visit, www.yourchamber.com

State of the Region Address: Metro President answers business questions.
Friday, March 19th at 11:30 AM at Marylhurst University. To register and download a flyer, please visit, www.yourchamber.com

Egg's 'N Issues Breakfast:
How will new leadership at Metro impact North Clackamas business, community?
Tuesday, March 30th at 7:30 AM at the Gray Gables Estate. To register and download a flyer, please visit, www.yourchamber.com

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CCBA Board of Directors

Meeting: Wednesday, April
14th starting at 7:30 AM, held
at the North Clackamas
Chamber of Commerce, 7740
SE Harmony Road, Milwaukie

Veteran's Forum:

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11:30 AM, held at the Monarch
Hotel in Clackamas. For more
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