

City/County Monthly Update: November 26, 2019

11:00 a.m. – BCC Conference Room

Commissioners Lily N. Morgan, Darin J. Fowler and Daniel E. DeYoung; Trish Paredes, Recorder

Chair Lily N. Morgan called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m.

Additional Attendees: Tyler Flaming, City Council President; Aaron Cubic, Grants Pass City Manager and Roy Lindsay, Grants Pass City Mayor

Commissioner Morgan addressed the River Road Reserve property letter of support the Board of Commissioners signed to encourage the City to retain the property and the status of the information the Board had at the time they signed that letter. The City and the Board discussed the premature nature of the letter before they knew both sides of the story. Commissioner Morgan also discussed the third slip lane option as another area that City and County are not communicating on regarding Oregon Department of Transportation's (ODOT) project. Commissioner DeYoung explained a solution to the bulb-out option that ODOT introduced. Mr. Cubic stated that ODOT's design hinges upon a future fourth bridge but the City of Grants Pass does not have the funds for a fourth bridge so a redesign is mandatory. Mr. Cubic brought up the issue of Feral Cats and would like to see a program for Trap, Neuter, and Release as it is one of the only solutions that is effective. The City and the Board discussed many dynamics that play into the feral cat/community cat's problem and the different ideas that could be implemented and how that solution will be funded and which government entity has the authority to implement plans and how those coincide with following law and code. Commissioner Morgan would like to see a language change in City Code with respects to a maximum number of cats an owner can maintain, so that the County can enforce this code. Mr. Cubic disagrees that this language change will be effective. The Board and the City discussed a trade with County owned properties adjacent to Dollar Mountain and City properties. The Board would need to consult with all departments and interests involved in those properties for feedback and recommendations before moving forward in any direction. The City would like formal support for developing trail systems on the Dollar Mountain property, the Board needs more time to formulate a response to this request.

The meeting adjourned at 12:02 p.m.