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## 'Stand Up' meeting attendees urged to 'observe and report'

Volunteers sought for neighborhood organizations, but police caution against confrontation

BY JON STINNETT  
*The Cottage Grove Sentinel*

Community members filled the Council Chambers at City Hall on Tuesday evening, March 8 to discuss the property and other crimes they say they're witnessing in their neighborhoods and to see what may be done to deter criminal behavior.

City Councillor Amy Slay said she organized the "Stand Up for Cottage Grove" meeting in response to comments on Facebook related to such crimes. Slay

said she was beyond pleased by the turnout at the meeting, which she presided over along with Interim Police Chief Scott Shepherd. Slay also passed out flyers calling on those in attendance to volunteer to act as liaisons between local neighborhoods and law enforcement. First, though, came an impassioned speech about the state of this small town.

"Take a look around," Slay said. "You'll see people who care about each one of your properties. You don't have to go far to see how many of us care about



photo by Jon Stinnett

Interim Chief Scott Shepherd and Councillor Amy Slay offered a program of neighborhood involvement to act as liaisons between citizens and police at a meeting held at City Hall on March 8.

Cottage Grove. But what are we doing? We're caring, and we're upset, but we have to take action to eliminate this element that's suddenly more prevalent."

Slay said she was tired of seeing nega-

tive comments on Facebook about crime, particularly when those comments came

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## Sixth at State!

After a thrilling victory over Baker in the first round of the playoffs, Cottage Grove earned itself a spot in the OSAA 2016 U.S. Bank and Les Schwab Tires 4A Boys' Basketball State Tournament. The Lions fell to an extremely tall Gladstone squad in the quarterfinals but bounced back against Henley, routing the Hornets 68-41 in the first consolation match. The win sent them to the fourth-place game against Astoria. The Lions let a small lead slip away in the fourth quarter, and Cottage Grove lost 55-46. The Lions finished sixth in the state and finished an impressive 20-8 season with pride. More coverage of the tournament can be found on 1B.



photo by Sam Wright

## City Council tries to prioritize

Fiber optics expansion, road repairs and other items chosen from a long list of the City's needs

BY JON STINNETT  
*The Cottage Grove Sentinel*

Fixing Cottage Grove's dilapidated streets, funding more police patrols, upgrading the City's fiber optics network, addressing the condition of houses with no apparent owners — the City Council chose these among an extensive to-do list of sorts during a worksession Monday night scheduled to help outline the goals and priorities for itself and for city staff this year and beyond.

City Manager Richard Meyers spent about half of the hour-long worksession detailing the 20-plus projects on the list, stating that he and the rest of city staff needed to narrow the focus of their efforts and the Council's deliberations in 2016 and into the future.

"The purpose of this meeting is not to go into a lot of depth, because many of these are quite extensive, and some are time sensitive," Meyers said. "What we want to know is, which ones are the priority?"

Meyers put forth the notion of forming urban renewal districts, which essentially freeze tax rates for a specified area, then allow the City to borrow on the increase in value in the district to fund specified projects. Such mechanisms could be used to tackle items not likely to be funded through other means, Meyers said, such as the Main Street Refinement Plan, a comprehensive plan to revamp downtown Cottage Grove.

"The plan is going to sit on the shelf unless we can find a way to finance it," he said. "We may get piddly grants for the Refinement Plan, but we're not going to get any major grants."

Urban renewal districts could also fund problems such as that Meyers announced regarding the Main Street bridge over the Coast Fork of the Willamette River, which he said "could collapse any day." Part of the riverbank near the bridge is eroding, he said, and the item was in fact removed from the list, as it would likely need to be addressed immediately anyway.

In addition, Meyers said the parking lots downtown are "atrocious," as they haven't been paved since the 1950s, and there is no clear method for funding their upkeep. Ways to fund the extensive renovations necessary at the Cottage Grove Armory are also not clear beyond the expectation of grant awards. Many of the City's arterial roads are in terrible shape, to say nothing of its residential streets and sidewalks, Meyers added.

Also available for discussion was the possibility of putting a three percent tax on recreational marijuana

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## School District details Harrison bond's 'other costs'

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On Tuesday, May 17, Voters in South Lane County will weigh the merits of a \$35,590,000 bond measure to replace Harrison Elementary School in Cottage Grove and make safety, technology and other upgrades throughout the District.

Included among the list of the proposed projects to be funded by the prospective bond — which include camera and fire security installations, deferred maintenance to roofs and other structures and a renovation of the Warren H. Daugherty Aquatic Center — has been a line item labeled "other costs," which the District has described to include furnishings for the new Harrison building, building and permit fees, surveying and project development

costs. Recently, South Lane School District Superintendent Krista Parent provided paperwork to the Sentinel that more closely details the \$6,173,285 in anticipated costs. Parent said many of those costs could have been included in the price tag to build a new Harrison but were instead listed separately. They include:

Furniture, fixtures and equipment, \$946,055: Includes desks, chairs, whiteboards, projectors, document cameras, computers, etc.

Architecture and engineering services, \$1,371,779: Includes architectural, structural, plumbing, mechanical, heating and ventilation and electrical services.

Specialty consultants, \$331,119: Landscaping, civil, interior design,

kitchen consultant, acoustical consultant, cost estimating, security and technology.

Site and soil surveys, \$236,514: Geotechnical, site and field surveying.

Project management services, \$425,724: Staff dedicated to managing the project and coordination between owner and contractor.

Environmental/hazmat services, \$141,908: Testing, surveys, abatement, disposal, third-party inspections.

Permitting and approvals, \$141,908: Plan review and building permits.

Phasing costs, \$94,605: Temporary facilities, moving and reloca-

tion and builder's risk insurance.

Reimbursable expenses, \$141,908: Printing, mileage, overnight costs.

Construction contingency, \$1,135,266: Issues during the building of the project.

Project contingency, \$567,633: Issues related to soft costs and fees for the project, e.g. An unanticipated cost for sewer or traffic.

Administrative costs, \$141,911: Financing, bond sales, title and escrow, legal fees, advertisements.

Other development costs: Early learning center, \$322,123; Kennedy School relocation, \$82,400; Harrison School reuse, \$92,422.

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