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2007 COMPREHENSIVE GROWTH PLAN

By Bridget Schwarz, Executive Director

No one on our board wanted to write this column. We're burned out. Angry. Disappointed.

With good reason! The public process that led to the September 2004 comprehensive growth management plan addressed the concerns of ordinary citizens. It was adopted 2:1 (Pridemore and Stanton vs Morris).

Of the 14 appeals filed over the 2004 plan, the new Board of County Commissioners only fought the 2 filed by the citizens. They made a deal with developers who then withdrew their 12 appeals.

In January 2005 the new Board began to "tweak" the new plan. First, they added about 70,000 new residents to our planned population growth.

That rendered all the time and effort spent by citizens and county staff to create the 2004 growth plan a total waste of time. The whole growth management plan update process started over again in 2005.

We firmly believe that the final outcome of the new 2007 growth plan was determined in advance by the board and developers. Citizens were ignored.

Several of our board members have written about their participation in the plan update process for this newsletter. (And our FEIS testimony is on our web site.)

We'll continue to fight for our community's quality of life. But we are fighting 3 county commissioners that minimized the public process, ignored citizen input, violated county code and cater to developers. Our job just got a lot tougher.

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Friends of Clark County is a nonprofit, membership-based organization creating, educating and empowering advocates for Smart Growth.

Our mission is to conserve and protect Southwest Washington's quality of life.

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STICK WITH THE 2004 GROWTH PLAN

By Bridget Schwarz, FoCC Executive Director
April Putney, Futurewise Field Organizer

On April 19, 2007 The Columbian reported on the County's own survey of its citizens. With good reason, we ranked growth and sprawl as our number one concern.

Of course growth is necessary – but done wrong we get sprawl, which hurts both our community and our wallets. Our quality of life plummets and we pay for our own misery through skyrocketing infrastructure costs.

That doesn't sound like smart growth to us.

The planning assumption for the population growth rate drives the long range planning process. Our current plan (adopted in September of 2004) assumes an annual growth rate of 1.69%.

Based on the assumptions of the density of jobs and houses in the growth plan 9,000 acres were added to the county's Urban Growth Area (UGA).

However, recognizing that we could not afford the capital facilities cost of that plan, much of the land brought into the UGA was designated Urban Holding (UH). UH lands can not be developed until an urban level of service (roads, water, sewer, etc.) is available.

Thus there is no inherent cost to an UH designation.

Recently the Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) lifted the UH designation on 1900 acres near Prairie High School. In exchange, developers agreed to numerous financial concessions that would cover some of the cost of necessary infrastructure. Developers warned that the planting of increased costs would grow negative impacts.

But Clark County processed 1,451 home applications in the first 105 minutes the area was open for development. That proves that forcing the development community to pay for necessary infrastructure has no apparent adverse impact on the desirability of developing the property.

The BoCC's new 2007 Preferred Alternative assumes an aggressive 2% growth rate. The annual growth rate in the 4-county area is only 1.47% so we'll absorb way more than our fair share of residential housing.

The Board will bring another 12,000 acres inside our UGAs. The catch is that the Board fails to identify any revenue stream to pay for public services to those new areas after the first 6 years.

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STICK WITH THE 2004 GROWTH PLAN

The county's handout for the Preferred Alternative implies that some unknown "Voter-approved measures could be necessary to pay for many of the facilities needed to support the Preferred Alternative."

To be clear, if the 2007 plan is approved:

- 22 elementary, 8 middle, 3 high schools (plus 4 expanded high schools) and 84 portable classrooms will be needed at a cost of \$815 million;
- A \$260 million shortfall in the county road budget will result in a failing level of service on local freeways and most transportation corridors;
- A new 700 bed jail is needed at a cost of \$90-100 million;
- County fire districts need \$29 million. Sewers \$112 million. Water \$105 million.

Remember that these costs are only for the first 6 years of a 20 year plan. And, operations and maintenance costs are *not* included in these figures.

The current Clark County comprehensive growth management plan was adopted in September 2004. To adopt another new plan so soon, county code must be revised.

First, county code requires a comprehensive plan update "not less than every five years". This restriction will be removed.

Next, county code includes a trigger for expansion of the UGA based on the buildable land inventory. Available residential and commercial land must first be depleted by 75%. That trigger will be removed.

Without these two provisions, the UGA can be expanded every year no matter how much land is available and despite how much time and money it costs the County or its taxpayers.

Under the Preferred Alternative the emphasis on jobs, jobs, jobs is gone, gone, gone. The Preferred Alternative is short 5,419 jobs.

The new 2007 growth plan is not the Preferred Alternative of the citizens but it is the preferred alternative for a few who will gain financially while the rest of us suffer.

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: The Columbian editorial board printed this Local :
: View opinion column on July 11, 2007. Their stance is :
: the same as ours—stick with the 2004 plan. :
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ANNUAL MEMBER MEETING

Ready for the summer's best barbecue??

Outside of guaranteeing great weather, that's a claim we can live up to! That's because FoCC member Marge Meyer has again offered us their private park for an old-fashioned family picnic.

(There's a huge rain shelter if Mother Nature does not cooperate.)

You can play softball, volleyball, horse shoes, or wade in the slough. *(I've got first dibs on the hammock! The Editor)*

We'll briefly bring you up to speed on what we've been doing, what we plan to do, and how you can get involved.

Then we'll serve all the picnic classics. BBQ experts are ready to grill hamburgers and hot dogs that you can dress up with all the fixings. Help yourself to picnic salads and snacks.

Bring your own beverage only if lemonade, bottled water, or a root beer float won't quench your thirst.

With close parental supervision, well behaved kids and pets are of course welcome.

For now, mark your calendars for **Saturday, September 15** for this fun event. Invitations and directions will be in the mail in late August.

HERE WE GROW AGAIN

By Dave McDonald
FoCC Advisory Board

As one wise person once said, "it is deja vu all over again". In August, the current BOCC will reject the comprehensive growth management plan adopted in 2004 and approve a new one.

As I watched the recent planning process that our Planning Commission and Board of County Commissioners undertook, all I could think was, "we just did that".

Our citizens and elected officials went through a long and PUBLIC planning process in 2003-2004 that resulted in a growth management plan approved by our county commissioners.

Many people, including myself, spent hundreds of hours working on issues related to what percentage of growth the county should plan for and the complexities of using a vacant buildable lands model to assess the growth.

As part of the work groups, we citizens joined with county staff to understand the complicated calculus and used it to set boundaries for our urban areas.

Most importantly, the citizens of this county relied upon that approved plan in determining where they wanted to live, how they wanted to spend their time, energy and money and how much their efforts really matter to the decision-makers

Then, all the work was simply tossed aside because of a change in the Board membership.

The current Board's rejection of that plan, and rejections of the recommendations from the current Planning Commission, tells all of the people who participated in the first revision planning process that their efforts were a waste of time.

How can this Board say, on the one hand, that they want public participation and, on the other, reject the citizens' collaborative efforts that had previously been enacted?

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The first planning process was done collaboratively with individual citizens and representatives of the development community. The end result was, as usual, built on compromises.

Now, all that work has been tossed.

To me it says to myself, and the other citizens who worked so hard, "thanks for all your help and sacrifice but we don't like it and we are doing something else now".

With that kind of response from the BOCC, why would any citizen want to give up time with family, friends, children or work to be a part of the process?

Let's be honest. The annual growth rate in the 4-county area is only 1.47% while, under the Preferred Alternative, our BOCC wants our county to absorb way more than our fair share of residential housing (2%).

There was no reason to toss the plan previously approved by our BOCC simply because of a change in the Board.

So, while our county absorbs so much residential without any real tax base to absorb the cost of growth, our community's quality of life plummets.

We common citizens pay for our own misery while a handful of people whose land is upzoned, or who are fortunate enough to develop that land, make a profit.

Does that seem fair?

The new 2007 growth plan is not the Preferred Alternative of the citizens.

But it is the preferred alternative for a few who will gain financially while the rest of the citizens suffer.

The rejection of the plan previously approved by the prior BOCC tells everyone who was part of the original process approved by a majority of the elected board "thanks but you wasted your time, sorry too bad".

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Saturday, September 15
Friends of Clark County
Annual member picnic / meeting
Details in sidebar on page 4

Wednesday, August 1
Port of Vancouver
Picnic and Bus Tour
Details in sidebar on page 11

Tuesday, August 14
2007 Comp Growth Plan
Board of County Commissioners
Deliberations / adoption
Details in sidebar on page 6

Tuesday, August 21
V O T E !
Mail only primary election
Now one month earlier

Monday August 27
Environmental Roundtable
Details in column on page 11

Saturday, September 8
Peace & Justice Fair
Details at
vancouverpeaceandjusticefair.org

Sunday, September 9
Annual John Muir picnic
Details in sidebar on page 11

PLAN TIMELINE

The Board of Clark County Commissioners will hold a work session to hear a progress report from staff on efforts to prepare for final, formal action on proposed changes to the Comprehensive Growth Management Plan.

The work session will be open to the public:

Tuesday August 6 at 2 pm
6th floor Public Service Center
1300 Franklin Street

The public record is now closed, except in cases where the commissioners have requested specific information from specific people and organizations.

The primary purpose of the work session is to prepare for deliberations on Tuesday August 14, when the Board will consider proposals for:

- Changes to urban growth boundaries
- Zoning in newly designated urban areas
- Written planning policies
- Development regulations included in Title 40 of the Clark County Code.

The proposals are the result of public meetings and hearings that began in 2005 and continued through July 5, 2007, when the Board closed public testimony.

The Board's most recent discussions are illustrated in the "BOCC Tentative Land Use Map – July 5, 2007". The map is available on the county Web site

For more information, visit the county Web site at www.clark.wa.gov/longrangeplan/review/ or call (360) 397-2280,

FAIT ACCOMPLI: THE PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE

by Ron Barca
FoCC Advisory Board

For proponents of sustainable growth, the grieving is as pronounced this time as was the celebrating in 2004 when the Clark County Commissioners tightened the growth boundaries.

For in 2007 the Clark County Commissioners have thrown open the gates to large tracts of land for residential development under the guise of economic development and a very high jobs to housing ratio.

However, this pyramid scheme has its roots in the basic fact that today's infrastructure is being paid for by tomorrow's development.

Much of what is needed in the next six years for infrastructure improvements was required under the 2004 plan. That is because we are already that far behind the curve in being able to afford the growth rate in the county.

But it is in what happens after six years that we will see the true impacts.

A leveling off of the growth rush would be expected under the old plan. Instead you will see a continued onslaught without a breather. The tractors will be rolling non-stop for the next ten years. All municipalities will be expanding at alarming rates as a result of the 2007 plan.

When a plan is labeled the "Preferred Alternative" by the Clark County Board of Commissioners, can anyone be surprised when it is adopted virtually intact? Even though:

- Thousands of acres of Agricultural designated land was consumed in the plan.
- The Clark County Planning Commission voted 4 to 1 to not recommend an annual amendment of the Comprehensive plan.

But the Board of County Commissioner (BOCC) never wavered in their commitment to give the development community a huge windfall.

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The significance in the Ag land being consumed is that the County directed its efforts to justifying the consumption of this land for "higher and better" uses. At the same time they were building a case that the long term commercial significance of the land was no longer present.

We always thought that when we subsidized "Current Use taxation" policies, we were supporting commercially significant FARM land with our tax dollars. Little did we know that we were just paying land owners to hold out for a better offer.

This is money out of *our* pocket and a policy that was undermined by a consultant study *we* paid for.

The study was bogus in the scope and boundaries from the onset. The County Long Range Planning Department was directed to orchestrate the scope and depth of the discussion on the Ag. Land. *(For more detail on this, read Val Alexander's testimony in our comments on the Final EIS on our website. Ed)*

Only traditional agricultural crops and practices were given weight and significance on land zoned for Ag. today. The record is devoid of any efforts by the County to mitigate their choices to consume farm land.

The land was identified in the "Preferred Alternative" and that was that.

Next, consider this - the Board of County Commissioner had to change a law to allow them to modify the Comprehensive Plan on an annual basis in place of the five year rule that was in place.

That goes to show the determination that this BOCC has towards getting this additional inventory of land in place for rapid development.

Yes, there will be some job creation taking place. There always has been. Will it be the new high jobs to housing ratio as promised? I don't think so, but the larger question is, if not, will the BOCC cap the housing starts?

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RON RECOMMENDS

What are we to do?

At this point in time:

1) Encourage the City of Vancouver not to give in to the Clark County land development scheme.

It will heap land and debt on to the City of Vancouver that is not in their own plan or requested by them.

2) Give money to Future Wise and encourage them to appeal the Comp. plan changes on our behalf.

3) Tell the BOCC what a terrible waste of time and money the update was.

Tell them in letters to the editor each time you notice the quality of life degrade.

4) Oppose ALL tax increases, as these subsidize development.

The BOCC will come after you for special taxing districts, so that they can afford to build what the law says they should have already budgeted for.

Video of the joint Planning Commission BoCC public hearings, PC deliberations, and BoCC deliberations are available free of charge from CVTV. Just drop off blank media at their office. Any questions call 360.696.8235.

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The Economics of Happiness
(Building Genuine Wealth)

Author and economist Mark Anielski was a speaker at the recent Sustainability Conference. He described a future where affluence is based on more happiness and less stuff.

His book was inspired by this quote:

"Too much and too long, we seem to have surrendered personal excellence and community values in the mere accumulation of material things.

Our Gross National Product (GNP) - if we should judge America by that - counts air pollution and cigarette advertising, and ambulances to clear our highways of carnage. It counts special locks for our doors and the jails for the people who break them.

It counts the destruction of the redwood and the loss of our natural wonders in chaotic sprawl. It counts napalm and nuclear warheads and armored cars for the police to fight the riots in our cities...

Yet the GNP does not allow for the health of our children, the quality of their education or the joy of their play. It does not include the beauty of our poetry or the strength of our marriages, the intelligence of our public debate or the integrity of our public officials.

It measure neither our wit nor our courage, neither our wisdom nor our learning, neither our compassion nor our devotion to our country. It measures everything, in short, except that which makes life worthwhile."

Robert F Kennedy, March 18, 1968

* OK, that's a good book spelled backwards.

SEPA APPEAL of the GROWTH PLAN FINAL EIS

By April Putney
Futurewise Field Director

Deciding where and how we grow is one of the most important decisions our County Commissioners will make while in office. Before making that choice, the County is required to lay out a series of options for the public to evaluate.

Unfortunately, the County is ignoring the choice that is least expensive and best for our community: sticking to the 2004 plan.

Futurewise is filing a preliminary appeal because the County has not met the requirements for public analysis by failing to give us all of the options to consider.

The State Environment Policy Act (SEPA) requires a comparison of choices when a county considers changing its comprehensive plan. Through the alternatives offered by the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), each alternative must be compared to doing nothing or a "no-action alternative."

That makes sense, right? If you're considering buying a new house, you are thinking about the costs and benefits of new homes compared to staying in your existing place.

Rightfully the state asks that the county compare any proposed comprehensive plan changes to our existing (2004) plan. After reviewing this analysis, we are then asked to decide which is the best option.

Unfortunately, the County has failed to meet the SEPA requirement of providing a "no-action alternative." Instead the Final EIS offers two changes to our existing plan.

The County has inappropriately named Option One the "no-action alternative,". It actually adds 66,000 people to our existing population target. Option Two (the Preferred Alternative) does that and adds 12,000 acres to our urban growth areas.

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SEPA APPEAL

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We're not given the choice to keep our existing plan and its appropriate population target.

Let's go back to house buying example: your choice has now become either to buy a new house or build an addition to your current house. You don't get the choice of living in your existing house as is (no-action alternative).

This has huge consequences.

We spent three million dollars and several years coming up with the 2004 plan. That plan lays out a reasonable plan for growth in our community.

What's more, by comparing the costs of the Preferred Alternative to the No Action alternative, the County underestimates the overall impacts of both options.

For instance, we can see that the budget shortfall for the Preferred Alternative is roughly equal to the No Action alternative for the transportation costs (~\$164 million). Upon a quick glance that makes the Preferred Alternative seem like an equally viable option.

But if these two options were compared to keeping our 2004 plan, the cost would be significantly higher.

We have the choice of making taxpayers come up with \$164 million to upgrade our roads. Or not - by choosing to keep our existing plan.

We believe when all of the choices are laid out, the cost benefit analysis will be clear: keeping the 2004 plan is the best choice for our community.

April Putney is the field organizer for Futurewise (formerly 1,000 friends of Washington).

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: The City of Vancouver and Clark County Natural :
: Resources Council have both filed appeals on the :
: same SEPA matter. Other issues now on appeal :
: include the need to study the impacts resulting from :
: creation of the 3 Creeks sub-area and the need to :
: provide a Capital Facilities Plan for 10 years, not just 6. :
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Of the 7 Wonders of the Ancient World, only the Pyramids of Egypt still exist.

On 07/07/07 the results of voting for the 7 Wonders of the Modern World were announced.

Over 80 million votes were cast via e-mail, phone and SMS.

See the 7 winners, and the other 14 finalists, at:

www.new7wonders.com

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The county 20 year comprehensive growth plan maps are online at

<http://www.clark.wa.gov/longrangeplan/review/index.html>

Area specific maps are also online.

** a web-site we recommend*

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Our Earth Week events ended on a high note with a speech by Mary Wood, U of O professor of law.

Mary urged us to change our perspective on our use of the earth's resources to that of a trustee for future generations.

Read her speech (Nature's Trust) online at:

www.law.uoregon.edu/faculty/mwood/docs/bioneers.pdf

** a web-site we recommend*

TRANSFER of DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS

King County has successfully preserved 91,500 acres with their plan, more than any other program across the nation.

Several other Washington counties have adopted or will be adopting TDR programs. Here's how some programs work:

- A land owner who does not want to have his land developed could sell the development rights to his land. This landowner's property will be designated as a sending site.
- A developer that wants to build more houses on land than allowed by current zoning would buy the development rights. The developer's land would be a receiving site.

In order to build more houses on property than is normally allowed, the developer would pay either the sending site's owner a certain amount, or pay into a bank that the county could establish with public funds.

The first land owner's property will be preserved as farm land and that owner will be compensated for not developing, perhaps \$10,000-\$24,000. He will still be able to continue with farming.

His property must meet certain criteria as farm or forest land, such as providing habitat for threatened or endangered species, and may have minimum lot sizes.

A TOOL FOR PRESERVING FARMLANDS

By Val Alexander
FoCC Board

Clark County Commissioners have been working on a new long range comprehensive plan that will bring about 12,000 more acres into the urban growth boundary.

The new urban growth area will include 3000+ acres of farm and resource lands.

Once these lands are designated for development they will be lost forever as sources of local food production. That forces our community to buy their produce from more distant areas, incurring expensive transportation costs and limiting the freshness and quality of the food items.

This Board's action will be taken even though the former board of commissioners had approved a plan in 2004 that was much more affordable and took in much less resource lands.

The current board yielded to pressure from the building industries to allow more sprawl.

Many landowners feel pressure to sell their lands for development due to increasing property taxes and limitations to agricultural activity.

One way to relieve some of this pressure is called "Transfer of Development Rights" (TDR). Two of the commissioners have expressed interest in adopting a TDR program in Clark County.

This is a tool that can help take the pressure off of landowners that are struggling to continue farming in an increasingly urbanized area.

But it is just that - a tool. The best way to preserve rural resource lands is not to include them in an urban growth boundary in the first place.

It is our hope that as our commissioners make their final decisions later this summer, they will agree to protect far more farms than their "Preferred Alternative" does.

ENVIRONMENTAL ROUNDTABLE

by Heather Melton

Monday, August 27th – 6:00pm – 8:00pm
Salmon Creek Burgerville Sunroom
13309 NW HWY 99

How we can become a stronger, more efficient environmental community? Join the discussion!

Who:

- Any organization with an environmentally related mission
- Any people looking for groups to get involved with
- NOT those just looking to find others' volunteers

Why:

- To create synergy, strength in numbers and a better Clark County
- To make each of us stronger and more efficient
- To provide networking and cooperation opportunities
- To develop social, political, and other capital necessary for a stronger community
- To enhance our existing base of knowledge and skills
- To help end turf wars and duplication of efforts
- NOT to create another set of meetings for busy people to attend
- NOT to create a new bureaucracy for people to navigate

What / When:

- Informal quarterly meetings where groups can share ideas, problems, issues, current events, and resources; and possibly produce shared products and events

How:

- Each organization will invite members to the meetings
- Allow opportunities for sharing to happen organically
- Do not allow this to only be a "takers only" group in which people only come to solicit help on current projects, but do not provide anything to the group

Please RSVP and direct questions/suggestions to Heather_Melton@yahoo.com or (360) 521-6255.

ANNUAL JOHN MUIR ENVIRONMENTAL PICNIC

SEPTEMBER 9, 12 TO 5:00 PM

Join us at LEWISVILLE PARK near BATTLE GROUND at the OAK SHELTER

Visit with friends, enjoy live music, great food, awards, informational displays & a few political speeches.

Bring a dessert or salad/side dish to share and \$2.00 for parking.

This picnic is an annual event that has gone on for many years. It is a great time to get together with friends, visit and share ideas.

Questions?: Contact Linda Wolfe at savewolf@comcast.net or 360-546-2015

PORT OF VANCOUVER PICNIC & BUS TOUR

We are invited to a picnic dinner and tour of the Port's wetland mitigation bank (147 acres of wetlands to be rehabilitated).

Local environmental groups are asked to attend this forum to share information on their environmental programs and priorities.

August 1st, 5:30 to 7:30
Administration Building
3103 NW Lower River Road

Any questions: Contact Linda Wolfe at savewolf@comcast.net or (360) 546-2015.

STREAM STEWARDS

Do you want to learn more about the environment? Do you want to be involved in your community?

Stream Stewards is a learn-serve program through Clark Public Utilities. It is a free 8-week course for Clark County residents who are committed to putting knowledge into action within the Salmon Creek and East Fork of the Lewis River Watersheds.

The Stream Stewards program is a professional-level workshop series that provides lecture and hands-on experience with local hydrology, geology, botany, wildlife, water quality monitoring and restoration.

Stewards "repay" their tuition by volunteering 45 hours with the StreamTeam or one of our partners.

All workshops occur on Saturdays, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the fall. There is a \$10 fee to cover administrative costs. For more information contact (360) 992-8585 or StreamTeam@clarkpud.com.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your consideration,

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Did I mention that the BOCC already stated that they will lower the level of service on the roads that Clark County has jurisdiction on? What does that mean?

Every road will be allowed to degrade in average speed and wait time during peak hour conditions. Why? This will save Clark County from having to pay for road improvements. Why? Because we couldn't afford the bill in 2004 and it just went up.

This is not a conservative plan. I could go into details about specific cities and each of their excessive requests and how it was all granted.

But suffice it to say that huge amounts of retail shopping and residential development are headed your way. Every component of the infrastructure will suffer.

The Commissioners don't know how to live within our means.

The BOCC feels like we have not paid our fair share of the infrastructure that we enjoy today. They will tell you it is only right and proper for us to share the burden of expansion.

We must reject that notion vigorously. We need so much additional infrastructure today, such as a large jail expansion and many road improvements, how could we possibly pay for a growth increase?

I have seen maps that show one urban area from the Columbia River to the East Fork of the Lewis and into the Hockinson hills.

It does not have to be that way, but what will stop it?

We must stop it. Advocate for a 50 year plan and a true vision from our leadership that gives direction and hope. Or, let us know that there is no more hope and it is truly a "fait accompli".

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: *Thanks Ron !* Ron is a past President of Friends of :
: Clark County, a member of our advisory board, and :
: a member of the Clark County Planning Commission. :
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Meet Donna Roberge

By Bridget Schwarz

We are pleased that Donna Roberge has agreed to join the Friends of Clark County board. She brings us enormous talent, energy, and experience!

Her educational background includes a BA from Miami University, an MA from Bowling Green State University, and a Doctoral Fellowship from the U of O.

Donna's work history includes Clark College Professor Emeritus Sociology/Criminal Justice Chair. At the University of Dayton she was an instructor in Sociology.

At Western Security Bank Donna was the VP of Human Resources and the EEO training officer. In Lane County she was the Comprehensive Employment and Training Manager.

Her community service activities are just as impressive.

Donna has filled 2 elective positions (Lake Oswego City Councilor and Camas-Washougal Port Commissioner).

Donna established the YWCA Donna Roberge Young Woman of Achievement Award and an annual WSU-V Gerontology Scholarship Award. She mentors kids for the I Have A Dream Foundation. She supports the Columbia Land Trust, Friends of the Columbia Gorge and FoCC financially.

She serves on the Vancouver Symphony Board, and is a member of the Cascade Society of the SW Washington Medical Foundation.

Donna is on the SW Washington Humane Society Board, is a legacy member of Guide Dogs for the Blind, and established a fund for the Columbia River Mental Health Therapy Dogs.

How does Donna find the time for her personal hobbies? She enjoys golf, duplicate bridge, photography and walks in the Columbia Gorge. She enjoys international travel and has taken 2 sabbatical journeys to Chili, Lithuania and Egypt.

WOW! Donna, we welcome you to our Board!

JOIN GIVELINE

As with most communities, the local retail market for books, movies, music, video games, electronics and a lot of home & garden and gift items is dominated by absentee owner national retailers.

Giveline is an online discount store created for the community-minded shopper and it's the next best thing to locally owned businesses.

That's because every purchase you make from Giveline.com generates a donation to FoCC.

Throughout your transaction, Giveline's "open book" policy shows you exactly how much FoCC will receive from your purchases.

Depending on the product mark-up, that is from 7 to 33 percent of your purchase price (the average is 16%).

And you are able to choose the Donate Discount option to give us the difference between the Giveline discounted price and full retail.

Having FoCC listed on Giveline does not cost us anything; they simply send us checks as donations are made.

START SHOPPING NOW!

Go ahead and make a purchase on behalf of Friends of Clark County!

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