

Considerations of a C4 Restructure

For 11.4.10 meeting

The Clackamas County Coordinating Committee (C4) was created out of a desire to increase coordination, collaboration and communication between the County and its local government partners within the County. It has since been expanded to include representatives from special districts and citizen representatives from the County's hamlets, villages, and community planning organizations.

Increased attendance and participation over the past couple of years suggests that people recognize the value in regularly coming together to discuss issues and share ideas. However, this larger, more diverse membership has created challenges to developing agendas that satisfactorily address the needs and interests of all the constituencies that make up the Committee. Given the feedback and input provided at the 2010 annual retreat it may be time to collectively ask ourselves "What do we want to do with C4?"

In considering this question it is important to keep in mind that while C4 is the Clackamas County Coordinating Committee it is not "the County's" committee. C4 exists to be of benefit to its members. It is not advisory to the Board of County Commissioners. The County provides a venue and staff support.

As a beginning point of discussion, here are possible options:

- 1 – Do nothing. Leave things as they are but try to improve satisfaction under the current structure. Everyone accepts that disparate interests are at the table.
- 2 – Disband the Committee. Jurisdictions and groups coordinate ad hoc.
- 3 – Convene full meetings quarterly with one being a retreat/summit. In interim months subgroups (caucuses or subcommittees) meet to explore and discuss self-identified issues and areas of interest. At full meetings, subgroups coordinate and share with the larger group.
- 4 – Other options?

C4 can be restructured to better address everyone's needs. It is also ideal to have a consistent location, dedicated time, and County staff support to help the group function. However, we need to acknowledge that the County has limited staff resources.