

Agenda & Notes

Checkerboard Partnership

November 28, 2023 – 10:00 am to 11:15 pm

Hybrid: WebEx and Upper County Public Works

Session Objectives:

1. **MOU Update**
2. **Forest Legacy Update**
3. **Other Funding Updates**

Time	Agenda Item	Facilitator
10:00	Welcome! <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introductions & Welcome	Mitch
	MOU Update <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Summary of MOU• Role of CPPC moving forward	Darcy, Jane, Laura, Mitch
	Forest Legacy Update <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Current status and next steps	Darcy, Jane
	Other Funding Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none">• New pledges• Seeking small donors, Giving Tuesday• Upcoming legislative session	Mitch
11:15	Adjourn	

Notes (*action items italicized*)

- MOU Updates
 - o Memorandum of Understanding between agencies (DNR, DFW), County, TNC, and KCT was signed last week
 - o This document defines roles, responsibilities, and resource needs on the Cle Elum Ridge and represents strengthened relationships and trust between the entities as they work toward solutions moving forward
 - o CPPC's Role:
 - Community members in CPPC act as a sounding board for MOU signatories and help disseminate information in the community
 - CPPC as community support arm (tabling, talking to legislators and potential funders, rallying broader support for ridge acquisition...)
- Forest Legacy Updates
 - o Proposal for \$21 million to acquire all three phases of the ridge (\$15 million federal dollars, the rest through existing RCO grant, a second RCO grant, and community fundraising)
 - o Proposal has complete list of letters of support with County's conditional letter (conditional on MOU) and is getting final touches at DNR

- o DNR will forward letter to Forest Service Regional Office (6), then region sends it to DC office to be reviewed by National Panel
 - o Feeling pretty confident about our chances! *Can request a copy of proposal from Mitch/Jane once final touches are added*
- Other Fundraising Updates
 - o Today is Giving Tuesday: *Share the KCT Facebook post and direct folks to their donation page*
 - o Recent pledges: Two individual donors have pledged \$100,000 each! (\$200,000!!)
 - o Small donor support
 - We have over 100 small donors already
 - Small donations (\$5-20) help demonstrate community support in addition to helping raise funds
 - Still need \$20,000 for Phase I acquisition match, so every dollar counts
 - o Upcoming legislative session
 - Renew efforts for more budget funding for TCF
 - Thanks and support for RCO (last session saw historic funding level)
 - Support amending permitting legislation for DNR and recreational immunity so their process is clarified and makes for easier permitting/events
- No December Meeting
 - o *Check with County if we can reserve this room again for January 23rd meeting (10-12)*