

CVNA Minutes April 6, 2016

7:00-8:30 PM

Riverdale High School

Minutes are posted on Collins View Nextdoor and on collinsview.org

[related material that was not presented at the meeting is italicized in these Minutes]

Attendees: Officer Andrew Caspar, Anna Browne, Avi Solomon, Dave Johnston, Denny Barnes, Dixie Johnston, Elise DeLisser, Fran Laird, James Luse, Jim Diamond, John Miller, Maryellen Read, Maureen Diamond, Paula Robinson, Prakash Joshi, Jeremy Smith, Jason Holmgren.

Office Caspar: The program to pull up specific stuff is not reliable.

- Most of crime is at Lewis and Clark - vandalism, shoplifting.
- Crown Cleaners and the Salon were broken into. There was a mail theft off 5th
- No information on the screams and frantic dogs reported to 911 as coming from Brugger and Palatine on Friday night April 1, although responder sirens were heard a little after 10pm.
- There is an increase in people dumping construction debris on Boones Ferry
- Let Campus Security (Marilyn) know about unwarranted parking.

Riverdale High School, Paula Robinson: Students returned from the successful trip to India. Among the highlights were debating quantum physics with a Tibetan monk; building two bathrooms for the village, a day working in a Sikh temple kitchen in Delhi to feed 1000 people; and a three-day trek in the Himalayas (including taking shelter in a village hut during a torrential storm).

- The Collins View Evergreen Project first tree planting event on Saturday morning, April 2, included Riverdale and St Mark-P'Nai Or campuses. from urban forestry. Arborist Van Bogner, and Urban Forestry's arborists Nik Desai and Gina Dake coached volunteers and directed the planting of trees.
- *[Riverdale Tree #1 Dedicated in appreciation for Jill Hall who has been an integral community member and supporter of Riverdale Schools for 22 years.*
- *Riverdale Tree #2 Riverdale School District Foundation: Riverdale Foundation is instrumental in providing the resources that provide students from across our city the opportunity to benefit from an education in an uncommon public school.*
- *Riverdale Tree #3 Dedicated to the Riverdale School District, Lewis and Clark College and Collins View Neighborhood who are now engaged in a supportive and thriving relationship.]*
- Jim will write a formal thank you from the Neighborhood Association to Nico Fortino and Thor Retzlaf, Lewis and Clark students who helped so much.

- The school feels as if they have really come together with college prep. Next fall the focus will be on teaching students true empathy, coping skills and resiliencies. students are required to do 90-100 hours of public service before they graduate. Most do service as individual projects. Paula wants to encourage group discussions and group projects.
- Elise brought up a plan to involve youth to design and create a NET project. It is worth a conversation to bring up next fall.

Collins View Evergreen Tree Canopy: Denny Barnes' tree event on Saturday April 2 was a huge success. Thank Denny in particular for arranging it and getting the grant to fund it. It was really fun to have a totally positive event. In the fall we hope to plant 20 trees.

St. Mark Presbyterian Pastor Barbara Campbell wrote: *“The Western Red Cedars and Grand Fir that we planted on April 2 honor the special relationship of St. Mark Presbyterian and P'nai Or Jewish Renewal Fellowship. Our two faith communities have grown together over many years, ever since a class called "Roots and Branches" was held for both communities and led by Rabbi David Zaslow. We understand our shared history and faith story as one of roots and branches, each tradition providing roots at times and well as being branches which have grown close together. Today, both of our communities are struggling with decreased membership, as are most faith traditions in the US. Planting small trees that may easily out live all of us, reminds us that our faith calls us not to solve all the worlds problems but only to be willing to plant small acts of faith and kindness that will heal the nations, like the tree that will stand in the center of the New Kingdom when divine love and justice reign forever.”*]

Campus Institutional Zoning Plan last minute amendments if accepted mean Lewis and Clark can build a dorm or parking structure, or any other facility, right next to the high school on the Maplecrest properties. People need to make individual responses to the City Council. The Comp Plan is going to be different because there are hundreds of amendments submitted at the last minute.

- Prakash: Traffic is a concern. The traffic situation that was listed by the hearing officer before [2009, when the college plan to build a parking structure was defeated] has only gotten worse.
- The [#S16 “related testimony for and against..”] are the CVNA comments on the RVNA management. plan. It is an error. [The Lewis and Clark “related testimony” does not appear anywhere in the document]
- Dave had drafted a formal letter to the city. Jim will send this out to us again. Hearings officers decisions is on 47-48 . Anna Browne. made a list of bullet points put didn't get any response. Anna wrote a letter to all the Commissioners, the Mayor and the City Clerk. Jim will forward Anna's document to all again.
- Prakash. Our adjoining neighborhoods, Marshall park and Burlingame will write and perhaps show up.

Transportation, Prakash Joshi: City is working on potholes.

- The SWNI meeting about the changes made to the Comp Plan without consulting anyone. They were very concerned with language changes.
- Intersection at Ridge and 2nd has a new macadam berm to redirect storm water. We will see if it works.
- Petition from Lake Oswego's Skip Quimby to postpone sewer project for another year because streets and neighbors are unprepared to redirect their commutes. Informal consensus was not to advocate for postponement.

Land Use, Dave and Dixie Johnston:

- Palater wanted The setback adjustment for garage on Palater has been approved.
- There are tree removal issues on the Marcene Bloom property.
- Amendments [Amendment#S16 by Dan Saltzman] to the Comp Plan focus on the Maplecrest and lower Boones Ferry Road properties: This is a political rewriting of the codes. The comp Plan process has gone on for years. There was a parallel process to rewrite campus zoning designations. The Comp Plan has been before City Council for a while, making it all the way through without including these Maplecrest and Boones Ferry properties.
- If the properties are designated as “campus,” the college is free to do anything they want to.
- Livability is a big issue. Having a dorm next to your house reduces the value of your house.
- These proposed amendments were publicized at the very end of March. Hearings will be on April 14, maybe also April 20th. There are errors in the amendment publication. “Related Testimony” from Lewis and Clark is not anywhere in the document. CVNA “related Testimony” is about River View Natural Area, nothing to do with these properties or amendment.
- “Service considerations.: Terwilliger is projected to be over capacity...” No change
- Saltzman is standing alone on it. Neither the Bureau of Planning And Sustainability nor other commissioners or support this amendment
- Dave and Jim encourage participation at the April 14th and 20th hearings and write physical letters by April 14.

NET, Fran Laird: “Disaster Preparedness for Pets” on April 12, 7-8:30 PM at Capitol Hill School.”

SWNI, Fran Laird: SWNI Retreat on Monday April 11, 9-2 at Multnomah Arts Center.

- SWNI Board meeting, April 27; 7PM. All are invited.

- SWNI Spring Cleanup May 7; 9AM-1PM at Portland Christian Center, 9500 SW Dosch Rd.
- 120 People were at the Candidates Forum. Very revealing. Strange ideas come out of the candidates' mouths.

Parks, Fran Laird: BES Watershed open House. 4/27; 5:30-7:30 Multnomah Arts Center. Sharing project updates in SW Portland.

- Bird Walk April 2 at River View Natural Area was fantastic.
- Our concerns about the trend of commercialization of the parks.

RVNA/ORC-MP, John Miller: RCMP PAC meeting (3/30/16) - Mike Houck attended this meeting, expressing his concern about the makeup of the PAC (majority into mountain biking, few into other aspects, such as equity. Houck also warned against considering properties without checking the legal qualifications first. The PAC was treated to a long presentation from one of the principals of Hillride.com, an extreme mountain biking firm based in California. NONE of the facilities shown looked anything like one might expect on public land in Portland. When asked, the presenter said anything is possible, like a private company operating a concession on public land, and sharing the revenue..., and so on.

- RVNA - Parks announced a March 30th at Lewis & Clark College meeting for people interested in entering into a "Partnership Agreement" with Parks for the support of RVNA.
- The meeting was not well attended because the distribution of the announcement was sketchy. Announcements need to be made on the City's website.
- The partnership would essentially be a group open to anyone who wishes to participate. All work items would be defined by Parks in a renewable, two year agreement. Items would include Ivy Pulls and organizing a volunteer pool for other tasks as needed, such as a foot patrol. The Natural Area itself is just beginning to form, so some things may be done only once. For example: decommission trails in the interior, participate in planning parking, toilets, etc, help construct new the new perimeter trail, and perhaps down the road get involved with Powers Marine Park as an adjunct to RVNA.
- The new partnership group would maintain a list of members, keep a calendar, and meet from time to time, presumably. An organizational meeting date has yet to be set.
- Friends of RVNA will keep separate as a watchdog group.
- A demonstration organized by Tualatin Wildlife Alliance was scheduled for Friday April 8, at Noon at Metro. The purpose is to get Metro's attention regarding recreational uses of Natural Areas, without due diligence regarding wildlife values. [*Lots of bikers showed up*]

Jason Holmgren is the administrator of Lewis and Clark's CERT program.

- Lake Oswego will have an Emergency Training Fair with fire extinguishers, CPR on Thursday, April 21 4-8PM. [<https://www.ci.oswego.or.us/citymanager/emergency-preparedness-fair>].
- The college is having an active shooting exercise on May 11. *[it wasn't clear if CV neighbors were encouraged to attend]*
- **Cascading Arising: A Joint FEMA-OEM Catastrophic Earthquake and Tsunami Functional Exercise June 7-10, 2016:** Every regional agency will be participating. [<http://www.wastateares.org/cascadia-rising>].