

**CVNA Minutes Dec 7, 2016 7:00-8:30 PM Riverdale High School  
Minutes are posted on Collins View Nextdoor and on collinsview.org**

**Attendees:** Barbara Bachmeier, Brendan McGillicuddy, Avi Solomon, Charlotte Joshi, Dave Johnston, Dixie Johnston, Jim Diamond, Mark Duntley, Maryellen Read, Maureen Diamond, Paula Robinson, Prakash Joshi, Walter Lamberti.

**Lewis and Clark Report,** Mark Duntley: Everything is winding down for winter break until Jan.17 Law school and grad school start back the week before that.

**Riverdale High School,** Paula Robinson The students just finished finals and started their second trimester. Basketball is just starting. Parking issues, probably involving new families, are being addressed.

- Riverdale's Girl Up Club, an off-shoot of the United Nations, is a very active club and organizes a lot of activities geared toward empowerment of girls locally and around the world.
- Senior Gabe Abdellatif likes being a voice for change, especially when it comes to matters impacting students' engagement with their schools and community. After three years on Riverdale High School's Site Council (comprising students, parents, faculty and administration working together to lead and support school policy and programs), he was appointed to the Multnomah Youth Commission, where he works with youth and elected officials to improve the city and get the youth voice heard. He serves on the commission's Education and Youth Voice committee and is working on policy on decreasing rates of absenteeism in high schools. He acts as the go-between for the youth commission and city commissioner Amanda Fritz.
- Logan Bundy, a Riverdale junior, was named as a Delegate of the Congress of Future Science and Technology Leaders. The Congress is an honors-only program for high school students who are passionate about science, technology, engineering or mathematics that provides a path, plan and resources to help them reach their goals of becoming scientists and technologists. Logan was nominated by Dr. John C. Mather, winner of the Nobel Prize in Physics and Science to represent Oregon based on his academic achievement, leadership potential and passion for science and technology.

- All Riverdale juniors take Zoology in their winter term. The Zoology Phylum Project – comprehensive student presentations on different invertebrate phyla, classes and even a few orders of the animal kingdom.
- Heather Crow is the Marketing and Communications Coordinator for Riverdale School District. Contact her at (503-262-4846 | [hcrow@riverdale.k12.or.us](mailto:hcrow@riverdale.k12.or.us) ) to be put on Riverdale’s newsletter list.

**Chairman’s Report:** Jim Diamond put the following announcement re: “Auditor seeking input on Charter safeguards to protect audits, investigations” on Nextdoor: *[Auditor seeking input on Charter safeguards to protect audits, investigations. Please take advantage of two opportunities in December to discuss Charter amendments City Auditor Mary Hull Caballero believes are necessary to protect the Auditor’s ability to hold City government accountable through independent audits and investigations. Your views will help shape the final proposal from the Auditor that City Council will be consider in January. She is proposing changes to the City Charter. You can learn more about the proposed changes at two community meetings this month: Thursday, Dec. 15, 6-7:30 p.m., East Portland Community Center, 740 SE 106th Ave. and Friday, Dec. 16, Brown Bag from 12-1 p.m., City Hall, Lovejoy Room, 1221 SW 4th Ave. Auditor Hull Caballero will describe organizational structures that create conflicts of interest between her office and executive branch bureaus the Auditor must hold accountable. Other jurisdictions have structures designed to protect auditors and investigators from impediments or reprisal for simply doing their jobs. The Auditor believes Portland should adopt changes to ensure the Auditor’s Office is able to meet the public’s expectations for transparent and accountable government. ]*

- Environmental impact statement has to be adopted before action can be taken on the Transportation Plan. The pedestrian/bike crossing (from the neighborhoods across I-5 to the Transit station) has been penciled into the Plan so that is a plus. MaryAnn Fitzgerald, John Gibbons and others have been outstanding leaders in pressing for neighborhood voices to be heard.
- The SW Corridor Project construction was intended to begin about 2022. They are only looking at the draft version of the environmental impact statement now, which is subject

to extensive review at the Federal level. It is a long process. Construction depends upon the funding cycle, (50% federal funding) which is a federal issue.

*[Committee reports will appear italicized in the minutes if we run out of time to hear them at the meeting.]*

**Collins View Evergreen Tree Project:** Denny Barnes: *We still don't have all the trees. Most nurseries do not dig until after December 15th. We have a few Douglas Firs and Hemlocks from Bosky Dell and are waiting for the Western Red Cedars. If additional neighbors want to cultivate a 6 foot native conifer and raise a neighborhood giant, contact me at [dennybarnes@gmail.com](mailto:dennybarnes@gmail.com).*

**Public Safety,** Gene Lynard: Central Precinct Commander Chris Davis said there is an officer shortage in the Police Dept because of budget cuts and increased numbers retiring. Many officers are working overtime and fatigue is an issue.

- Sheriff Mike Reese said Multnomah County Sheriff's Office serves close to 700,000 residents and has 870 employees policing unincorporated areas (290 sq miles). It is also responsible for all jails and inmates in Multnomah County (maximum capacity is 1251 jail beds)
- In October there were 38 car prowls in SW Portland. It is important for victims of car prowls to press charges or the thief walks.
- The new computer mainframe recording crimes malfunctions.

**Land Use,** Dave and Dixie Johnston:

- Lowell Patten's land [*lots on Boones Ferry*] pre application expired and they are withdrawing the application.
- The Infill Zoning Project was approved and sent on for code drafting. Collins View lots are mostly zoned R10 and R7. This would allow all houses to be duplexes with additional accessory dwelling units [ADU]. The Cottage Clusters concept allows about 5 cottages on a R10 lot, and gives each one of those an ADU.

*[<https://www.portlandoregon.gov/bds/36676>.] Additional benefits are available if they*

make them low income housing. No provisions are made for parking. The City seems to think they can do all this within the Comprehensive Plan. This should be subject to land use actions. It will come back to City Council sometime next year.

- We should take an interest in this process if we care about the nature of the neighborhood.

Public input was Nov 9 and Nov 11. Mayor Hales talked at great length to those developing the idea, and shorted the rest of the attendees. Hales did not want increased density in his own East Moreland neighborhood. The advisory committee is overloaded with developers. The idea is to subsidize all of this with tax breaks. City Council seems to want this on a fast track schedule.

- City Council voted to go forward with the plan, which does not discuss Cottage Clusters. “Cottage Clusters” has the greatest impact for our neighborhood.
- *[Find the entire Proposal, and a 4 page summary at [www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/infill](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/infill) ]*
- We don't know where the new mayor Ted Wheeler stands on it.
- A missing component is transportation. Greater density creates more traffic. No transportation component is submitted to relieve the traffic issues of the increased density plan.

Jim: According to Metro staff, the population in SW Portland will increase 40% by 2030.

! Recommend if you want to raise your voice about the SW Corridor Plan, go to Metros webpage, [<http://www.oregonmetro.gov/public-projects/southwest-corridor-plan/>]

**Transportation:** Prakash Joshi: Terwilliger has closed but Collins View has not yet seen an increase in traffic.

- Boones Ferry culvert project will begin in 2018, after the Terwilliger project is finished. Boones Ferry will be closed.
- The pedestrian/bike bridge over I-5 to the Barbur Transportation Center, proposed by three neighborhoods (South Burlingame, Collins View and Markham) is being considered. There is a good chance it will pass. One of the proposals is to have a bus take people to the bridge.
- On Dec 12 city staff will give out more details on how exactly they will do this. They will release the final recommendation. \$100M for housing ALL of it is where the light rail is going to go. Tigard looks as if like they are opening up to this. If Tigard does not approve it the whole thing will go away.

- TriMet did not seem to have any solution to any neighborhood needs.
- By the end of January, PBOT will publish its priority of roadway repair projects.
- Some neighborhoods have put money together to fix their streets. We might be able to ask city for street projects along the same lines.
- Dixie : There are stormwater issues when putting asphalt over gravel roadways. Ask neighbors if they want to pave their street. Some neighbors want gravel roads because it keeps traffic away. There are a lot of privately maintained streets.
- Primrose St. is not maintained. It is a designated greenway, so bike and improvement projects will impact Primrose. But these are very long term. Nothing will be done meanwhile. A glimmer of hope is that a lot of bikes use Primrose. We have tried for years to get the city to improve the Terwilliger/Primrose Bus Station and install a crosswalk there. The City has money for bike anything. We will try using the bike angle to get Primrose improved.

- Southwest in Motion (SWIM) [<https://www.portlandoregon.gov/transportation/72017>]

*The primary goal of SWIM is to develop a near term (5-10 year) implementation strategy for active transportation projects in Southwest Portland. The strategy will significantly improve the efficiency of delivering small and large scale pedestrian and bicycle improvement projects by establishing project priorities as funding becomes available. Encouraging active travel means creating a seamless network of major walking and bicycle routes that by filling in key gaps and providing safe crossings opportunities.*

*NET, Bob Fischer: The Collins View NET team had an extensive test of the coverage it could expect with FRS/GMRS radios in Collins View on November 22. Eighteen active NET volunteers participated in this test. To the surprise of many, hand-held FRS/GMRS radios achieved wider coverage than was expected around our hilly neighborhood. Radio communication from our planned staging area at St. Mark church was excellent, covering almost all of the neighborhood. All but a few of our NET volunteers now have good quality FRS/GMRS radios and are achieving proficiency in their use.*

- *The NET leadership has also been working with Portland Prepares to develop a website for the Collins View team that will give broader visibility to our neighborhood's emergency planning efforts and to the work of our NET team.*

**Parks & Watershed**, Brendan McGillicuddy: Not much is going on.

**Al Ochoa**, Director of Retail Operations from Divine Kind,

[<https://www.leafly.com/dispensary-info/divine-kind>] has been in the industry for about a year.

Employing almost 80 people, they [Leafly] are the largest company in the state. Several facilities throughout Portland. The Terwilliger store, in operation since 2014, has 200 customers a day.

- The 3% tax measure passed.
- [[https://www.oregon.gov/DOR/press/Documents/marijuana\\_fact\\_sheet.pdf](https://www.oregon.gov/DOR/press/Documents/marijuana_fact_sheet.pdf)]
- [More information on the Office of Neighborhood Involvement:  
<http://www.portlandoregon.gov/oni/67575>]

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***Some December Events:***

***St Mark Church: Everyone is invited to: donate gifts, including toiletries, to Outside In***  
[<http://outsidein.org/>] underneath the St. Mark's tree.

- ***The Singalong Messiah*** 7 pm, Dec. 19th
- ***Christmas Eve worship*** at 8:30 pm