

## CVNA Minutes Feb 3, 2016

7:00-8:30 PM

### Riverdale High School

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

**Attendees:** Officer Caspar, Anna Browne, Avi Solomon, Bob Fischer, Brendan McGillicuddy, Cheri Ann Richards, Dave Johnston, Denny Barnes, Elise DeLisser, Fran Laird, Gene Lynard, James Luse, James VanDomelen, Jim Diamond, Juda Lubera, Mark Duntley, Maryellen Read, Maureen Diamond, Paula Robinson, Prakash Joshi, Sam Peterson.

**Office Caspar :** As of February 2, Portland maps <https://www.portlandmaps.com/> is back on line and can bring up crime stats. Most of the theft and burglaries are at Lewis and Clark College.

- There are issues with the homeless expelled from the Sears shelter. People with drugs or alcohol are not allowed inside the shelter, but they also aren't allowed on the bus to go back downtown. Safeway reports lots of shoplifting but doesn't have trained personnel to respond and cops aren't there either.
- Cops were told by mayor not to disturb the homeless in parks. Parks belong to many different city bureaus, all of which have to be on board on site to enforce cleanup.
- 40-60% calls to police are in regard to mental illness, suicide etc.
- There is talk of getting rid of the traffic division which deals with 90% of traffic problems. A new breathalyzer machine and mandated new classes take money and time.
- Illegal turns on red lights and other violations plague the Taylors Ferry/Terwilliger intersection. A camera would have to be installed through the city to document problems.
- Get the license plate of a car doing something stupid. If they live in or around the neighborhood, Officer Casper will knock on the door and discuss the issue with them. [andrew.caspar@portlandoregon.gov]
- The Taylors Ferry/Terwilliger intersection is not safe for safety vigils.
- All the mailboxes were standing open on SW 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. Mail was stolen and unauthorized credit card charges occurred. If you see anything weird, just call Officer Caspar.

**Don Baack: SW Trails** is an independent organization serving bicyclists and pedestrians. Although SW Portland lacks sidewalks, SW Trails has established a system of urban trails that connect residential neighborhoods with parks, schools and shopping areas. You can get downtown to Hillsdale on trails.

- The next SW Urban Trails Walk is scheduled for Saturday Feb 13, 9:00 AM. Meet behind the bleachers at Wilson High School and bring a snack, water, and dress for the weather. Find info on the second Saturday trail hikes and work parties at [www.swtrails.org](http://www.swtrails.org).

- A new trail bridge over Tryon Creek allows fish to get through. *“With a boost from Nature in Neighborhoods grants, restoration efforts are improving the health of floodplains and watershed basins.... Although these projects improve habitat for fish, amphibians and other animals, many are also designed to improve the experience for human visitors....Stone Bridge Fish Passage on Nettle Creek, \$47,000: At Tryon Creek State Park, erosion threatened a stone bridge across Nettle Creek – and, along with it, a regional trail connection. The Tryon Creek Watershed Council is replacing the bridge, stabilizing stream banks and enhancing habitat....”* <http://www.oregonmetro.gov/tools-partners/grants-and-resources/nature-grants/capital-grants/restoration>. Most of the connections don’t require a lot a money.
- The Red Electric Trail [[http://swtrails.org/campaigns/red-electric/ map and info](http://swtrails.org/campaigns/red-electric/map_and_info)] will go west from Hillsdale, somewhat paralleling, but staying south of, the Beaverton-Hillsdale Highway. The project will also construct a new bike and pedestrian bridge between SW Capitol and SW Beaverton Hillsdale highway.
- SW In Motion is a two year project, staffed by the city, to rank all bike and pedestrian transportation options throughout SW Portland in terms of importance. They put together a very unreasonable trail policy. SW trails asked the city to ask neighborhoods where they want to walk: work with each neighborhood to identify places, basic engineering, what kind of improvements are reasonable, then describe it. Put it on a map, have open houses, get through a screening process and put the plan before City Council. This makes the process of improving trails much easier.
- A work party on John Miller’s Lobelia Trail, connecting SW 5th Ave to Boones Ferry Road, will be scheduled in the spring.

### *Regular reports*

**Riverdale High School, Paula Robinson** Email Heather [jcrow@riverdale.k12.or.us](mailto:jcrow@riverdale.k12.or.us) to find out what is going on at Riverdale.

- On First Responders Appreciation Day, nine first responders from Fire Station 10, EMTs, Multnomah County, and Portland Police showed up and had frank dialogues with students. In a lockdown or other emergency situations, there might be someone where they weren’t supposed to be, but where they just might be (according to student-responder conversations). Now our first responders not only have a map of the building, but also insider knowledge.
- Rocket building is in progress. Hopefully they go straight up.
- Bridge building starts this week. When a member of the competition team called up and asked, “Why do you guys always win?” school teams were invited to visit our lab and see the process.
- A dance to raise money for a marine biology field trip in March is scheduled for Feb 19. Expect increased traffic that evening.

- High school winter musicals “The Pajama Game,” Feb. 25-28. Performances will be at 7 p.m. on Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 25-27, and at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 28, at the World Trade Center Theater, downtown Portland.
- Monday (2/1) a drunk driver was arrested on campus.
- Contact Paula [pobinson@riverdale.k12.or.us](mailto:pobinson@riverdale.k12.or.us) or the superintendent regarding weed spraying. When they do use something that might not be totally environmentally friendly they put out lawn notices. A neighbor wondered if there should be signs in the back also.

**7:35 Lewis and Clark, Mark Duntley:** Students joined ivy-pull work parties at Tryon Creek. They will be doing some in River View Natural Area as well.

- Amy Dvorak is working with Denny Barnes’ to schedule a Native Tree and Plant Seminar on campus.
- Prakash drove Mark around Maplecrest to familiarize him with the spreading parking violations. With staff turnover, accepted college-neighborhood agreements become lost and have to be reintroduced and reinforced.
- An appointed student will attend the March CVNA meeting.

#### *Committee Reports*

**Tree subcommittee, Denny Barnes:** Lewis & Clark, the Collins View Neighborhood Association and the West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District are sponsors of the Native Tree and Plant Workshop. Learn the basics about why and how to plant with native trees and plants. Carefully selected native plants can create wildlife habitat, conserve water, enhance stormwater management, and reduce the need for pesticides and fertilizers that pollute local rivers and streams. The two hour workshop is scheduled for March 31, 6-8 PM at the Lewis and Clark Gregg Center.

*The Planting Native Trees in the neighborhood grant proposal has been funded by SWNI!*

Trying to get people to think about where to plant them (near streets, trees hold a lot of rain, reducing storm water runoff), who wants them. Encourage people to think about trees for future generations.

#### **Treasurer Report, Jim VanDomelen:**

Account Balance, start of fiscal year, 1 July 2015: \$116.04

August picnic donations 3 Aug 2015: \$112.00

Fred Meyer community Rewards Quarterly credit 09 Nov 2015: \$51.21

Cash donation deposit, 20 Jan 2016: \$20.00

Current Balance, 03 Feb 2016: \$299.25

**Land Use, Dave Johnston:** Comprehensive plan. City Council is currently working on amendments to the draft 2035 Comprehensive Plan goals, policies and land use map through the

end of March, after which they will hold public hearings in April and vote to adopt this portion of the new Comp Plan in May.

- Public involvement may well define what a neighborhood association really is. There is an effort to decapitalize neighborhood associations and replace them with Community Involvement. The process would extend neighborhood associations beyond existing neighborhood boundaries to include unrepresented minorities. This may influence land use issues. Maybe weigh in on them. A hearing is tentatively scheduled for April and a vote by May 14 (speculative).
- Campus Institutional Zones hearings and planning sessions are before the Planning and Sustainability Commission.
- Lewis and Clark's Master Plan will expire in 2019.
- Marcene Bloom's Maplecrest building project has had a couple of extensions and is still pending.

**Public Safety, Gene Lynard:** SWNI Public Safety met on Jan 7. Crime is up everywhere- larceny, stolen cars.

- ✓ The SWNI Emergency Preparedness Fair is coming up. It is scheduled for Saturday, June 25, 10:00-2:00 at the Multnomah Arts Center. NET Teams from SWNI can collaborate on a booth/table for this event.

**Transportation, Prakash Joshi:** Mark Duntley and Prakash drove around and looked at the parking situation in the neighborhood. The parking is completely disproportionate around some of the Lewis and Clark-owned housing for college and law students. A limited number of people can legally live in a place. Some neighborhood properties have huge parking lots now, first graveled then paved. Code compliance has to be the defining thing. The same thing is going on at Houston Field. On a daily basis 60-100 cars are parked here.

- The college needs to revisit their traffic management plan, which was designed to reduce traffic. There are significantly more cars now. The College came up with a traffic reduction policy at one time, but I think no one is paying attention now, and it is time to bring it to their attention. Mark is very gracious. The issue is to figure out and put something together something that works for everyone.
- A substantial increase in the traffic is from Lake Oswego. There is no communication between Portland and Lake Oswego.
- There is a Pothole Hotline, [503-823-BUMP (2867) "*Listen to the recording and be prepared to provide some basic information, including the location of the pothole, nearest cross street, your name and contact information, and the time and date of your call...*"] <http://www.portlandonline.com/fritz/index.cfm?a=225699&>] but no one sits online at other end.
- Sequencing of lights has to be done four times a year.

- The SW Terwilliger Blvd. Sewer project will begin in the fall, closing Terwilliger for a year.
- River View Natural Area plan proposal does not include neighborhood traffic concerns.

**Parks, Fran Laird:** Friends of River View Natural Area had a table at the showing of “This Changes Everything” at Multnomah Arts Center, Feb 9.

**SWNI, Fran Laird:**

- Sylvia is working to put together a class on using Portland maps.  
*[<https://www.portlandmaps.com/>]*
- <https://www.bottledropcenters.com/> is a fundraising source.
- SWNI Office is closed Feb. 15 for Presidents’ Day.
- Feb 6 at St. Luke Church was a very successful Community Recycling effort *[400 car loads in 3 hours. The next two events are June 4, 2016 and Oct 1, 2016].*
- Feb. 16: Mayor Charlie Hales will be at the Multnomah Arts Center to update and answer questions regarding Sears Armory and the homeless. Please attend to show neighborhood support that this is not just of interest to the Multnomah neighborhood. Also come to get answers to questions about empty buildings and tent cities in the future.

**NET, Bob Fischer:** There are renewed efforts to get new and better communications within NET teams. In emergencies, Amateur Radio Operators (AROs) who are not NETS will fill in with radio capabilities.

- Using Jim Hensel’s (Arnold Creek NET) “Identifying Amateur Radio Operators in the Neighborhood” project, we identified 23 AROs, including 10 who were not NET members. Avi Solomon, a new resident of Collins View, is one of them.
- Collins View NETs are working with the South Burlingame team to contact businesses about their emergency preparedness. Bob contacted Starbucks, whose preparedness was “to contact headquarters,” nothing else. No one there knew where the gas or water shutoffs were. Other businesses in the neighborhood are being contacted.
- SWNI preparedness fair is scheduled for June.
- Lewis and Clark is reviving their NET program.
- The proposed neighborhood training to correctly use fire extinguishers is being explored with other organizations.

**Sam Pearson, Burlingame Chairman from and President of SWNI:** The Golden Touch property on the corner of Barbur Blvd. and 19<sup>th</sup> Ave., has been sold. The proposed multipurpose structure to be built is 10 stories high, with 45,000 sq. feet of floor space.

**The Block and Board**, 8421 SW Terwilliger Blvd., across from Burlingame Market on Terwilliger, offers local, natural meat, BBQ sandwiches, rice bowls and local beers and wine. They are still developing their deli selections.