

**CVNA Minutes ..Feb 1, 2017 7:00-8:30 PM Riverdale High School  
Minutes are posted on Collins View Nextdoor and on collinsview.org**

**Attendees:** Bob Fischer, Carrie Conte, Cheri Ann Richards, Dave Johnston, Dixie Johnston, Elise DeLisser, Gene Lynard, Jim Diamond, John Miller, Laura Hanson, Mark Duntley, Maryellen Read, Maureen Diamond, Paula Robinson, Prakash Joshi, Shawn Olson.

**Guest: Developer Shawn Olson** Plans to subdivide into two lots and sell the lot next to 945 Maplecrest. Ct. The big garage in back will be demolished. There is no environment overlay. This is a type two land division. We got the notice through the coalition.

**Guest Laura Hanson** explained the: **2017 Portland Public Schools Construction Bond** which targets critical health and safety issues of our school buildings. Most of Portland's Public Schools were built before World War II, **42% lack fire sprinkler systems**; 99% had at least one cold water fixture that tested above the acceptable level of lead. There are two options being considered, and additional staff recommendations at three cost levels. Health and Safety categories are: water quality, fire/life safety alarms and systems, asbestos, lead paint, roofs, building envelopes, ADA, radon, seismic, security systems and more. Details are available at the excellent web site [www.pps.net/bond2017](http://www.pps.net/bond2017)  
Community feedback is critical in whether this bond measure passes. There is a survey on the website  
Community feedback had a huge impact on whether past school bond issues passed or failed  
Read the details. Take the survey. [www.pps.net/bond2017](http://www.pps.net/bond2017)

**5 min.: Lewis and Clark Report,** Mark Duntley: President Barry Glassner resigned as President effective on January 17, 2017. David Ellis will serve as Interim President until a permanent president is hired.

- Lewis & Clark celebrates its 150th (sesquicentennial) anniversary beginning in February 2017.
- Grounds projects: a. Natural Habitat Restoration and Invasive Species Removal  
<http://www.lclark.edu/offices/facilities/grounds/initiatives/invasive-speciesremoval/> b. Salmon Safe Certification <http://www.lclark.edu/offices/facilities/grounds/initiatives/>
- Upcoming Events of Interest Thursday, February 2nd 2 to 4:00 p.m. in Templeton Campus Center (Stamm) Founder's Day Celebration  
[https://www.lclark.edu/calendars/events/#event\\_id/222451/view/event](https://www.lclark.edu/calendars/events/#event_id/222451/view/event)
- Wednesday, February 8th 6:30 p.m. in Miller 105 Presentation by Laurence Cotton, on Frederick Law Olmsted's contribution to the American Landscape and buildings.  
<http://www.lclark.edu/live/events/223291-frederick-law-olmsted-designingamerica>

- Monday, February 27th 5:00 p.m. in Templeton Campus Center (Council Chamber)  
Throckmorton Lecture by NYU Professor Martha Hodes. "Mourning Lincoln: The Assassination and the Meaning of the Civil War."  
[https://www.lclark.edu/calendars/events/#event\\_id/202523/view/event](https://www.lclark.edu/calendars/events/#event_id/202523/view/event)
- Music Events in February <https://college.lclark.edu/departments/music/events/> Athletic Events in February [http://www.lcpioneers.com/composite?d=2017-02-03:](http://www.lcpioneers.com/composite?d=2017-02-03)

**Riverdale High School**, Paula Robinson: RHS is adding eight more days to the school year.

- Having a steady stream of basketball games to make up for snow days (more traffic).

**5 min: Chairman's Report:** Jim Diamond: In response to a large number of complaints on Nextdoor, I wrote an email message to Joan Frederiksen, the SW Portland contact person for City of Portland Bureau of Planning and Sustainability, which is responsible for trash, compost, and recycling pickups. Here is the text of that January 23 message:

*Joan,*

*There has been considerable anxiety and concern in our neighborhood about the lack of trash/ compost, and recycling service from Waste Management during the disruptions associated with the winter storms we have experienced since December 9.*

*We all understand that icy roads make service difficult and, under extreme conditions, even impossible.*

*Our complaint is not about the performance of the drivers or pick-up guys, who have been neat, hard-working and polite, with no trash or empty bins scattered on the streets.*

*What we do not understand is the inability of Waste Management to give us consistent information about when trash, compost, and recycling pickup will occur. We have been sharing information on NextDoor about Waste Management's replies to queries from people in Collins View, and it seems that no two callers hear the same thing.*

*This is not acceptable to our neighborhood, and discontent is becoming great enough to stimulate discussion of a search for alternatives. This is not a little issue, and people are quite upset about having to pay yet another bill while still not receiving an appropriate level of service.*

*CVNA would like to have a serious discussion about these issues, including ways of making Waste Management far more responsive to community concerns, and including a discussion of alternatives.*

*We would like to see you or a colleague join us for such a discussion at our next neighborhood meeting, Wednesday, 1 February, at 7 PM in Riverdale High School.*

*Please let us know if this is possible.*

*Thanks, Jim*

*--Jim Diamond*

*Chair, CVNA*

*9519 SW 2nd Ave.*

*Here is the city's reply, January 24, from Annette Steel at*

*Hello Mr. Diamond,*

*Your email in regards to Waste Management was forwarded to me in the Solid Waste and Recycling Division.*

*I would be very happy to address these concerns, and hopefully bring some clarity on how the City and Haulers handles the recent ice/snow weather.*

*As you know in the last two months Portland has seen some very aggressive weather. We have not had this kind of inclement weather since 2008, when garbage collection was delayed 5 days straight.*

*When inclement weather occurs, haulers are given the task of determining if their trucks are capable of being on the road safely. Their first concern is the safety of their customers and drivers.*

*This January (as with December) we had two weeks in a row of severe weather conditions. Road conditions were very treacherous with ice impacting almost every City street.*

*Haulers were on daily vigilance, and it wasn't until last Wednesday they were actually able to get their trucks back on the road.*

*The City of Portland has approximately 152,000 residential garbage customers. These include single family homes, duplex, triplex and Fourplex units. Haulers also service condo's, row-homes, mobile home parks and apartment communities, not to mention all the commercial businesses that include hospitals, restaurants, schools, churches, and office complexes. It was not only the residential community feeling the impact.*

*When haulers were able to finally start collections, we made the collection of Garbage the first priority, followed by recycling; then composting. In order for the companies to get all the misses, trucks and manpower would need to be pulled from recycling and composting routes.*

*This has been a long and arduous process. Haulers have been working longer hours (until 8 pm) as well as weekends. They have come a long way this week, but unfortunately are still running behind with composting. I am very glad to hear your hauler has taken good care with placing carts back on the curb and cleaning up any residuals left on the curb. Drivers were advised to take everything on the curb and not charge anything additional. While your carts were not emptied on their regularly scheduled days, all your materials you'd normally generate was still hauled away. Garbage Companies still incurred fees for the collecting and disposing of your garbage, recycling and composting after the storm subsided.*

*The City of Portland does not expect haulers to give credits for misses that are beyond their control, such as inclement weather where they are not able to operate. Our expectation is they collect everything as soon as possible, which they are doing.*

*As we work to get routes back on schedule, our policy team has been keeping notes of what worked and what didn't work in the recovery process.*

*The biggest failure has been "communication". Customers are frustrated, haulers are frustrated and we are frustrated. We have 14 different franchised residential haulers, with different communication abilities. Waste Management had the capability of sending out "robo-calls" and putting updates on their website. The calls were meant to be informative and helpful. Instead we found, the messaging to be confusing at best. There were many reasons for this. First, the weather was constantly changing, so a message they send on Monday saying they would pick up on Tuesday, changed the next day to a collection on Saturday. Folks were getting messages for garbage, another for recycling and yet a third for composting schedules. Some people (those with cell phones only) were not able to get the robo-calls, or homes that were not owner-occupied did not receive the calls. What was meant to be a courtesy turned out to be less than helpful. The message themselves were not clear, and this led to much confusion and frustration.*

*When customers called our office, we advised them to leave their carts on the curb, as haulers were working as quickly as possible. This was also the message we gave to the news media. We wanted to make sure that when the hauler was finally in your neighborhood, your carts would be emptied.*

*We will be working with the haulers to figure out the best language to use during inclement weather conditions.*

*We appreciate your invitation to attend your neighborhood meeting, unfortunately we do not have a representative who would be able to address all your concerns.*

*If you would like to send a list of questions, I will do my best to get a response back to you.*

*I will be leaving on vacation January 31st, returning on February 13th. If you are not able to email back before I depart, please send the questions to:*

*wasteinfo@portlandoregon.gov. I will let my colleague know to expect them.*

*Thank you for your letter. We do take customer comments and concerns seriously. This recent weather episode has been stressful for everyone, and we will be working with haulers to make communications better in the future.*

*Best Regards,*

*Annette*

I posted both of these letters on Collins View Nextdoor. There was one reply to the original post, and 21 replies to the follow-up with the city's reply.

- **The CVNA Board Elections: information and requests.** A three month lead is required on announcing positions that will be open. The Chair position is open. We are constantly looking for candidates with experience. The announcements will be on Nextdoor. The Nominating Committee has to meet outside this regular CVNA meeting. All positions will be voted on in May.
- People who have any commitment to the neighborhood should be involved in the CVNA meetings. We are looking for the union of interests and ideas, not the intersections [emphasizing disagreements]. Jim invited a biker to come to meeting.
- *The new Light Rail Community Advisory Committee (CAC) starts soon with their first meeting on Feb 6 at the Multnomah Arts Center at 6:30 p.m. (7688 SW Capitol Hwy, Portland). CAC meetings are open to the public and periods for public comment will be provided. The CAC's monthly meeting dates and materials will be posted on the project website ([www.svcorridorplan.org](http://www.svcorridorplan.org)). Please note that space is limited at the Multnomah Arts Center, but a larger meeting venue is under consideration.*

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

**5 min.: Transportation, Prakash Joshi: Pothole repair** Potholes are all over the place. Reporting won't help because the Pothole Hotline is swamped. Perhaps labeling the report as a "sinkhole" will get more attention. Unofficially they can't do anything in this weather – A freeze will blow repairs right out. After Feb 15, when the most severe weather is over, they will start doing repairs.

- The expected storm Thursday city will use 100 tons of road salt and plow more routes. See notice on Nd.
- Using aerial drones to see slides and road conditions will cost 1.2 M\$.

- **\*\*\* NET**, Bob Fischer reported that NETs in Portland had been particularly busy during the inclement weather this past month. He didn't have the exact statistics but knew it was over a thousand hours of volunteer time. He reported, as an example, there were 175 different NET volunteers who took on 275 shifts of work in Portland's warming shelters in the first two weeks of January alone.
- This level of volunteer resources has now interested other city agencies to explore ways of using NETs. PBEM had met recently with PBOT recently to see how NETs might assist them during weather related emergencies but he had no reports yet on the result of that meeting.
- Bob also reported that he met recently with the Lewis and Clark Facilities Department to review some of their emergency preparedness work which, understandably, was currently paying a lot of attention to the potential threat of an "active shooter" incident of the sort that has already been seen on other school campuses.
- How about letting the neighborhood know there is an active shooter. This is a very preliminary thought as far as L&C is concerned.
- Mark said he participated in several Active Shooter exercises. They are all different scenarios.
- If there is police activity in the neighborhood what should we do. Phone apps are available.  
Jim.: said there is a Phone text message system from police

**5 min.: SWNI, Elise DeLisser:**

Orange signs, froo Look for kis/Watch for people biking can get free cardboard signs. We ned signatures in order to obatain the free signs or purchase the metal ones.

Jim made motion to buy 6 metal signs with stands @ \$25 each., Maureen seconded it. Unanimous vote of approval to buy 6 signs with NA funds.. We will stash signs around neighborhood to be set up when needed.

SWNI Board Meeting 1/25/17 Summary

SWNI Board requests that all neighborhoods submit the following items one week prior to each month end SWNI Board meeting:

Meeting agenda

Meeting minutes

Meeting attendance list

- Committee summaries
- All letters written on behalf of CVA

I suggest to make this reporting request efficient and less time consuming for the CVNA Secretary, all committee members submit summaries electronically to Secretary one week prior to our meeting. This would meet the SWNI request while ensuring accuracy. In addition, this protocol provides a mechanism that makes it easier for other CNVA team members to cover the secretary duties in the event of an emergency.

- Land Use Training will be held in room 30 of the Multnomah Arts Center.

Session 1 is Tuesday January 31, 2017 6:30-8:30; Session 2 is Monday February 27, 2017 6:30-8:30

- SWNI Watershed Committee requests that neighborhoods be aware of and report any areas of concern where storm water backs up occur or when water does not flow efficiently during storm weather. It was reported that the winter storms caused what was first assumed to be storm water overflow on Barbur Blvd near Fred Meyer but in fact was discovered to be sewer lines emptying out onto the road. The ineffective size of the storm water system caused back up into the sewer system resulting in a raw sewage spill out. Recommendation was made to encourage examining areas of inefficient drainage and report them to the Watershed Committee. Be aware that backups are not to be assumed as storm drain overflow.
- Prakash motioned; Maureen seconded, that Jim write to Commissioner Nick Fish, BES and Jill Gaddis about the severe storm water flooding at SW Ridge Dr. and Second Ave. wash outs and property damage are caused by inadequate street drainage and street berms. SWNI will get copy of letter.

**Collins View Evergreen Tree Project:** Denny Barnes: Nine balled and burlapped native conifers (3-Douglas Firs, 3-Western Red Cedars and 3-Western Hemlocks) have been purchased from Bosky Dell Natives using the remaining grant funds from SWNI. Planting will hopefully occur within the next month. The project has been delayed by snow and ice. The cedars still have not been dug in the field. SWNI allowed us to use the last of the grant funds which were expiring to pre-pay the trees for later delivery. We do not have a firm delivery date yet.

We have also purchased future transport services to deliver the trees to three sites in Collins View. Tree recipients will be notified immediately when trees are available.

**5 min.: RVNA & ORC-MP**, John Miller: Nothing to report in RVNA since the cancelled planting event. . Three rangers were seen going in to the Nature Area to see if people were distressed in there.

- Brendan attended the **ORC-MP**. Biking in Forest Park was the topic of discussion. It was very well attended - standing room only.

**5 min.: Public Safety**, Gene Lynard: Stan Hausman led the take 5 to survive. 50 people there.

- Feb 2 meeting's topic will be special presentation about "Neighborhood Watch.
- Collins View Crime Stats in Sept very low.

**Free 1973 women's Rayleigh 3-speed**, recently reconditioned, offered by Maureen Diamond.

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Some February and later upcoming Events:

- February 4th, 9am – noon SW Community Recycling: Saturday at St John Fisher Parish parking lot. Enter on SW 45th Ave at Nebraska Street.  
[portlandcommunityrecycling@gmail.com](mailto:portlandcommunityrecycling@gmail.com) or [www.community-recycling.org](http://www.community-recycling.org)
- Saturday, February 11th, 9am - 12:00pm: April Hill Park: Planting Native Plants Work Party. Meet by the giant Sequoia.
- Saturday, February 11: SW Urban Trails walk
- Saturday, February 25th, 9am - 1:30pm: Tryon Creek: Watershed Wide Event at St. Mark Presbyterian Church, 9750 SW Terwilliger Blvd. Family friendly free lunch and snacks, tools and gloves provided for pre-registrants. Register at [tryoncreek.org/wwe](http://tryoncreek.org/wwe).
- Wednesday, March 1, next CVNA meeting
- Tuesday, March 14 “March for Science” - *The March for Science champions publicly funded and publicly communicated science as a pillar of human freedom and prosperity. We unite as a diverse, nonpartisan group to call for science that upholds the common good, and for political leaders and policymakers to enact evidence-based policies in the public interest.*
- Saturday, April 22 – Earth Day - SOLV cleanups around the state