

CVNA Minutes June 3, 2013

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Meeting opened 7PM

In attendance: Anna Browne, Bob Fischer, Brendan McGillicuddy, Cheri Ann Richards, Davis Parchment, Dana Fischer, Dave Johnson, Denny Barnes, Dixie Johnson, Elise Delisser, Fran Laird, Gene Lynard, James Luse, Jim Diamond, John Miller, Mark Duntley, Maryellen Read, Paula Robinson, Prakash Joshi, Johanna Wearsch, Sam Pearson.

Dave Manville from SW Trails (www.swtrails.org) spoke to us. Over its 20 year existence, SW Trails established a system of urban trails that crisscross the southwest neighborhoods.

- [Trail maps are available at the Multnomah Arts Center or online at www.GettingAroundPortland.org.
- [There is a walk in different neighborhoods the second Saturday of each month. The meeting place is Wilson High School (Capitol Hwy and Sunset, behind the bleachers) at 9AM.
- [Volunteer work parties do trail maintenance and new construction. If you have work that needs to be done in RVNA, let SW Trails know and get into the queue.
- [A bridge across Boones Ferry to connect the Tryon Creek and Marshall Park natural areas has been approved by Metro.
- [SW Trails is looking for someone in the Neighborhood Association to act as a liaison. Duties include submitting neighborhood resolutions to the city, working together with neighbors to get options about trails, working on funding, getting work parties together and doing the job. Then do the job. Neighborhood Associations can play a key role if they want a trail somewhere in city trails process. John Miller suggested that we solicit a new volunteer liaison for SW Trails using Nextdoor.
- [There is a proposal to put sections of the Red Electric Trail in South Burlingame. The Red Electric Trail is a combination of sidewalks, designated on-street bike lanes, and off-street paths through natural areas with bicycle/pedestrian bridges over waterways. Funding is in place for some sections.

Macadam Ridge Development project: The proposal is for about 44 home sites on Taylors Ferry. The proposal went back to the city for revisions. It is a complex development with steep gradients, environmental and traffic issues. We have been asked to respond as a Neighborhood Association. We feel we should support South Burlingame. The huge issues are traffic and environmental concerns.

- [The development's entry will be on Taylors Ferry. The letter will succinctly state our concerns regarding the impact on the already failed Terwilliger/Taylors Ferry intersection.
- [The environmental sensitivity of the slope is a major concern. 480 trees are tagged to be pulled out. BES is going to be one of the environmental groups engaged. Run off will

alter springs in the River View Natural Area. Friends of RVNA will have something to say about that.

- [Dave Johnson said SWNI land use has been following this. At some point the city will declare the application complete and we should respond to it.
- [Comments should be put in by June 12.
- [The motion to write a letter supporting South Burlingame's objection to the development was proposed by Prakash Joshi, seconded by Cheri Ann Richards, and passed with a unanimous (17 votes) general vote. The draft will circulate a draft among the officers.
- [SWNI has put together a letter.

Fred Meyer's Community Rewards Program - Fran Laird: Fred Meyer is donating \$2.5 million per year to non-profits in Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington, based on where their customers tell them to give. Here's how the program works: After CVNA is accepted for the Fred Meyer's Community Rewards program, individuals link their rewards card to CVNA to earn a donation to fund CVNA needs. You still earn your regular Rewards Points, Fuel Points and Rebates, just as you do today but by linking your Rewards card to a non-profit (CVNA), you help the non-profit raise money. Every quarter, a check will be issued to SWNI-Collins View NA and deposited into the CVNA bank account. The specific instructions and account numbers will be on Nextdoor as soon as we get them.

Picnic: The Collins View National Night Out Picnic, hosted by Collins View Neighborhood Association and Lewis and Clark College, is scheduled for Sunday Aug 2, 2015, 3-6 PM, on campus by the pool. Swimming is available, a lifeguard is on duty. Grill foods are provided by the neighborhood association, beverages provided by the college, potluck sides and desserts provided by neighbors.

Pembina Propane Export Terminal petition: With a unanimous general vote (17 votes, Denny Barnes proposed, Fran Laird seconded) we supported North Portland's petition objecting to the massive propane export terminal and added our name to the neighborhoods objecting to the terminal. The huge amount of propane, a dense, very explosive gas, is an unacceptable hazard in our city. The city council will vote on this.

Election of Neighborhood Sector Delegates: with a unanimous vote the following people were elected sector delegates: Brendan McGillicuddy for the Kelly/Palatine Sector; Elise Delisser for the Riverside Sector; John Miller for the Taylors Ferry Sector; Gene Lynard for the View Point Sector. Last month the following people were reconfirmed as delegates: Denny Barnes for the 8th Dr. #2 Sector; Dana and Bob Fischer for the Corbett Sector; and Anna Browne for the Maplecrest sector. Twelve sectors still need delegates.

River View natural Area (RVNA) report - John Miller: May saw intense activity by Riverview Friends.

- [We reported a camping tent and several litter sites. Both were promptly taken care of by Parks rangers.
- [The RVNA Website <http://riverviewfriends.org> is improved. There is a Trail Map (under About RVNA). We have pages for Issues, a "RADAR screen," and a Reference Library of documents.

- [Mountain Bikers continue to ride in RVNA.
- [The RVNA Project Advisory Committee PAC meeting is on Monday June 22, @5:30 in Stamm, on campus. Please attend! Lend your front row support to listen intently, and testify about what you hear. Remember – among other things - 35 parking spots along Palatine Hill Road are in the proposed RVNA plan. Be there in good numbers.
- [RVNA has a 'Partnership' with The Intertwine. Intertwine is an alliance of parks, open spaces, trails, waterways, etc. doing things at a higher level. Learn more at www.theintertwine.org.
- [The City knows we are eager and willing to help with whatever needs doing in RVNA.
- [We may organize a group hike later this summer.
- [Friends of RVNA wants to develop a flyer for Palatine Hill Road neighbors (or all of Collins View) highlighting several good neighbor practices including Back Yard Habitat (the use of pesticides, herbicides, etc); NOT dumping yard debris; NOT dumping swimming pool water.

Lewis & Clark College: Mark Duntley – The College was selected by Princeton Review as the #1 green college in the US.

- [The grad school commencement is coming up.
- [Riverdale High School's commencement is Monday, June 8 in chapel.
- [Denny Barnes continues to work with Mark dealing with landlords, problems, and improving student-neighbor relations.
- [Reed College, partnering with PPR, welcomes neighbors on campus for a summer big screen movie event. Lewis and Clark is working to arrange this for next summer.

Transportation: Prakash Joshi - TSP meetings deal with transportation issues for the next 20-30 years. The light rail plans include stations at PCC and OHSU as major hubs. Right now the city does not have much information to give to neighborhoods, but the possibility of tunnels was voted out of the question. Other issues are all up in the air. The time scale planning is only for 15 years, while the infrastructure lasts for 100 years.

- [TSP has a long term development timeline. Prakash is trying to move things out of the TSP pile to get some more immediate action on our crucial issues. Small timely changes like the bus shelter, cross walk and crossing light will make a big difference. On June 16, engineers are scheduled to come here and talk about where the traffic will stop and where lights will be moved. The city seems to be is more receptive to thinking in those terms.

Public safety: Gene Lynard reported that the Public Safety met on Thursday, May 7, and some of the highlights included continued discussion on the safety vigils that the committee wants to initiate this year. Each neighborhood in SW Portland has been asked to identify areas where speeding, running stop signs or ignoring crosswalks are an issue. Collins View has identified a couple of locations (Taylor's Ferry & Terwilliger Boulevard and the crosswalk at Palater and

Palatine Hill Rd) where we would like the vigils to be held. The way they work is that officers of the PPB will issue warnings to violators over a sixty to ninety minute period, which will hopefully result in behavioral changes in those who routinely disobey traffic laws. Warnings are the preferred choice over citations, since they take far less time to issue. Assuming we can have two to three volunteers to assist in the vigils at each location, they could be set up on either Monday or Tuesday mornings, with a couple of weeks' notice. If interested in participating, please call Gene Lynard, Public Safety chair @ [\(503\) 245-8632](tel:5032458632). It may be best to hold off on conducting a vigil at the crosswalk on Palatar until school is back in session this fall.

- [A committee is in the process of setting up a WomenStrength Program for SW Portland. If interested, please call Jenny Pullen, SWNI Problem Solving Rep, @ [\(503\) 823-4257](tel:5038234257) for more information.
- [Planning has begun to honor those in the Portland Police Bureau who do all that they do for us out here in SW Portland. The recognition event will again be held this year in late October.

NET: Bob Fischer – Operation Sasquatch presented a difficult series of challenges to all the participating teams. It brought home the need for more training. FRS and GRMs radio use is the subject of next week's training. The frequency of ham radio exercises is the reason Collins View NET is the city's third most active group in terms of the volunteer activity.

- [**The St. Mark Church campus is now our neighborhood meeting area in an emergency.** We thank Rev. Barbara Campbell for facilitating this. NET will continue to hold regular meetings on the Lewis & Clark campus.

SWNI and Parks: Fran Laird - Sat., June 15 is the Marshal Park playground ice cream social. June 30, 7 PM is the volunteer of the year award dinner at the Multnomah Arts Center.

Land Use: Dave Johnston – *The following was not available at meeting time. There will be no Institutional Zoning briefings on June 9 or July 14. The new draft of the code, with potential changes, is scheduled for late July.

- [Many mature huge trees have been cleared from a lot on View Point Terr. A permit is not displayed on the site. Brendan McGillicuddy will contact urban forestry.

Meeting adjourned. 8:35

The next CVNA meeting will be Wed. Sept. 2, 2105.