

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

**Attendees:** Nik Desai, Jen Cairo, Kasey [ ?name], Anna Browne, Avi Solomon, Bob Fischer, Brendan McGillicuddy, Cheri Ann Richards, Dave Johnston, Elise DeLisser, Fran Laird, James Luce, James Van Domelen, Jim Diamond, Maryellen Read, Maureen Diamond, Prakash Joshi, Sam Pearson, Malcom Baker, Gwen Anderson, Gill Greenwood, Paula Greenwood, Maxine Pollack, Tom Morris, Carolyn Carr.

**Guests:** City Forester Jenn Cairo and Urban Forestry colleagues Kasey (name?) and Nik Desai: <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/38294>

**Nik quotes Dr. Suess' The Lorax: "Unless someone like you cares a whole lot,**

**Nothing will get better, it's not. It's not."** Urban Forestry (UF) is responsible for management of all of city trees: 220,000 street trees, 1.2 million park trees, and innumerable private property trees. UF has a permitting sector; an arborist staff of 11; and a science and education outreach staff. Urban Forestry's mission is to manage and ensure Portland's urban forest infrastructure for current and future generations.

- **A new tree code, Title 11 Trees,** is in effect. To find the new tree permit requirements and applications, visit <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/trees/59507> The new code created greater restrictions on trees on private property.
- Q: If a neighbor takes down tree w/out permit. Go online see if he is permitted; (Portland maps tree permits listed for an address. Report nonpermit cutting. There is a \$250 permit penalty fee + retroactive permitted. If downed tree was healthy If tree is dying diseased or dangerous no permits or public notice for type A diseased etc. are required.
- Type b permits public notice required.
- **Institutions** still have to comply with tree code.
- **Local tree care provide workshop** are offered twice a year. Workshops activities are scheduled every weekend throughout the year. "Getting Involved" Aim to increase awareness of tree care and work very closely with tree steward.
- **Street tree Pruning** free permits can be obtained online. No permit is required for. 1/4" diameter branches or less. No permit is required for pruning private trees. Hands on pruning workshops are available.

- **Utilities will do line clearance** with high voltage lines, not low voltage lines. PGE can hack trees without any permits (utilities do have to be permitted.) while private homeowners have to get permit.
- **Forestry trees are trees in the right of way** They are eligible for free tree inspection. The homeowner who reports tree problems in the right of way is financially responsible (pay for permit \$35. and cost of removal) if it is not immediately hazardous. If it is hazardous it is the City's responsibility.
- **Portland's tree canopy:** A 3-4% increase in the tree canopy is attributed to better management.
- **A 6 year tree inventory,** based on field data-they just completed records just over 220, 000 street trees, canopy composition and diversity.
- **Definition of tree:** measured woody plant with one dominant plan [trunk], with a mature height of 15 feet or more.
- **Street trees** are in the public right of way. (50' from street midline ) Maples were removed from recommended from street tree list because so many maples are in the canopy. This is a problem because if one disease or insect targets them, it would clear the canopy.
- **Nuisance trees.** Tree of Heaven grows superfast, has a bad smell, can sprout by seed or runners 150' from main trunk. Norway Maple is on the nuisance list because it sprouts prolifically, as is English Holly; which cannot just be cut down to remove.
- **With the PSU canopy analytics tool** You can find trees 50'-250'; can select private or public trees or heritage trees.  
<https://climatecope.research.pdx.edu/canopyanalytics/#12/45.4933/-122.6862>
- **Multnomah street tree issue:** At City Council today [3/1/17] they suspended voting to get more info. Attorney questioned that it wasn't clearly the property owner's responsibility. When trees are removed they have to replace tree according to city code.
- **March 11 in Hillsdale history of Hillsdale using trees as historical anchors.**
- **From Nik:** *[Below, please find some of the links that I mentioned last week: Nikhilesh Desai, Botanic Specialist I, Portland Parks & Recreation Urban Forestry*
- *503-823-4441 (desk) 971-337-7392 (mobile)*
- Main UF site: [www.portlandoregon.gov/trees](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/trees)
- **Programmatic permits:** <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/trees/67397>

- **Tree Code:** <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/citycode/?c=66002>
- **Local Tree Care Providers:** <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/trees/article/424016>
- **Forestry Reports:** <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/53148>
- **Canopy Monitoring Reports:** <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/60401>
- **TreeBark newsletter:** <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/article/557126>
- **Neighborhood Tree Steward Program:**  
<https://www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/45124>
- **Upcoming Workshops:** <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/64539>
- **Tree Inventory Project:** <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/64539>
- **SUPR Lab and Canopy Analytics Tool:** <https://climatecope.research.pdx.edu/>
- **Arbor Day:** [www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/arbor](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/arbor)

**Jim Diamond:** carbon sequestration is the best way to sequester Carbon in the atmosphere is stored in trees' root systems.

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**Lewis and Clark Report,** Mark Duntley Items of interest

- Presidential search committee has been constituted and has begun to meet
- 2. Events celebrating the founding of Lewis & Clark 150 years ago have begun
- 3. Watzek Library is celebrating it's 50th year
- 4. College has installed another EV charging station
- 5. Transportation and Parking Advisory Committee is reviewing Trimet subsidies and shuttle routes to better connect our campus with regional transit and reduce our parking demand.
- 6. Active shooter and emergency planning continues with multiple events in March 7.
- 7. The annual International Fair takes place on Saturday, March 4th

Upcoming Events of Interest

- International Fair- Fashion Show and Performances Saturday, March 4 from 2 to 4 p.m. (Food from 11-1 p.m. in Templeton; \$8) Agnes Flanagan Chapel  
[https://www.lclark.edu/offices/international/islc/islc\\_intlfair/](https://www.lclark.edu/offices/international/islc/islc_intlfair/)
- Standing Rock: Sacred Ground and Social Justice Saturday, March 11 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Templeton College Center (Council Chamber) Free

<http://www.lclark.edu/live/events/223631-standing-rock-social-justice-andsacred-ground>

- Organ Recitals Monday, March 6 at 7:30 p.m. Bruce Neswick in Agnes Flanagan Chapel \$10 general admission <https://college.lclark.edu/live/events/217063-bruce-neswick-faculty-recital> Wednesday, March 15 at 7:30 p.m. Colin Andrews in Agnes Flanagan Chapel \$10 general admission

<https://college.lclark.edu/live/events/222654-celebrity-organ-recital>

- Piano Recital Saturday, March 11th at 7:30 p.m Jessica Meyerzon in Agnes Flanagan Chapel Free <https://college.lclark.edu/live/events/217064-jessica-meyerzon-piano-recital>:

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

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

- Cottage clusters on large lots are proceeding through development services. It will get to the Planning Commission in summer/early fall.
- Comp Plan amendment P45: infill project now at the state level. We might see that one again.
- The Tree on Multnomah Blvd is the property owners liability. *[City Council vote postponed for more information]*
- Permit for areas in Tryon State Park regarding parking lot expansion/reorganization.
- Nothing new on the Maplecrest development. Shawn. Olson 945 Maplecrest Ct (subdivide large lot into 2 lots).
- So Burlingame development (Macadam Ridge) The City is looking for comments from bureaus and neighborhoods. It will produce “advice to hearing officer” recommending all specifics that are required. Access to Taylors Ferry. is an issue. Advice has to be made public 10 days before the hearing.

**Sam Pearson:** So Burlingame has until 3/3/17, Friday 5PM to have response to the City to hand in to hearings officer). Neighborhoods are being asked to respond to city w/out seeing whole application. **Dave:** said it is just advice, not binding.

**Prakash:** Developer pared the project down from 42 units. Our concerns were the water runoff into Natural Area and traffic. They haven’t shown us how they are managed traffic.

- Nov 4, 2015 they put in application. They were given year to get paperwork all together. In late August the city deemed paperwork incomplete.
- Jan 1-28 2017 the engineering firm was fired and new group came in.
- South Burlingame should have had meeting with them, and that is not happened.
- We will support So Burl any way we can. Prakash has a draft of letter. We will support So Burl re environment and traffic. Water running off the developed property will raise the temperature of refugia.
- Maureen Diamond made the motion, Malcom Baker seconded, unanimous vote that Jim write a letter supporting South Burlingame in the Macadam Ridge development issue.
- *[March 3, 2017: Jim Diamond, Chair CVNA wrote the following letter :*

*To: Kate Green (primary contact) and Sean Williams, Land Use Services*

*From: Jim Diamond, chair, Collins View Neighborhood Association*

*Re: LU 16-213734 LDS EN MEV*

*Date: 3 March, 2017*

*Dear Kate and Sean,*

*Prakash Joshi, as the Transportation Chair for Collins View Neighborhood Association, has had the privilege of working directly with various city bureaus, especially PBOT. He and others in the neighborhood have been diligent in following this land use issue and have kept the neighborhood association informed regarding this proposal.*

*Here is the consensus of the Collins View Neighborhood Association:*

*This proposed subdivision will be located in our neighboring community of South Burlingame but will share the roadways with our neighborhood. These roadways (Terwilliger and Taylors Ferry) are the essential passageways for citizens of both our neighborhoods. Today these roads are well above capacity and are a major strain on the neighborhoods. Adding to this worsening traffic situation is the stress of the Lake Oswego traffic that heavily uses these neighborhood roadways to access freeways and other local roads. We are told that PBOT does not have any way to control or affect the latter traffic. The proposed subdivision will be in an already oversaturated traffic system. The additional strain imposed by this subdivision will indeed cause irreparable harm to the livability of these neighborhoods.*

*The studies and assumptions listed by the developer in its filings with the City are simply not proven and go against all known conditions already present on these roadways. The geographical topography and terrain make it very dangerous*

*for the proposed new streets to connect to Taylors Ferry Road. The grade is very steep and will make it difficult for traffic to stop for vehicles turning into and from this new street. It is quite dangerous presently for cars that turn into or come from the Cemetery and the Mausoleum. The other proposed streets that wind and lead to SW 2nd street will be heavily used, counter to the developer's assertions. Taylors Ferry is often clogged during morning and evening rush hour; it is therefore reasonable to expect that some if not many will yield to the temptation to use alternative winding neighborhood streets. This essentially diverts traffic onto SW Terwilliger via 2nd Avenue which already is above capacity.*

*In addition, the loss of a significant portion of the existing tree canopy through the removal of many mature trees will, without appropriate mitigation, increase surface runoff. So that it is likely that the development will have a deleterious effect on water quality downhill increasing turbidity and leading to higher surface water temperatures in the Willamette River. While this won't affect Riverview Natural Area (RVNA) directly, the degradation in water clarity and warmer surface waters in the Willamette will put more environmental pressure on salmon refugia in this area, including RVNA. These deleterious effects must, in our opinion, be mitigated.*

*We urge the bureaus involved (including Parks, PBOT, and BES) to insist that the developers use a scale more appropriate to the baseline conditions already present on these roads before allowing the subdivision in its present size and design. Given the size and type of this subdivision, these potential problems could possibly be averted to some degree by reducing the size of the proposed development (fewer homes, less traffic). It also may be more appropriate to keep home designs more in keeping with the existing style and character of the neighborhood. We, the citizens of these neighborhoods, are deeply concerned that this type of irresponsible insertion of housing density, and the city's inability to offer any help with reducing traffic will set precedence for an uncontrolled standard of livability.*

*Thanks for your time and effort in these matters. It is much appreciated.*

*For the Collins View Neighborhood Association*

*Jim Diamond, chair 9519 SW 2nd Ave. Portland, OR 97219]*

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***[Below is the reply just received (March 7, 2017 from Kate Green):***

*Hello, Thank you for your comments on this land use proposal. Your comments will be considered as we evaluate the land use review; and, once it is prepared, you will receive a copy of the city's decision on this land use case. Your comments will also be forwarded to the applicant and added to the case file.*

*Please contact me if you have questions or need more information about the land use review process. Kate*

*Kate Green | City Planner | Portland Bureau of Development Services*

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**NET**, Bob Fischer: met with Lewis & Clark to discuss a first aid response in a massive emergency event.

- 18 NETS participated in the Collins View Radio exercise to check our FRS radios emergency system. It was outstanding how well we can communicate to all areas in our neighborhood.
- The size of the Collins View NET team is in the top 10 of NET teams in Portland.
- Citywide, 500 new NETS are scheduled to be trained this spring.
- New Activities: monitoring downed power lines and trees, as a result of storms.
- A Shout Out to Elise for getting road signs; to Maryellen for strobe lights, to Brendan for yards and yards of caution tape.
- City budget forecast is for drastic cuts to PBEM/NET. We should try to reach out to city council. Nets logged 19,400 volunteer hours. Bob ask approval for Jim to send letter to city letter to mayor & city Council expressing neighborhood support for NET as a valuable community asset. Encourage City Council to continue to support for program.
- Maureen made the motion, Prakash seconded, unanimous vote to have Jim write letter to City Council supporting the NET program.

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**Parks & Watershed**, Brendan McGillicuddy: Off Road Cyclists are targeting SW Portland for bikes- 10-15 miles of proposed bike parks. Right now they have not published what fits their criteria

- **RVNA: March 11** Friends of River View invites all to a fun “planting” in the Natural Area Saturday morning, March 11, 2017. The event is coordinated by City Nature West (Portland Parks). Volunteers will need to sign up before the event. A link to the event is on the FoRVNA website, [riverviewfriends.org](http://riverviewfriends.org).
- **Watershed.** Watershed. The rain gauge at Riverdale recorded 13.07" for February. Water year rainfall amount to 3/1 is at 44.15". Not sure if you correlate that to a 50 or 100 year flood event but it broke the record from 1996. [[https://or.water.usgs.gov/non-usgs/bes/collins\\_view.html](https://or.water.usgs.gov/non-usgs/bes/collins_view.html)]

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**Fran: Volunteer Recognition Event** By April 28, each neighborhood committee will nominate a volunteer group to be recognized at the June 5 Recognition Event at Multnomah Arts Center.

*[Collins View has chosen to nominate the neighbors who responded to this winter's weather events- the Second Ave Ice Hill, and the "wires and limbs down" hazards.]*

**SWNI, Elise DeLisser:** Send photos and descriptions of damage done to property by storm water runoff/diversion to [watershedcommittee@swni.org](mailto:watershedcommittee@swni.org). They want to help you.

- Capitol Highway changes going on. ODOT proposal to restructure Capitol Hwy/I-5 intersection creating two giant jug handles.

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**Public Safety, Gene Lynard:** Last month's scheduled meeting was cancelled. CV is in the bottom half of reported crimes, last month's statics were also low.

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**Transportation, Prakash Joshi:** 1500 man crew is out fixing pothole in city. This Potholp emergency was not foreseen by city and there are budget issues. The city recommends that citizens do not try to fix potholes.

- Monday night SW Corridor project has 6:30 MAC meeting.

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Bob Fischer moved to have CVNA reimburse (\$13.95) John Miller for registering collinsview.org website name. Gene seconded it; unanimous vote. Treasurer Jim VanDomelen signed the check request. *[Fran delivered paperwork to SWNI March2.]*

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**Some upcoming events March and later:**

**Also check out the March SWNI News at <http://www.swni.org/newspaper>**

- **Saturday, March 11 RVNA volunteer event** Native Plantings along Trail 3, 9am-Noon.
- **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 March 18: Community Recycling Event for non-curbside items** 9AM-Noon: St. John Fisher Parish parking lot- SW 45th Ave. at SW Nevada Street
- **Wednesday, April 5, next CVNA meeting**

- **Saturday, April 22 – Earth Day – March for Science**
- **Saturday April 22 SOLV cleanups around the state**