

## CVNA Minutes Oct 7, 2015

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

**Attendees:** Officer Caspar, Anna Browne, Bob Fischer, Brendan McGillicuddy, Cheri Ann Richards, Dave Johnston, Dixie Johnston, Dorothy Fay, Elise DeLisser, Fran Laird, Gene Lynard, James Luce, John Miller, Kate Loggan, Kimberly French, Mark Duntley, Maryellen Read, Prakash Joshi.

**Office Caspar:** The malfunctioning city computer system means no access to crime stats and no updating.

- Car break-ins at the Lewis and Clark sports complex on Boones Ferry and various thefts on campus property were reported, otherwise it was quiet in Collins View. Other parts of city are getting inundated with car prowls and thieves. Macadam is a magnet for thieves because there are a lot of construction sites.
- Many marijuana dispensaries have been broken into and robbed but they do not report. The dispensary at Terwilliger and Taylors Ferry has cameras and is very secure.
- Officer Caspar will have his mini-safety equipment raffle at our Nov. 4 meeting.

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**Nik Desai** [Nik.desai@portlandOregon.gov] from the urban forestry program, spoke about the **Neighborhood Tree Steward Program** scheduled for Thursdays and Saturdays, Oct 17 - Nov 21 at the East Portland Community Center. There are still some places left to register. It is akin to the Master Gardner program, and teaches the basics of tree biology, tree identification, selection of the right tree for the right place, and ecological and environmental benefits of trees. [Details at <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/article/458954>]. Volunteers commit to 44 hours organizing tree stewardship events over the course of the year following graduation. It is a very empowering course.

- In Collins View, the big issue is developers cutting down trees. Where do surrounding neighbors get support? Developers are under guidelines from Bureau of Development Services.
- The Portland Fruit Tree project has a map of all the fruit trees in Portland and dates of harvest activities. [<http://portlandfruit.org/harvest-programs/>]

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**Parks Committee, Fran Laird:** Let Fran know if you want to volunteer for No Ivy Day 10/24 (removing ivy at Riverview Natural Area and other areas) [<https://www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/article/356479>]

- Public/private partnerships loom large in the new Comp Plan, with corporate sponsorships and availability of corporate funds. The Under Armour projects at Duniway Park and Lents are typical examples.
- Fran Laird submitted the following written report to Emily Roth at the last RVNA PAC meeting on Sept 22, 2015:

*“Collins View Neighborhood Association recognizes that some of our members are avid off-road cyclists and responsible dog walkers. The following is a majority opinion of neighbors concerned with RVNA:*

*Riverview Natural Area is situated in the Collins View neighborhood and, therefore, all aspects of planning and management of the natural area will affect our neighborhood.*

*Collins View requests an answer to why Collins View Neighborhood Association Land Use chairperson was denied access to the RVNA Draft Plan. We believe that the acquisition, preservation and development of RVNA is a concern of the parks, land use and transportation chairpersons.*

*We support the plan for the efforts to protect the natural area and to remain in compliance with the Conservation Easement Agreement issued at the purchase of the property. The protections in the RVNAMP are consistent with CoP policies and regulations regarding special habitat protection status.*

*Collins View wishes to become a vital and useful ally of PPR, BES and Metro in all future plans and we expect to be notified and included as we are with land use, transportation and other agencies when they are planning significant improvements/changes to property that is in Collins View.*

*Collins View requests to be notified when PPR or BES is conducting chemical sprays. Many residents who live nearby can be affected and knowing dates of spraying and chemicals used will determine whether certain residents will use the natural area paths or choose to wait for a few days.*

*Collins View would like to know the water quality analysis schedule and requests to be informed of the analytical results.*

*Collins View notes that geocaching is currently not allowed, but wonders how this will be enforced and if this will invalidate the geocaching policy updated on July 23, 2015 and signed by Mike Abbate.*

*Collins View would like to have a more comprehensive definition of “habitat preserve.” We are concerned about the lack of guidelines afforded to this nomenclature.*

*We appreciate PPR concerns over safety. This is a priority, especially because hikers have had many near misses with off road cyclists recently. We support signage similar to Marshall Park that clearly states that cycling is prohibited.*

*Collins View residents would be happy to help with work parties to decommission trails.*

*Collins View notes that off road cycling is currently not allowed but this policy is not enforced. With the lack of resources in City Nature West and the PPR Park Rangers there are concerns as to how this will be enforced in the future. Collins View supports off road cycling in appropriate locations, but believes it is an inappropriate activity in River View Natural Area due to the size, geology, its status as a Special Habitat and the fragile ecosystems. How will PPR keep off-road cyclists and other illegal activities out of RVNA?*

*Who will speak for Collins View in the future if the Off Road Cycling Master Plan cites using RVNA?*

*Currently, there are 15 natural areas governed by PPR. None allow off road cycling. Why is River View Natural Area being considered when it has been shown to be one of the last refuges for cold water flow to the Willamette? Collins View is wary that the report leaves the Natural Area totally open to off road cycling without qualifying the site's suitability. This seems irresponsible. The ORMCP process is being driven solely by cycling interests and we fear that planning process will trump all the good work done planning the protection and preservation of RVNA. We request that all language relating to off road cycling and the ORCMP be stricken from the River View Natural Area Master Plan.*

*James J. Diamond, Ph.D., Professor of Chemistry at Linfield College and Collins View Neighborhood Association Chairperson has researched and provided an annotated bibliography on the impacts of*

recreational use on the environment. Jim states: “The scholarly literature discussing the environmental impacts of mountain biking, hiking and other recreational use is not extensive. This literature review is a summary of recent publications – including online material – that have appeared between 2011 and 2015 and searchable via Google Scholar using “recreation” and “environmental impacts” as search terms. A publication that is neither peerreviewed nor a thesis publication should be viewed with skepticism, although its own references might be useful.”

Collins View Neighborhood Association has believed since purchase of the natural area that it should be protected and cherished as one of the last cold water sources into the Willamette River.”

☒ Emily Roth’s email response, (9/28/15) is below:

“Subject: RE: Collins View minority Letter: Thanks Fran, Not sure this is a minority report as the NA supports the plan. Do you consider these comments and next steps? Also, if you want to talk more about security, please call. Also, I would be happy to pass along the contact information for Resolution NW that does mediations between neighbors and/or neighborhood groups. Emily...”

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**River View Natural Area Report, John Miller:** John Miller commented on Fran's critique of River View Natural Area Master Plan and process. The RVNA Master Plan (RVNAMP) final draft was discussed at a PAC meeting on Sept 22, 2015. John emphasized two concerns:

- ☒ The RVNAMP is not yet publicly available. CVNA Land Use and Transportation Chairs do not yet have access to the RVNAMP. Only Fran Laird and Torrey Lindbo of CVNA had access to the RVNAMP draft as PAC members. Fran and Torrey responded using their own judgement.
- ☒ The RVNAMP kicked the Mountain Biking 'can' down the road to the Off Road Cycling Master Plan (ORCMP). John said that an \$11 million research natural area could be considered to be THE mountain biking mecca in the area, based solely on the ORCMP - which is being spearheaded by the lobbyists and professional bikers! The process is unclear at this point. What science will be used there?
- ☒ Next Up: The RVNAMP will be reviewed by PPS and BES Directors, then commissioners, then a hearing before city council. The plan will be released two weeks before the hearing. Date TBA, December timeframe.

As for the **Off-Road Cycling Master Plan (ORCMP)**, an RFP went out, and the contract winner should be selected by Oct 9. A consultant will do the planning and outreach in conjunction with a city staff member. The public outreach for the ORCMP will be this fall and winter. \$200,000 is budgeted for the ORCMP consultant. ORCMP is to be formulated and go to city council by summer 2016.

- ☒ We discussed inviting the city staff to November CVNA meeting to explain the process. Perhaps the consultant will attend instead?

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**Riverdale High School, Kate Loggan, Librarian:** For the next 2-3 months Kate will be representing RHS at the CVNA meeting. 260 students are enrolled.

- ☒ Girls volleyball doing well, and both the varsity boys' and girls' soccer teams remain undefeated. Cross country has already taken several first place finishes in this early season.
- ☒ The Robotics team is thriving. Eight girls are on this year's team, compared to one girl on last year's team.
- ☒ Three Riverdale seniors are National Merit Scholarship Program semifinalists. Over the past three years our high school has had two National Merit Scholars, six National Merit Scholar Semifinalists and 12 commended scholars.

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**Public Safety Committee, Gene Lynard:** The main event at the SWNI Public Safety meeting was talking about marijuana laws.

- ☒ "Will we be ready for the Megaquake?" Did you miss 'Unprepared' on OPB? Stream Online Now: Oregon Field Guide spent a year-and-a-half probing into the state of Oregon's preparedness, and found that when it comes to bridges, schools, hospitals, building codes and energy infrastructure, Oregon lags far behind many quake-prone regions of the country. [Excellent website: <http://www.opb.org/news/series/unprepared/>]
- ☒ Portland nursery has their 28th Annual Apple Tasting Event, 10:00am - 5:00pm; 5050 SE Stark; Friday-Sunday October 9 - 11 and Friday-Sunday October 16\* - 18. Try (and buy for \$1/lb.) different varieties.
- ☒ Corbett Lane celebrated its 20<sup>th</sup> year National Night Out Block Party. Nancy Holmes organized this year's event. Police did come and let kids work the squad car siren. Three neighbors who used to live in the hood came back for the party.

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**Lewis and Clark, Mark Duntley:** Students are not supposed to park in the neighborhood. The best thing to do is to call Marilyn at Campus Safety. [Campus Safety Officers are on duty 24 hours, 365 days Emergency: (503) 768-7777; Business phone: (503) 768-7855; Email: [safety@lclark.edu](mailto:safety@lclark.edu), /www.lclark.edu/about/campus\_safety/] Marilyn has been moving around neighborhood and clearing the offending parked cars.

- ☒ Set up neighbor relations committee with CVNA to deal with the chronic problem party houses? Work together to figure out how to deal with people.
- ☒ A lot of problems are due to landlords, absentee landlords. Find out where checks are mailed and send letter to landlord. It is a slow process.
- ☒ Student leaders were involved in the past and were successful. We need to try this again.
- ☒ Having info on concerned houses is very helpful in assembling a database.

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**NET Report, Bob Fischer:** Seven new NET members and one refreshed member took last month's NET training course and final exercise. Collins View now has a NET team of 24 people, well spread out through the neighborhood. Our new emphasis is getting the community better

prepared and trained. The waiting list for official NET training had been 30-40 people; it is now over a 1000 people. City doesn't know how to respond. Getting more people working with NETs, attending meetings and trainings will allow many people to at least be partially trained in NET techniques. Assistant Team Leaders (ATL) are being set in our neighborhood areas. Elise DeLisser is ATL in her neighborhood, Fran Laird is 6<sup>th</sup> ATL. ATLs are on Corbett, Kelly, and other places. We need people in Maplecrest.

James Luce: Everyone needs at least 1 gal of water per person per day for minimum of 2 weeks and two weeks of food. A two week timeframe before outside intervention may be very optimistic.

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Notices for regular CVNA meetings are not going up on Nextdoor. Maryellen Read agreed to post one announcement two weeks ahead of each monthly meeting and another reminder the weekend ahead.

The print on the meeting signs is too small.

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**Land Use Committee, Dave and Dixie Johnston:** there are two major independent but related projects, (the Comprehensive Plan and the Campus Institutional Zoning project) and one land use action. The Comprehensive Plan provides the overall policy and framework within which city code, including the Institutional Zoning, must fit. It also sets the geographical limits of the various land use designations containing the zones. It must be approved by the State. The zoning provides the details for what is allowed in the zones.

The Comprehensive Plan:

1) the recommended draft (Aug. 2015) has been sent to City council and Public Hearings are scheduled to begin Nov. 19, 2015 at 2:00PM in City Council Chambers. There is a briefing (but not testimony) Nov 10 at 9:30AM. Both should rebroadcast on Channel 30. We can testify in person, by letters, or email. Anything submitted needs to have your name and address on it.

2) The Plan would establish a new Campus Institutional (CI) Land Use Designation with subzones. In Lewis and Clark's case, this corresponds to Conditional use Master Plan (CUMP) limits, not IR zone limits. Remaining IR zone property would revert to residential, including the Maplecrest property.

3) Our main concern is listing the CI designation and its zones as employment areas, and allowing retail services for the surrounding areas. See Policy 6.59.

The Campus Institutional Zoning Project

1) This is nearing completion and will be sent to the Planning and sustainability Commission with Public Hearings now tentatively scheduled for Dec. 13. Once approved (and perhaps modified) it will go to City council for further hearings and adoption. It is dependent on the Comprehensive Plan and cannot be implemented until the Comprehensive Plan is approved by the State.

2) The proposed zoning would establish subzones, (CI 1 in Lewis and Clark's case) and specify what activities may take place within the zone. Some activities would be conditional uses as in the present system, and would require a public process, presumably the Type III land use process with a hearing we are used to.

3) The changes would result in permanent approval of authorized activities and eliminate the need for the periodic re-authorization of the current CUMP every 10 years. Limits on the activities allowed on all campuses would be standardized to some extent.

4) Institutions would still have limits similar to what exist now, with conditional use approval needed for many that are unique to a particular campus.

5) Our main concerns seem to be permitting retail sales for the surrounding community on the campus edges and energy generation from bio-matter with up to 10 tons per week from off campus.

The Land Use action at 708 SW Maplecrest Ct., LU 15-139687 LPD

The application to divide this lot in two and add a house has now been submitted. It is essentially similar to what Marceen Bloom described last spring. Comments are due by 5PM Oct. 21, by letter or email. It is a Type IIx procedure which means it will be decided by City staff with a possible appeal to the Hearings Officer.

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**Transportation Committee, Prakash Joshi** sent out exhibits to the city.

The Primrose bus stop shelter, crosswalk, activated flashing yellow lights proposal (Exhibit C): Trimet will not put in a bus stop shelter, but if the city puts in a cross walk Trimet might reconsider. The cross walk at Primrose is a frustrating issue. We haven't given up but city says: "we will evaluate...no funding..."

We submitted that we want two traffic lights opposite Maplecrest on Terwillger (Exhibit A). The city will consider the proposal.

Barbur Blvd. Safety Audit (Naito Blvd to Sherwood)  
[<http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/REGION1/OR99W%20Barbur%20Safety%20Audit/Barbur%20Fact%20Sheet%20Blue.pdf>] A major independent audit team will identify constraints, short and long range plans for this major emergency response and major truck route. City has designated it as a bikeway and walkway also.

Macadam Ridge developers have resubmitted a plan which reduces the number of proposed homes to be built. The grievance they filed has been dropped. They are up against deadlines and are submitting things to the city constantly until they get to a type three hearing before a hearing officer. Anyone can write to the city anytime about the issues.

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*Submitted by Maryellen Read, Secretary CVNA*