

CVNA Minutes Sept. 7 2016
7:00-8:40 PM Riverdale High School
Minutes are posted on Collins View Nextdoor and on collinsview.org

[Related material that was not presented at the meeting is italicized in these Minutes]

Issues of Neighborhood Concerns: We are soliciting input from all neighbors on issues that concern you. We will address these at upcoming meetings. This is your Neighborhood Association. With your help it can be proactive and constructive, as well as responsive.

Attendees: Officer Newby, Avi Solomon, Brendan McGillicuddy, Cheri Ann Richards, David Forero, Denny Barnes, Elise DeLisser, Fran Laird, Gene Lynard, James Luse, James Van Domelen, Mark Duntley, Maryellen Read, Maureen Diamond, Paula Robinson, Prakash Joshi, Walter Lamberti

Welcome and Welcome back!

Officer Newby from Portland Police Neighborhood Response Team (NW Central Precinct): The removal of the homeless camp under the I-5 bridge is being address by ODOT.

- 60-70 officers are retiring in October. Call load has gone up as staffing has gone down. Only 4-5 new officers are being hired. Nationwide, fewer people are applying to police bureaus. Of those that do apply, across the US, only 1 out of 100 people pass background checks and fitness requirements. New hires take 2.5 years before being active staffers. The daunting reality is that police staffing is going to get even worse before it gets better. All units are being reduced. There is a domino effect of no resources, which is frustrating for the public and for cops too. 300 cops are assigned to the patrol division.
- *[a map of Portland Police Bureau Central Precinct NRT Districts <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/police/article/267935>]*
- Homeless people evicted from the Sweetwater Corridor have been moving into neighborhoods. This is being addressed one incident at a time. 99% of time they voluntarily comply to move on. The campers disperse and then it will happen again later. This is a short term fix for any local area.
- **Point of contact system:** call in is 823-4000 for anything regarding illegal camping. This then gets coordinated with City Hall. Or go online. You can take a picture of the camp and send it digitally. It might take 1-2 months before anything happens.
- Downtown businesses pay for privatized police (Portland Patrol) in the business district. *[<http://www.portlandpatrol.com/> Portland Patrol Inc. (PPI) is a private security company providing armed and unarmed security for both public and private organizations in Oregon. Working closely with the Portland Police Bureau, PPI employees help to ensure the safety and security of individuals, businesses, and property in the downtown area. PPI serves as the "Safe" side of the Portland Business Alliance's Downtown Clean & Safe Program that provides security and cleaning for Portland's Business Improvement District (BID). PPI is committed to ensuring that all visitors to the BID have a safe and positive experience in our wonderful city.]* Portland Patrol also

cleans sidewalks - 400,000 needles collected just in the business district downtown. Open drug use is common, not really not shocking.

- Call 911 and cops will show up if there is a true emergency. Officer Newby doesn't think the response times for emergency calls has gone up significantly.
- If it's a **crime in progress call 911**;
- If you are **reporting a crime not in progress call the non emergency number: 503-823-3333**.

Lewis and Clark CERT Coordinator, Jason Holmgren: The College is revamping its emergency protocols. It is in a consortium with other city colleges (UP Reed College etc) to combine resources for emergency responses. For National Preparedness Month (Sept.) [<https://www.ready.gov/september>] we are prepping for the "Great Oregon Shakeout" in October with an earthquake preparedness initiative. Neighbors are welcome to attend the 30 min seminars.

Riverdale High School – Paula Robinson: the emphasis at Riverdale is to embed five habits into all classes of the curriculum for prepare the students to be responsible, successful, analytical and thoughtful citizens. The focus is on the qualities of persistence, resilience, empathy, ethics and synthesis. There are tangible ways to embed these things in the curriculum, newsletters and articles. We are teaching and training parents as well.

- Hired a college counselor and a new librarian. Librarian Kate Loggin has retired.
- Increased instructional hours - actual face to face time with the teacher) for students Added 5 minutes to every day and class time.
- India trip is scheduled for the spring.
- This school is a lottery school. Non-resident students can attend Riverdale on a tuition basis, or an inter-district transfer [*the process is here:* <http://www.riverdaleschool.com/page.cfm?p=3255>] Spaces are available for the computer generated drawing. [http://www.oregonlive.com/beaverton/index.ssf/2011/07/new_oregon_law_will_make_it_easier_for_students_to_transfer_between_districts_beginning_in_2012-13_s.html] [http://www.oregonlive.com/portland/index.ssf/2013/04/riverdale_school_district_pres.html]
- *{The following follow-up from Paula} In November, (11/6/2016) the school's Info Day will be hosted for families interested in transferring to Riverdale. After the Info day families who are interested in attending will engage in communication with our enrollment coordinator. Student shadows will be scheduled for students to view the school day. In the spring (the date TBD) a lottery will occur and families will be notified of their space available. Then families will take the spot or give it up to the next in line on the waiting list. Other districts may or may not release these students on transfer. If the district releases students their school funding follows them to our district. If districts do not release them their state funding does not follow them and they may opt to pay tuition or release their space to a person on the waiting list. Portland public school determines releases differently every year. We have to monitor how many Portland*

public school kids are released but we do not need to monitor any other district. If you are a Portland Public School, the only district we have limitations on, and you ask for release request and we have met our quota of 75 you will not be enrolled due to our land use agreement.

Lewis and Clark College – Mark Duntley: there is a new shuttle coordinating with new parking arrangements on Dosch Lane. The emphasis is on biking and getting more cars away from campus.

The Pioneer Press' shuttle pattern is on line under transportation parking [https://www.lclark.edu/offices/transportation_and_parking/shuttle/].

- One hundred fewer entering students out of total of 2200 undergraduates.
- More returning students are living on campus. The new residence hall is popular.
- The new automated readers on cars works quite well to identify illegal parkers in the neighborhood.

Chairman's Report- Jim Diamond

Tim Crail from Amanda Fritz's office had been invited to talk about the city's new tree code and to hear the neighborhood concerns about noncompliance and confusion regarding the Tree Code. We will try to get him to address next month's meeting.

The SW Corridor Plan [<http://www.oregonmetro.gov/public-projects/southwest-corridor-plan>] **commentary window is now open until Oct. 3..** [On this page, (<http://www.oregonmetro.gov/public-projects/southwest-corridor-plan/happening-now>) find detailed documents related to this Scoping Period and learn how you can participate, now through Oct. 3, 2016. First comes "scoping"- A 30-day period in which interested people and organizations comment on the alternatives and projects that should be included in the EIS process, and the impacts that should be studied for each. The Scoping Period extends from Sept. 2 to Oct. 3, 2016..... You can help shape what's included.] **We need to make sure Collins View has access to the transit center. If it is not in the draft, suggestions will not be considered. Present plans have us isolated, with no way to easily access the transit center. Our neighboring hoods (South Burlingame, Marshall Park) are already engaged in this endeavor.**

[The following is excerpted from the June 2016 Minutes Transportation Report: "Big stuff: There will be a massive light rail and bus station across Barbur Blvd. by Freds. We asked for a footbridge across I-5 to afford access to all our neighborhoods. Our existing neighborhoods need to have a way to the transit station. All this mass transit planning is meant to create and facilitate row houses and increase urban density. The necessity of having existing communities take advantage of light rail and mass transit is a huge issue. Collins View would be in a partnership with Marshall Park and South Burlingame to promote this. Matching federal funds would be available. The light rail plan is complete. The neighborhoods' footbridge to the transit station is a concept similar to what Lair Hill neighborhood had negotiated – a footbridge to walk over to South Waterfront by the Tram. It will happen in 2037. An idea is to have the Neighborhood Association write to support this plan..." {end of excerpt}]

Just this past year, our neighborhood's letter writing campaign had been successful in preserving our neighborhood's zoning codes. If enough of us raise our voices, we will be heard by the SW Corridor Transit Planners. If we are silent, our needs will not be recognized, in fact they will be ignored. Write your support of an access bike-pedestrian bridge from our neighborhoods to the proposed Barbur Transit Center.

- The Oct. 5 meeting will be chaired by Elise DeLisser
- *[We ran out of meeting time before hearing this report: The Board of Directors at Oregon Food Bank has begun planning the annual Oregon Harvest Dinner & Auction, to be held Saturday, October 15, 2016 at Oregon Food Bank Headquarters. Our theme this year is "Feeding the Human Spirit." We are reaching out to all of Portland's Neighborhood Associations asking each to consider donating to the Oregon Food Bank's Board of Director's Oregon Harvest Dinner 2016. We invite you to donate a gift basket of items representative of your neighborhood stores.]*
- **Upcoming Workshops by Jim Diamond: "Greening your own carbon footprint".** Jim has spent the last year working on Oregon climate change and sustainability issues, engaging with local and regional non-profits working together for a zero carbon future.

Committee Reports:

Ad Hoc appointments/Elections: with Fran holding three positions on the SWNI Board, Collins View is losing votes, so the following Ad Hoc appointments are crucial for our neighborhood's representation:

- Elise DeLisser was elected SWNI Representative from Collins View, . nominated by Maureen Diamond, seconded by Brendan McGillicuddy, unanimous vote of approval.
- Brendan McGillicuddy was elected Parks Representative from Collins View, nominated by Denny Barnes, seconded by Gene Lynard, unanimous vote of approval.
- The SW Watershed Resource Center's Watershed Committee is only now developing a mission statement. It has become a guidance committee. Anyone can attend, whoever shows up. [<http://swni.org/watershed>] Brendan thought it was going to be about watershed management, but its interest and meeting time is basically devoted to stormwater management. Bioswales are across the board failures because they are not compatible with soil types in our areas.

Treasurer-Jim Van Domelen: The balance year ago was \$228. Today our balance is \$640; which includes \$81 from picnic donations, the rest from Krogers Community Rewards.

NET-*[We ran out of meeting time before hearing this report:*

- *Saturday, Oct 22 is a joint Earthquake Response exercise, "Bull Run," by South Burlingame and Collins View NET teams. We are looking for volunteers to be citizen spectators or "victims" to be rescued. Volunteers will get a free pizza lunch.*
- *Our Collins View and South Burlingame NET teams continue to work closely with each other on many projects. The upcoming Business Preparedness Outreach Project is an example.*

- *NET training meet-ups are at Stephenson School, 6:30 PM the second Wednesday of every month. Search and Rescue NET Trainer Marcel Rodriguez presides]*
- *The Oct. 2 business preparedness table at the Hillsdale Farmers Market will be staffed by South Burlingame and Collins View NETs]*

Neighborhood Watch and Meet-Up: Elise DeLisser: *[We ran out of meeting time before hearing this report: A successful meet-up with invitations and movie night arrangements orchestrated by youth in the Riverside Sector included pot luck, Fire Station10 team and truck, NET leader and Public Safety Rep attending. Contact and preparedness conversations with many neighbors.]*

Picnic Report: Maryellen Read: *[We ran out of meeting time before hearing this report:*

- *A HUGE thank you to Lewis & Clark College for graciously hosting this event again with CVNA!*
- *A HUGE thank you to Tryon Creek Grill for donating all the really delicious high quality grill foods.*
- *A HUGE thank you to Grill Masters Gary Hickson and Randall Blythe. And to Fran Laird, who helped coordinate the whole circus.*
- *The NET table had preparedness handouts to give to the many interested people stopping by to chat.*
- *Denny Barnes fielded questions at the Tree Canopy Project table.*
- *The River View Natural Area Table had ecology/watershed/environment handouts and two Giant Coastal Salamanders (stuffed) chained to the area map. The real thing was discovered in RVNA, sadly lacking in the sequined camouflage material of the mascots.*
- *Attendance was down from last year's event, probably because of the cool and cloudy day, but those that attended had fun and enjoyed themselves.*
- *The visiting firemen and huge truck from station 10 and the patrolman from Portland Police Neighborhood Response Team NW Central Precinct] were a magnet for kids and adults who asked questions and toured the 47' firetruck.]*

Parks and SWNI- Fran Laird: Spring Garden Park's Ice Cream Social is 5 PM Sept 20. The meeting is 5:30-7:30 will address issues about different development plans for the park.

- Candidate Forum is Monday, Oct. 10, 6:30 at the Multnomah Arts Center Auditorium.
- SWNI Fall Cleanup [<http://swni.org/node/388>] (ALWAYS a tremendous success) is Sat. Nov 5, 9Am to 1PM at the Portland Christian Center, 5700 SW Dosch Rd.

Walter Lamberti brought up Tree Code permit rules and processes: *The posting of tree removal permits and new regulations regarding size of trees to be removed and replanting mandates are on this website. [<http://www.portlandoregon.gov/trees/article/496498>web page].*

RVNA- John Miller (in absentia): On RVNA:

- The 'No Cycling' signs continue to be removed from posts in River View Natural Area.
- In spite of signage, dogs are being walked in RVNA.

- We have submitted the Friends of River View Natural Area (FoRVNA)'s Values, Mission and Vision Statement and a draft of our Stewardship Agreement to our contact with Portland Parks and Recreation.

RE: ORCMP: These notes are from a change.org petition started by Friends for Forest Park: "The committee heard from Parks staff that shared trails must be 8 feet wide with hard packed surface and good line of sight, which makes the sport of single track, at this time, a 'non-allowed park use' in Forest Park." We assume this would be the same for RVNA.

- Also, "Toole Consultants, under contract by BPS, next presented a preliminary map delineating potential sites for off road cycling around the city. Their model relies heavily on topographical information and does not integrate existing environmental zones, neighborhood park plans or visions. Forest Park is on the list as was the Bull Run Watershed (which presumably they will remove)."
- The first cut at sites that will be considered further was revealed at the Aug 25 meeting. Areas with high natural resource value were displayed (e.g Forest Park and RVNA). Reportedly, the three open houses originally proposed for this outreach have all been canceled.

Crime and Public Safety- Gene Lynard: The SWNI Public Safety meeting was Sept 1.

- Amanda Fritz stopped by to let the Public Safety Committee know about a couple of ballot measures that will be on the ballot this fall, 26179, a housing bond measure that is designed to create a \$250 million fund for housing our homeless population and the other 26180 which would create a 3% tax on recreational marijuana sales for the City of Portland. Currently recreational marijuana sales are taxed at 25%, all of which goes to the State of Oregon. Come January 1, that tax will be reduced to 17%, with 1.7% (10%) going to the City of Portland, and the remainder going to the State. Amanda Fritz would like to see the City's share increased to 4.7% (1.7% plus 3%) to be used for three purposes (1) drug and alcohol treatment, (2) public safety for specialized training for our officers, and (3) a grant program to be set up for small businesses.
- Bob Cady, team member of the Westside Relay Team for the Multnomah County Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES) which serves emergency groups in towns, cities and states when primary communications fail after an emergency event, talked about how they coordinate with local groups for communication needs during an emergency.
- October 27th the SWNI Public Safety Committee will host its annual Community Policing Reception to honor the many Portland Police Bureau Officers and Multnomah County Sherriff's Deputies.

Transportation-Prakash Joshi: Seasons change and schools' traffic patterns change so the recalibration of traffic lights is timely. The Second Ave/ Boones Ferry traffic light and the lights at Taylors Ferry and Terwilliger will be recalibrated very soon.

- David Martin is the new chair for SWNI Transportation Committee.

Collins View Evergreen Project Grant Report- Denny Barnes, Project Manager: *[We ran out of meeting time before hearing this report:*

- *14 native trees were planted in Collins View Neighborhood in April. Thirteen out of fourteen trees planted in April survived the long, hot, dry summer. A 93% survival rate is pretty good. Most of the trees were Western Red Cedars planted as part of the Terwilliger Cedar Corridor Project. Additionally, a Western Hemlock, two Grand Firs and two native Cascara trees were planted.*
- *The next neighborhood planting event will be in late fall. Exact timing will depend on weather conditions and when the trees can be dug in the field and transported to Collins View. We are actively searching out good sites to plant more native evergreen trees. Neighbors who want to host a magnificent Western Red Cedar, Douglas Fir, Western Hemlock or Grand Fir may contact Denny Barnes @ dennybarnes@gmail.com. We typically plant 5-6 ft trees that quickly mature but require watering and TLC for the first 2-3 summers.*
- *Our joint efforts will make Collins View greener, the air fresher, cooler in the summer, control stormwater in the rainy season, dampen traffic noise, provide habitat for birds and wildlife and stand as green sentinels protecting our beautiful neighborhood from environmental degradation.]*