

SWNI News Article for May 2016

Portland Audubon Society's Jay Withgott guided the April 2 River View Natural Area Bird Walk. Jay's spotting scope allowed observation without disrupting the spring activities of many varieties of birds. The Friends of River View Natural area, assisted by BES, Jen Seamons and Sanjane Ceesay, organized the event. Look for future bird walks notices in the SWNI News.

The Collins View Evergreen Project, supported by a SWNI small neighborhood grant, had its first planting on April 2 at the St. Mark Church-P'nal Or campus and Riverdale High School. Find more details elsewhere in this SWNI News and in the April 6th CVNA Minutes posted in collinsview.org.

We have been warned that our neighborhood will have to be self-reliant during the aftermath of the expected Cascadia Earthquake. Help from the city's fire, police, ambulance will not arrive for at least a week. Our trained and engaged Neighborhood Emergency Team (NET) has plans in place for response and triage. Everyone in the neighborhood will be involved in the disaster response.

"Everyone in the neighborhood" includes the Lewis and Clark community. A weekend or evening earthquake means that many of the Lewis and Clark CERT-trained staff will be unable to return to campus. Collins View neighbors can offer housing and support for college students and staff who are on campus, unable to return to their homes.

It seems reasonable and beneficial that the Lewis and Clark CERT trained members and Collins View NET establish a dialogue and nurture a cooperative relationship, especially regarding emergency preparations and training opportunities.

Important things in the Collins View earthquake response plan:

- Store your water, food, medical needs and supplies now.
- Know that St. Mark Church on Terwilliger is the neighborhood meeting place. Assess your home, family and immediate neighbors' situations first. Next- probably the day after the disaster- meet at St. March Church to get or offer help.

Commissioner Saltzman's **Eleventh Hour Stealth Amendment #S16** to the Campus Institutional Zoning Designation of the Portland Comprehensive Plan, which rezones the college-owned properties at lower Boones Ferry Road and SW Terwilliger, is vigorously and adamantly opposed by Collins View Neighborhood Association, SWNI, and residents of Collins View. Portland's Bureau of Planning and Sustainability (BPS) does not support the amendment, noting that "These properties are not within the College Master Plan boundary." Many residents wrote and hand delivered protest letters to the Mayor and Commissioners.

Amendment #S16 is rife with errors and misattributions. One of the stated addresses does not exist. "Related testimony (for or against) [from] Lewis and Clark" is not included anywhere in the entire document; "[from] Collins View NA" is a document relating to an entirely different matter [River View Natural Area]. These misstatements are either intentional or incompetent.

The amendment's insertion is an affront to the months long work of John Cole's Campus Institutional Zoning Project and those who crafted the Comprehensive plan. It violates the entire civic public process and marginalizes neighborhood involvement.

Commissioner Saltzman, what are your reasons for proposing amendment #S16?