

Minutes from the Oct 7, 2015 Collins View Neighborhood Association meeting are posted in their entirety on Nextdoor Collins View and on collinsview.org.

Some of the things Fran Laird's written report submitted to Emily Roth at the last RVNA PAC meeting on Sept 22, 2015 were: *Collins View Neighborhood Association [CVNA] recognizes that some of our members are avid off-road cyclists and responsible dog walkers. ... We believe that the acquisition, preservation and development of RVNA is a concern of CVNA 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. ... [Safety] is a priority, especially because hikers have had many near misses with off road cyclists recently. ... [R]esidents would be happy to help with work parties to decommission trails....[O]ff road cycling is currently not allowed but this policy is not enforced....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. ...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 [in the ORC-MP] when it has been shown to be one of the last refuges for cold water flow to the Willamette? ...[T]he report leaves the Natural Area totally open to off road cycling without qualifying the site's suitability. This seems irresponsible.

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John Miller emphasized: The RVNA Master Plan (RVNAMP) is not yet public. CVNA committee chairs have no access. Fran Laird and Torrey Lindbo had access to the draft as PAC members, and responded per their judgement. RVNAMP will be reviewed by city directors and commissioners. The plan will be released two weeks before a council hearing, date TBA, December timeframe.

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The city's 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. The zoning provides the details for what is allowed in the zones. Our main concern in the Comprehensive Plan is the Campus Institutional Land Use Designation and its zones as employment areas, and allowing retail services for the surrounding areas. In the Campus Institutional Zoning Project, 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, are particularly concerning.

Public/private partnerships loom large in the new Comp Plan, with corporate sponsorships and availability of corporate funds. The PPR-Under Armour projects at Duniway Park and Lents are typical examples.