

Collins View Neighborhood Association (CVNA)
Special Board Meeting---Wednesday, January 6, 2010
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Present: Prakash Joshi, Dave Johnston, Dixie Johnston, Danni McLoughlin, Fran Laird, Gene Lynard, Maureen Diamond, Maryellen Read, Samantha Walker, Dee Ann Troutman, Laura Siddons, Anna Browne, David Ellis, Jeff Feld-Gore, Dana Fischer, Charlotte Joshi, Barry Stuart Keller, Bob Majury, Johnette Majury, Katy McFadden, James Peale, Sam Pearson

Prakash convened the meeting at 7:08. He discussed procedural issues, for this meeting and future meetings. He will try to follow the agenda, including timelines. The agenda includes time for "open discussions". Prakash asked for any additions to the agenda, and there were none tonight.

Officer Caspar announced last month that he could not attend tonight.

Crime and Public Safety—There was no SWNI Crime and public Safety committee meeting in Dec. At tomorrow's monthly meeting they will meet the new Commander of the Central Precinct and hear a report from Laurie Abraham, Neighborhood District Attorney.

Transportation—We are scheduled for a speed display board in February on SW Terwilliger in front of Riverdale High School. We may also be able to get a board from Portland Police 1-2 days/month by writing a letter to the city through Gene Lynard. Portland's chief traffic officer will be at our February meeting and will explain the system of monitoring the prevailing speed on certain streets and adjusting speed limits according to the "85% rule". He'll also discuss the issue of mirrors for traffic safety.

The city also wants to address the SW Terwilliger and Boones Ferry Rd intersection. Pedestrian and bicycle issues are major factors in this review.

Land Use—CVNA prevailed on its opposition to the Lewis & Clark proposal for the update of their Conditional Use Master Plan (CUMP). Other than that, there are no new land use issues. CVNA has declined a request from The Oregonian for an interview on the topic of the L&C decision, since the hearing officer's report speaks for itself. Katy McFadden offered her thanks to those who worked so hard on this issue.

Bylaws—We usually consider updates/amendments at the May meeting. During the CUMP process several shortcomings in our present Bylaws became apparent. Prakash has reviewed Bylaws from other neighborhood associations. We have a pdf file of the 2003 Bylaws which have had 2 updates that need to be incorporated in to the full copy of the Bylaws. (There is also a Word file of some modifications made in 2005, but this draft was never completely adopted). Maureen will type up a full set of up-to-date Bylaws; the next step will be to distribute these to interested parties for review/input. Dave Johnston suggests that a draft of Bylaws updates should be ready for review by April, in preparation for voting at the May meeting.

Portland Plan/ City School Policy—Prakash mentions that there is a CVNA "neighborhood plan" written 13 years ago, which is good but needs revisions to reflect growth, new membership. This plan never gained any official approval, is not enforceable.

According to Oregon law, all cities must have a comprehensive plan looking 20-30 years in the future. Tom Potter started this with "Vision PDX". Currently, several background reports for Mayor Adams' Portland Plan are available on-line and at the SWNI office. Citizens are encouraged to review these; Mayor Adams is still soliciting citizen input.

There is some doubt about enforceability of some aspects of earlier city plans which never got into city code. An example is the City School Policy. As Dixie explained, this policy was never incorporated into the city's zoning code, and so it carries no weight in land use decisions. However in political arenas this City School Policy may be enforced if the leadership is behind it—it may be pertinent to current proposals to close some schools in the City.

Lewis & Clark (L&C)—David Ellis cited 2 reasons why L&C decided not to appeal the city's decision on their proposed Conditional Use Master Plan (CUMP) update: L&C considered neighborhood opposition; and they took the hearing officer's report seriously.

He acknowledges that L&C realizes that a Raz driver did take his bus into neighborhood streets; and he indicates that the college has reminded Raz strongly of the contract language that prohibits this.

When a L&C member is identified as parking inappropriately on neighborhood streets, they get a letter of warning from the college and they can be ticketed. Random patrols and ticketing of offenders will continue. Samantha Walker asks how this is addressed in the current CUMP. David Ellis says they do daily patrols, but since the area is so large a particular street may not get frequent surveillance.

The Dianne Gregg Memorial Pavilion (Glen Gregg worked for L&C in development and in the business office for several years) will be the first project to move forward under the newly approved CUMP. This pavilion, similar to one included in original plans for Flanagan Chapel, will provide a space smaller than the chapel for music, for receptions associated with events in the chapel, and for other events.

L&C's public relations staff person, Jodi Heintz, will be at our next meeting—she manages L&C web pages. We will discuss Internet options to present more information about L&C to neighbors (info about upcoming events, including events at athletic fields). Eventually they will send a postcard to neighbors to announce this web service.

Prakash suggests re-activating the task force that promoted collaboration between L&C and CVNA. There was a "blueprint" that guided the task force, and Prakash will look for that.

Gene asked if L&C has made any decisions about disposing of the properties at SW Terwilliger and Boones Ferry Rd, now that the law student housing will not be erected. David indicated that they are not planning any changes at that location.

Fran Laird asked what project will follow the Dianne Gregg Pavilion. David indicated that fundraising will be essential for projects in the approved CUMP to move forward. Their next priority will probably be a new science building in the central campus. A new student center to replace Templeton is also a high priority.

Open Discussion—Dee Ann suggests some ideas to maintain the neighborhood spirit that came up during recent work on the issues around the L&C proposal, such as an ivy-pull day; signs identifying the neighborhood limits; planting flowers in traffic triangles; "adopting" an elderly neighbor. Prakash encourages the pursuit of these ideas.

Dee Ann also asks if the stop sign where Maplecrest comes into SW Terwilliger can be re-located; she believes that re-locating it will improve compliance with the stop sign. Gene suggests calling a city engineer to describe the problem.

Katy McFadden expresses concern about houses that are empty (there are 2 on SW 4th). She would like us to discuss this at our next meeting. Katy will gather more information before then.

Samantha Walker says some Riverdale HS students have been parking along Maplecrest She spoke to Riverdale staff today and found them very responsive. They encourage us to call 503-892-0722 with any similar observations.

Delegate Reports—no reports tonight

Prakash reminds us to submit agenda items to him.

Adjourn 8:40 pm

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