

**Collins View Neighborhood Association (CVNA)
General Membership Meeting---Wednesday, October 5, 2011**

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Present: Prakash Joshi, Anne Browne, Maureen Diamond, Dorothy Fay, Jeff Feld-Gore, Dana Fischer, Dave Johnston, Dixie Johnston, Charlotte Joshi, Gene Lynard, P Miles Paterson, Maryellen Read, Cheri Ann Richards, Paula Robinson, James Vandomelen

Meeting convened at 7:05 pm.

Agenda was presented. No additions from those present.

Crime and Public Safety— This SWNI group will meet tomorrow and will focus on an action plan for the 2011-2012 year. The annual Community Policing Reception will take place on Mon, Oct 24, 7 pm at the Multnomah Arts Center. This will be an opportunity to meet the new Commander of Central precinct.

Land Use— Prakash has had questions about land-use rules related to rental units. There can be up to 5 unrelated adults in one house per PDX zoning. If you have a room or separate living quarters to rent out, this space must be documented as a separate auxiliary dwelling unit. Investigations into violations of these issues are complaint-driven and they may not receive high priority due to low resources at this time. Officer Caspar is monitoring a home on SW Maplecrest with frequent parties; this has resulted in fewer parties. We're grateful for his attention.

SWNI—Trick or Treat in the Village will take place on Oct 31 from 3:30 to 5:30 (see SWNI News for details http://newspaper.swni.org/2011/October_2011.pdf). Free shredding of confidential documents will be offered at Landmark Ford on October 22 from 9 am to 1 pm. The Annual Fall Clean-Up will take place again on Saturday, November 5, 9am - 1 pm, at the Portland Christian Church, 5700 SW Dosch Road. Scrap metal, old appliances, bulky items, yard waste are accepted; computers, old cell phones, other electronic devices are not accepted (see SWNI News link above for details).

Neighborhood Small Grant Applications are due on Oct 31. This is a competitive process and grants can range from \$200 to \$2000. See swni.org for more information.

L&C—14th annual environmental Affairs Symposium occurs Oct 10 to 13. "Water, Water Everywhere" by Michael Beech will be presented. L&C sign-making facility is preparing 4 signs to replace current signs that are posted in the neighborhood to remind residents of upcoming CVNA meetings. They will be ready next week and Maryellen will receive them. Thinking ahead, maybe neighborhood reps could keep a sign in their garage to be posted at a good place in the vicinity of their home each month.

L&C SWNI College—Football team is 4 and 0 for the first time in 19 years. There was some discussion of how to create a neighborhood sense of the football team as "our" team.

The Student Senate has discussed bringing back the "Red Watch Program". This will teach students how to intervene if fellow student is having difficulty with excess alcohol or other problems. First-responder training is included in this program. Miles has presented our

concerns to students about noisy parties, etc, to the Senate. Prakash mentioned that 99% of neighbors' interaction with students is very positive and the college is a neighborhood asset.

The case in which the L&C Law Council represented students who protested a landlord's decision not to refund a security deposit has been settled. The landlord accepted an offer from the council which forgave significant legal fees. The neighborhood has learned from this, some issues to watch out for. The Law Council has also learned how its actions can affect Collins View residents and relations between the college and Collins View.

CVNA Picnic—The college and several individuals made significant contributions to support the picnic. We now need to develop some fund-raising mechanism for future events. Jim Vandomelen, our Treasurer, presented some ideas about fund-raising: pass a "hat" at meetings; ask for donations for cookies that are served at meetings; have a bake sale. Treasury remains at \$20. Charlotte asked if donations are tax deductible. Jeff wondered if SWNI has information about successful fundraising in other neighborhood associations. SWNI is a source of some materials (plastic ware, post card-type announcements) and other assistance for events such as this. Other ideas are welcome.

Riverdale High School—The high school received The Oregonian Cup from the OSAA. This award began in 1999 to recognize overall school excellence in academics, athletics, sportsmanship and community. Its award to Riverdale was predominantly based on classroom achievements with programs that finished very well in the state. Boys' soccer and girls' basketball also did well. The award, a large silver urn trophy, was presented at an Assembly and stays at the school.

The high school has to maintain the chain-link fence and gates on the property. These repairs are costly, and the school believes some damage is caused by residents who want access to the park (which is intended for community use when the school is not using it). The gates have to be locked during the school year to maintain a closed campus; but they will be left unlocked during summer break to allow easier access to the park. The park can always be accessed from the front of the school property.

General Community Issues—CVNA has tried to establish a TriMet Committee. Dorothy Fay is concerned about a proposal from TriMet to discontinue student bus passes.

The college has had discussions with TriMet, and has offered to purchase TriMet passes for students and staff; but TriMet still has not come through with improved service into the neighborhood. Consequently, L&C has added more Pioneer shuttles to meet student needs. A CVNA transportation task force should include seniors residing in Collins View. Dorothy Fay is willing to offer her house to start a discussion group to identify community concerns and priorities related to TriMet Service. Maureen will put out an announcement via Collins View Google Group. If you would like to participate in a discussion group to define our concerns about TriMet service, please contact Dorothy at dafay@hevanet.com .

Adjourned 8:25

Our next regular meeting will be on Wednesday, Nov 2, 7 to 9 pm at Riverdale High School.