

November 2011 Minutes

Collins View Neighborhood Association (CVNA)

Next Board Meeting--- Wednesday, December 7, 2011, 7 pm

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Crime and Public Safety—Gene attended the Community Policing Reception, which honored officers that serve SW Portland on Monday of last week. Several officers received awards, with Officer Caspar receiving the greatest number. Betsy Shand, an advocate of disaster preparedness, is the new chair of SWNI Crime and Public Safety Committee.

On Nov 9 at 11 am, there will be a nationwide test of the emergency alert system (EAS). Such tests occur frequently at the local level, but this will be the first time the system has been activated simultaneously throughout the country. Residents should NOT call 911 during this test. For more information, go to http://www.fema.gov/emergency/ipaws/eas_info.shtm.

There have been reports of entries into unlocked vehicles in Collins View and in Marshall Park. Officer Caspar reported on car prowls around Brugger and Corbett Lane. A bike theft at L&C is being investigated.

Lewis & Clark's (L&C) website has good disaster preparedness information. There is a coordinator for Public Safety at L&C who will contact Maryellen to coordinate efforts between CVNA and the college.

The Red Cross apparently does not have storage of emergency materials (cots, blankets, etc) in the west side of the river. Jeff indicates that L&C is investigating providing a location for this. Gene will bring back information from the November meeting of SWNI Crime and Public Safety which will help CVNA formalize a group of emergency response volunteers.

If you want more information and/or if you want to participate in CVNA emergency preparedness efforts, please contact Maryellen Read at maryellenread@gmail.com.

Land Use—Karl Edwards, who lives on View Point Terrace, described a problem at the property across from his home. This is a rental; the tenant has 2 kilns in his garage and now has built a tent from the garage toward the street to extend his working space. He tends to work till 2-3 a.m. Equipment, including torches and gas tanks, are stored outdoors. Karl had the fire marshal look at the property and his report identified no known violation at the site. Karl met with the landlord recently who denied any responsibility for these hazards.

Fran asks if View Point Terrace has a homeowners' association (HOA). Dave encouraged him to check his deed to determine if there ever was an HOA. Dave also says a city inspector, especially one who works in code compliance, is the best person consult with; they would look at code enforcement, fire hazard, nuisance laws. Karl has actually tried many of these ideas already, but is open to any suggestions from residents.

CVNA Organization—Jim Vandomelen has investigated how to set up a "general account" to be used as needed for purposes established by the board. Initial goal is an account of about \$150, to be raised from donations. The annual picnic is one event that would benefit from such a fund.

Prakash is trying to schedule Rob Burchfield, the City Traffic Engineer who also manages Portland's Traffic Operations Division, to attend a CVNA meeting to discuss options to improve SW Terwilliger and Boone's Ferry intersection. An improved intersection would be a good location for a large sign to welcome people to Collins View. South Burlingame has small signs

on each street sign at corners to identify the neighborhood; Fran indicates that funds were raised via door-to-door campaign in the neighborhood and via business donations.

L&C College—Jeff introduced Michel George, new Associate Vice President for Facilities at L&C, who also is a new Collins View resident. The new entrance to Griswold Stadium is complete; and the new residence hall is under construction, to be sealed in by December, ready for indoors work. There was a L&C student who had a skateboarding accident on Maplecrest Drive and died 2 days later due to head injuries. It was very early morning and the student was on his way home from the library.

Jeff had a neighborhood-college meeting. Stefanie Abrams was present. At the last minute, OLCC was unable to attend. This group will work on building relationships with landlords. Maryellen suggested working with the college's reference librarian to identify landlords in the area. Jeff is trying to re-establish relationships with neighborhood businesses that serve alcohol to reduce illegal and/or unsafe alcohol use among students.

There is still concern re: the crosswalk on SW Palater at SW Palatine Hill Rd. Inadequate lighting and the incline of the road create visibility issues. Prakash has had city traffic staff there to ask about more street lighting, but nothing has materialized. Dorothy asks if moving the crosswalk to the other side of the SW Palatine Hill stop sign would help. At this time, Jeff and Prakash plan to make separate calls to Paul Zebell, Traffic Signals-LRT and Special Operations, to explain the need for action on this issue.

L&C runs a shuttle in neighborhood streets to help Law School staff get to campus. There have been some concerns about this service (unsafe driving, adding to congestion).

Riverdale High School—Paula Robinson was unable to attend tonight.

TriMet Work Group—Dorothy Fay (dafay@hevanet.com) has had 4 residents express interest in a TriMet work group. Jeff indicates that he can provide space at L&C. Dorothy will begin with a small meeting at her home (0145 SW Ridge) on Nov 10 from 5:30 to 6:30 or 7 to identify current resident concerns. This group will schedule future meetings based on availability of those who are there. Dorothy talked to Brian Riho, who owns several commercial properties in Collins View, to assess business owners' awareness of public transportation in our area. Jeff thinks we can leverage L&C student input as well.

General Community Issues—The DelMars are concerned about the noise created by Ahavai Sahlom Memorial Cemetery's lawn mowing. There may need to be some noise monitoring. Prakash suggests contacting cemetery staff first to let them know there is a concern. Anna Browne asks about work going on along Maplecrest. Prakash says the city is working hard to clean up the culverts for better drainage.

Adjourned 8:40

Our next regular meeting will be on Wednesday, Dec , 7 to 9 pm at Riverdale High School Cafeteria. Bring food to share, including cookies.