

February 2012 Minutes

Collins View Neighborhood Association (CVNA)

Next Board Meeting--- Wednesday, March 7, 2012, 7 pm

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Attendees: James Uyeda from Ride Connections. Prakash Joshi, Anna Browne, Maureen Diamond, Aaron Flaster, Kimberly French, Gayle George, Michel George, Maryellen Read, Dave Johnston, Dixie Johnston, Charolotte Joshi, Barry Stuart Keller, Fran Laird, Gene Lynard, P Miles Paterson, Sam Pearson, Jeff Rhoades, Paula Robinson, Samantha Walker

Upcoming meetings: Prakash has invited Portland Transportation staff to attend (engineers who program traffic lights, who design street intersections) an upcoming meeting (March or April). Prakash would like to explore a closer working relationship between CVNA and the Tryon Creek Watershed Council. Their new director, David Cohen, may attend CVNA in March or April. May will be our annual election of officers. We should identify current officers who want to continue to serve and recruit for the openings that exist (environmental issues, neighborhood reps in the Terwilliger corridor from the high school up to Taylor's Ferry).

Crime and Public Safety—Officer Caspar reported on crime activities in last 30 days. On Jan 23 a resident in 9200 block of SW Brier resident reported a suspicious figure running from their back yard to another. There have been some thefts of catalytic converters from SUVs in Collins View---thief might get \$300 for it, and someone melts it down for the metal. A purse was stolen from car in 8900 block of SW 8th Ave—resident was in the house getting ready for work. Jason Robert Eggemeyer, was seen selling gold necklaces in a Denny's in Lake Oswego; he was in possession of stolen goods from Collins View burglaries. He is currently incarcerated. Officer Caspar welcomes reports of suspicious vehicles, suspicious activity to the non-emergency police number 503-823-3333.

At the December meeting of SWNI Crime and Public Safety committee, they viewed a slide presentation (by Bob Fischer) re: emergency preparedness for families. At tomorrow's meeting, attendees will meet the new Commander from Central Precinct.

Riverdale HS has finished fund raising and purchasing for their emergency "command post": rain collecting barrels, medical supplies, etc. Lewis & Clark continues to work on this issue and yesterday had a simulation of preparedness for 9.2 quake. They have a ham radio operator on campus, looking for a few more; and they may obtain a satellite phone. Looking at issues re: food, shelter, medical supplies. Paula suggested that the high school and L&C should partner—they will pursue that.

Transportation—James Uyeda of Ride Connections, a non-profit with volunteer drivers, described their services. They evaluate most appropriate transportation options for the individual: may teach individual to use the bus; may provide ride; in some cases they provide bus passes. Hours are Mon to Fri, 8 to 4:30, phone 503-226-0700 www.rideconnection.org Other organizations can use Ride Connection vehicles at off hours if they work with Ride Connections training manager. Ride Connection requests 3-4 day advance notice; they will call back in 24-48 hours to let individual know if they can fulfill the request. No charge for services, but donations accepted. Funding sources include ODOT (Special Transportation fund dollars

target older and low income residents), county governments, Veterans Affairs; populations served by those funding sources may be targeted for services. Interested volunteer drivers can call 503-226-0700.

Anna Browne, as a rider of 38, has heard reports that TriMet is considering service changes—including cutting 38. TriMet board meets on Wed, Feb 8, and will receive a report about possible changes to cover budget deficits. That report will be on TriMet's web site by Feb 9 in the morning. There will be 4 meetings around town for resident input: Feb 15, 4:30 to 6:30 pm, in Portland Building, 1120 SW 5th Ave. There will be a 30-day period for public comment. Michel George, in charge of transportation at L&C, has met with TriMet. Their rates for students are very high, creating a barrier (bus pass fees for students are higher than fees for faculty).

There was discussion about how best to get resident input about TriMet services. Perhaps we could devote the March meeting to the TriMet topic. Michel suggests a preliminary meeting at L&C, to be announced via our Outreach, for interested residents and a TriMet representative to identify neighborhood needs re: TriMet. Suggested date Thursday, Feb 9, at 7 pm at L&C (exact location TBA). Then the March CVNA meeting may be dedicated to TriMet, if Prakash can re-schedule Portland DOT guests to our April meeting.

Land Use— The college got permission to add an AT&T antenna on campus (there are other antennae on the same tower).

SWNI—Sam Pearson from Burlingame Neighborhood will be an officer in SWNI. Tonight he reported that Parks and Rec has removed Fulton Park Community Center from the list of its highest budget cuts; there will still be some cuts to the center's budget, but at a lower percentage of cuts. SWNI Grants were awarded last week.

L&C College—Michel reports that residence hall construction is on schedule for July 15 opening. There will be a debate of Portland's 3 major mayoral candidates at L&C on Feb 13 at 7 pm (see www.lclark.edu). Prakash is still concerned about what appears to be some renewed parking by L&C students on neighborhood streets. Michel reassures us that the college is still dedicated to enforcing this issue, and Paula expresses a similar commitment from the High School.

Samantha did a ride-along with Officer Caspar and spoke highly of the interactions she observed between him and citizens he encountered during that shift (including an attempted robbery at the convenience store at SW Taylor's Ferry and Spring Garden). Any citizen can request to do a ride-along – inquire at Central Precinct.

Beware of coyotes in neighborhood---keep dogs and cats indoors.

Adjourned 8:55

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