

March 2012 Minutes

Collins View Neighborhood Association (CVNA)

Next Board Meeting--- Wednesday, April 4, 2012, 7 pm

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Attendees: Prakash Joshi, Robin Aubry, Anna Browne, David DeMar, Maureen Diamond, Dorothy Fay, Jeff Feld-Gore, Dana Fischer, Aaron Flaster, Michel George, Dave Johnston, Dixie Johnston, Charolotte Joshi, Barry Stuart Keller, Chelsea L, Daniel Leavenworth, Carla and Steve Loughlin, James Luse, Gene Lynard, Greg Parrington, P Miles Paterson, Maryellen Read, Cheri Ann Richards, Paula Robinson, Marilyn Sbardellati, James Vandomelen, Samantha Walker, Johnny Weigel

Guests: Pam Wilson, Clay Thompson—both from TriMet

Looking ahead: May is our annual meeting. Any Bylaws changes must be done before that. No major changes are anticipated and Prakash will facilitate Bylaws review before May. We will make sure current Bylaws are available on the Internet. He also believes current delegates are willing to serve again. In April Prakash will review current Board vacancies. In April PDOT reps will be at our meeting.

Crime and Public Safety—Officer Brian Hughes, Neighborhood Response Team, reported at the Feb 2 SWNI Crime and Public Safety meeting regarding the arrests in SW area burglaries (see Feb CVNA minutes). Over the most recent annual reporting period, there were 100 burglaries in SW Portland (vs 25 1 yr earlier) and 1600 city-wide (compared to 1200 1 year earlier). The group also met on March 1.

Land Use—At SW 8th Drive, near the creek, there is an application to demolish a house (prior owner passed away, neighbors bought property to clean it up and wish to demolish the house). Dave recommends that this should go forward. No further discussion.

Transportation—City crews were trimming trees on SW Terwilliger during rush hour last week. Permit says they should not start till 9 am, but they were on the street at 8 am. CVNA has requested that the work not start in the future until 10 am; this request has not yet been confirmed but Prakash is following up. Call or e-mail Prakash if you see similar work before 10 am on Terwilliger (email: cvnamail@gmail.com). Among other issues, Prakash will ask for an update from PDOT at our April meeting re: plans for SW Terwilliger and Boones Ferry intersection.

Fran Laird is preparing a grant proposal to add neighborhood signage to our street signs, similar to what was recently added in S Burlingame.

Lewis & Clark—L&C applied to be part of a higher education training institute for training re: addressing issues of ETOH and parties on campus (incl off-campus events by students). As a result, there will be a 2-day workshop on campus on April 18 and 19, free. A Collins View resident would be welcome.

There is a closed concert on campus on Sat, March 10, for which L&C staff are following event procedures (Portland Police have been hired to assist with security). Doors open at 7 pm; close at midnight. Location: Pamplin.

Law School students just returned from 9th annual animal law competition. L&C beat Yale for semi-finals. Won finals against U of Chicago. 2 finalists in closing argument competition were L&C students.

Riverdale HS—Musical over winter season was well-received. Chess club got 3rd place in the region. Other teams have also been having very good seasons.

TriMet—Michel George from L&C hosted the a meeting at campus to help to prepare for tonight's discussion. Tonight's guests, Pam Wilson and Clay Thompson, spoke about TriMet and took questions. TriMet's \$17 mil budget shortfall stems from 1) less revenue from payroll taxes; 2) unknown revenue from federal budget; 3) unknowns from union negotiations. After early discussions an initial budget proposal was made on Feb 8. Since then there have been several open houses and other opportunities for public comment. A revised proposal will be announced on March 14 (this will be a balanced budget; some unknowns remain, incl union negotiations). This will be followed by more open houses, starting on March 19, and public comment.

NOTE: SW Portland TriMet meeting will be Wed, Mar 21, Auditorium of Portland Building, 1120 SW 5th Ave.

While the trip reductions proposed for lines 38 and 39 in original proposal are not in the next draft, this does not assure there will not be any changes on those lines in the final version. Public comment was important on this point. Keep up-to-date with public hearings, proposal updates, etc, on TriMet's web site <www.trimet.org>.

Changes ultimately will be effective in Sept. Pam repeated: service is the last thing that TriMet wants to change. TriMet must have balanced budget by the end of June

Prakash also mentioned CVNA's interest in increased frequency of bus runs. Student ridership needs to be addressed; L&C runs a shuttle out of necessity for students who need access to businesses and events off-campus. Clay mentioned that there have been talks between L&C and TriMet. He understands L&C goal as having direct service into downtown (no transfer required). He considers cost effectiveness and ridership in evaluating proposed changes. The last in-depth analysis of ridership related to L&C was in 2009. There was also some work with faculty last November (data re: % faculty who drive show it's dropped from 87 to 75% since mid-90s). Michel mentioned recent discussions with TriMet re: passes for students and faculty that did not go anywhere even though L&C willing to pay reasonable costs for passes to meet student needs for downtown access.

The next step in a new analysis would be to talk to triMet's trip planning office so that someone would be assigned to such a project. This analysis would look at what might happen if TriMet took over the current shuttle (would ridership continue? what level of service would occur?). Michel indicates readiness to discuss.

The importance of the 65 line for OHSU commuting was emphasized. The absence of night-time TriMet transportation in Collins View is a problem for many residents. Dorothy Fay spoke about the transportation needs of seniors in Collins View. L&C students also need evening service.

Proposed fare changes will eliminate 2-way tickets. They are introducing an all-day ticket (\$2). 2-hour transfers to allow a return trip on 1 ticket will be eliminated (Clay says only 2-3% of riders can use the 2-hour transfer for their return trip). Feedback is coming from all groups, incl low income, on ending the 2-hour transfer.

Public Safety—Officer Caspar reported on activity in the last month. On Feb 11, a mailbox was damaged on 9900 block of Terwilliger. Follow-up on windshield damage—there were some arrests in Lake Oswego, but not sure those suspects were involved in the damage in our area. They had a call re: individual who was looking in homeowners' recycling bins—nothing came of it, but Officer Caspar appreciates calls like that.

Police resources make it impossible to address large numbers of drivers who are still using cell phones while driving. Bicycle riders have a system of reporting violations that might be life threatening, providing the information per a universal reporting form. Cell phone violations don't rise to that level of priority. The Portland Police Museum is located off the 1st floor lobby at 1111 SW 2nd Ave; hours Tues to Fri, 10 am to 3 pm

<http://www.portlandpolicemuseum.com/portlandpolicemuseum.com.php>

TriMet: Future CVNA steps—Michel suggests that CVNA's TriMet subcommittee should reconvene to develop some specific neighborhood recommendations, rather than speaking in generalities for future conversations with TriMet. When he does meet with TriMet, Michel will report back to us, keeping in mind neighborhood needs for more frequent service, evening service, etc.

Michel and Jeff are going to clarify L&C's policy regarding residents' use of the Pioneer Shuttle. It does follow the college schedule (no service in the summers). Shuttle gets from L&C to downtown in just under 30 min and it runs hourly, 7 am till 2 am on Fri and Sat nights; 7 am to 11 pm other days. Samantha proposed that if resident ridership was allowed on the Pioneer Shuttle, we might be able to demonstrate ridership numbers that would persuade TriMet that ridership can support TriMet service.

Obviously, any analysis of ridership has to be done while L&C is in session.

Adjourned 8:40

Our next regular meeting will be on Wednesday, Apr 4, 7 to 9 pm at Riverdale High School.