

April 2012 Minutes
Collins View Neighborhood Association (CVNA)
Annual Board Meeting--- Wednesday, May 2, 2012, 7 pm
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Attendees: Prakash Joshi, Anna Browne, David DelMar, Maureen Diamond, Dorothy Fay, Jeff Feld-Gore, Dana Fischer, Michel George, Charolotte Joshi, Barry Stuart Keller, Fran Laird, Gene Lynard, P Miles Paterson, Amy Ponteri, Maryellen Read, Cheri Ann Richards, James Vandomelen, Samantha Walker,

Guests: Peter Koonce from Portland's Dept of Transportation (PDOT)

Meeting convened at 7 pm. Prakash introduced the agenda and invited additions. Attendees introduced themselves.

Looking ahead: May is our annual meeting. There are no challenges to the Bylaws. Prakash is willing to serve as Chair again if nominated, but also wishes to encourage others who are interested. CVNA needs a Parks chair; and Fran would welcome other nominations to serve as SWNI liaison so that she can work on other issues.

Crime and Public Safety—Officer Caspar is doing more traffic monitoring as the weather clears. There have been episodes of mailbox damage and theft of contents. Many episodes of theft at Lewis & Clark (L&C)—wallets, small electronic devices, bike seats. Some wallet thefts are believed to have been committed by an older male who was prowling L&C offices. Officer Caspar encourages us to report to the non-emergency number (503-823-3333) when we see large groups of individuals esp if they are noisy, disorderly.

Gene reported that there will be a prescription drug turn-in on April 28 from 10 am to 2 pm at Mirabella, 3550 SW Bond Ave.

Land Use—Dave and Dixie had no new issues to report (both home sick tonight).

SWNI Report—Not much happening. Roger Averbeck chairs SWNI's Transportation Committee and joined us tonight to share information. See April SWNI News for a summary of the next 3 years of activity related to replacing the Sellwood Bridge (<http://swni.org/newspaper/>). There will be short-term closures on Hwy 43 (no long-term closures expected). The west end of the finished bridge will have signals. At some point during construction (~2 years from now?), it will not be possible to turn south as you leave the west-bound bridge; vehicles will have to drive north, and then make a U-turn at SW Macadam and Taylors Ferry. Bicycle and pedestrian access across the bridge will continue as usual except for 1 week during construction. The bridge is now fully funded; the State Legislature filled the gap that was created when Clackamas County voters failed to approve a tax to support the bridge.

Update on the Barbur corridor: this is part of a larger update in the area, and is called the "Barbur Concept Plan". No decisions have been made about increased mass transit service in this area—analysis is still in early stage. They are analyzing potential land-use changes. Open House at Cedar Waldorf School on May 3.

Sunday Parkways (collaboration between the city and Kaiser Permanente; see <http://www.portlandonline.com/transportation/index.cfm?c=51515>) is coming to SW on July 22, 11 am to 4 pm. Walkers will follow a 7.8 mile route through Hillsdale, Multnomah Village and

Garbriel Park. Specified streets will be open to people but not vehicles (some streets will have 1 lane of traffic).

Lewis & Clark—Undergraduates will have their ceremony for graduation on May 6; Law students on May 23; other graduate students on June 6. L&C is following up on the mailbox vandalism described earlier.

L&C has opened a community counseling center on Barbur. Students will work with professors to provide services on a sliding scale.

TriMet will be meeting with L&C in June at the earliest. Michel is concerned that this will be too late to lead to anything that will be part of their current changes.

PDOT—2 intersections that have most issues are SW Terwilliger and Taylors Ferry; and SW Terwilliger and Boones Ferry. Peter Koonce oversees city staff who work on signal timing (his bureau took a 10% cut in recent city budget). He has made recent changes at these 2 intersections. He plans to start some measurements at these 2 intersections and at the I-5 interchange on SW Terwilliger next week. There is only a short time to do any measurements before students leave L&C for the summer. Call City of Portland dispatch 503-823-SAFE to report concerns about traffic, about speeding, pedestrian and bike issues, etc. Also call or write Rob Burchfield and Mark Leer would address crosswalk, mirror, and other issues. The more calls, letters, etc they receive, the more likely we are to get some action.

Prakash described the dangerous access from SW 4th onto SW Boones Ferry—we have talked to the city about getting a parabolic mirror there, but the city told us they don't put up mirrors like that any more. Peter suggested that Prakash write to Rob Burchfield on this issue. Another difficult access area is from SW Maplecrest onto Terwilliger.

There was some discussion about the concept of a roundabout at SW Terwilliger and Boones Ferry (this has been addressed before). Apparently roundabout engineers would not incorporate a street as steep as SW 2nd Ave into a roundabout.

Miscellaneous—David DelMar brought up the issue of noise from power mowers as early as 6:30 am at Ahavi Sholoh Cemetery (on SW Alice, between SW 2nd and SW Brier). He has met with the landscaper, James Monahan, who indicated he might agree to start work at 7 am or later. Others at today's meeting suggested David call the city's Noise Control office (823-7350). Complaints can also be filed on-line. In addition talking to the cemetery director would be a good idea.

The Annual Neighborhood Picnic will occur on Sunday, August 5, at L&C.

If you observe city workers cutting trees, impeding traffic before 10 am, call 503-823-4000 to report.

Pancake breakfast fundraiser on April 28, 9 am to 12 noon, to help purchase CPR kits—for Lake Oswego Lifesavers. Location: Lake Oswego High School, 2501 Country Club Rd, Lk Oswego. Adjourned 8:20

Our Annual Meeting will be on Wednesday, May 2, 7 to 9 pm at Riverdale High School.