

June 2012 Minutes

Collins View Neighborhood Association (CVNA)

Next Board Meeting--- Wednesday, September 5, 2012, 7 pm

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Attendees: Prakash Joshi, Anna Browne, Officer Andrew Caspar, Maureen Diamond, Dorothy Fay, Jeff Feld-Gore, Kimberly French, Michel George, Dave and Dixie Johnston, Charlotte Joshi, Barry Stuart Keller, Gene Lynard, Claire Davis Parchment, Maryellen Read, Paula Robinson, Matt Steven, James Vandomelen, Lorraine Widman

Guest: David Cohen (Friends of Tryon Creek)

Meeting convened at 7:01 pm. Agenda distributed. Community picnic on Sunday, August 5. Next formal CVNA meeting in September.

Crime and Public Safety—Officer Caspar reported that a burglary occurred on May 22 between 7:20 and 7:30 pm in 700 block of Primrose. Perpetrator(s) may have gotten in an open door; they left laptops behind but took jewelry from upstairs room. A second burglary (which was reported to police on June 5) occurred on June 1 or 2 in a residence on SW Terwilliger across from Riverdale; laptop bags and 1 laptop were missing. Once again, there was no evidence of forced entry; thieves entered via unlocked door.

Traffic patrols on SW Terwilliger show average speeds about 42 mph. Officer Caspar gave 4 warnings for driving with cell phones.

At the SWNI Crime and Public Safety Committee on May 3, Laurie Abraham, Deputy District Attorney for Multnomah County, spoke about her work for the county. She handles about 300 cases a month.

Multnomah Days parade and street fair will occur on August 18. For more details, see <http://www.multnomahvillage.org/events/detail/35>

Tryon Creek State Park—David Cohen, Executive Director of Friends of Tryon Park (a 501.c3 non-profit), spoke as our guest tonight. In 1970 Friends was the first “friend of a state park” in Oregon. Now it has 9 employees and is located in the park building. Friends manages most/all of the programs that occur in the park (for school children, extensive restoration work against invasive species on the park grounds, etc) with no state funding. David recognized 2 other organizations that work on behalf of Tryon interests. 1) Oregon state parks has 4 staff in the park and more seasonal staff in summer to get up to 6 or 7 employees; 2) Tryon Creek Watershed Council has a fiscal relationship with Friends and uses Friends’ 501c.3 status for fundraising. They work with people, esp landowners outside the park, to implement strategies to preserve and improve the watershed.

Looking ahead, Friends may be taking on some ventures outside the park. The backyard habitat program is an Audubon and Friends collaboration project, working with landowners to improve wildlife habitat of urban properties (see <http://www.tryonfriends.org/programs/backyard-habitat-certification-program.html>); this is happening mostly in Lake Oswego. Friends still needs help with programs to serve children, to fill spots on committees. For information check the Friends web site and/or call David Cohen (www.tryonfriends.org ; phone 503-636-4398).

Oregon State Parks is doing a comprehensive program for the park, something that has never existed. This will affect the next 20 years of the park. A meeting at Tryon on June 13 at 6 pm will provide an opportunity to let State Parks know neighborhood feelings about the park. Parking is an issue which will be discussed. Also there may be future efforts to initiate a fee for day use.

This summer concerts at Tryon will occur on 6 Saturdays, from July 14 to August 18, starting at 6:30 pm (see <http://www.tryonfriends.org/programs/events/forest-music-series.html>)

Efforts to convince TriMet to increase transit service to increase Tryon's accessibility have been unproductive. Prakash asks that Friends consider aligning with CVNA in future efforts to improve TriMet services in Collins View. He and David Cohen will also explore ways to formalize a liaison between Friends (probably attending Friends Board meetings) and CVNA.

Land Use—No current development in Collins View. The Barbur Corridor project continues and is being discussed at SWNI Transportation meetings. Metro is also looking at a "SW Corridor" project, and SWNI Transportation committee is also a good way to be informed about this.

SWNI Report—Prakash is still working to verify the accuracy of the map SWNI uses for Collins View. There is also a text description of CVNA from the 2010 Bylaws. Now this map, the text in the 2010 Bylaws, and the description of neighborhood rep positions must be verified. Dave Johnston will work with Leonard Gart at SWNI on this. Claire will have an orientation soon, as our new SWNI liaison

L&C College—Campus is active with maintenance, updates. The gardens are being restored as they were when the Frank's estate existed there.

St Mark's Presbyterian Church on SW Terwilliger is having an annual event on August 5 and has asked for the same space that has been reserved for us on the L&C campus(lower campus: pool, tables, grill). Paula offers space at Riverdale for St Mark's and Jeff will relay that offer. Michel also indicates that other areas on L&C campus might be available.

L&C is keeping their gate for the track near the main gate open longer (till 9 pm) and they are monitoring use. The gate has been locked to manage heavy use by individuals from outside the neighborhood. IDs are required to use this resource. To get an ID, go to Campus Safety. A neighborhood pass for \$200 provides access to all college facilities for a family for 1 year; these privileges are free to alums. If they do not see the track being used, they will return to locking the gate.

Riverdale High School—Seniors' last day was June 7. In the last year, the school planted 35 new trees on the property. More trees will be planted in the year ahead.

Summer picnic—Committee needs to set up some meeting times. Stefanie Adams encouraged us to make this a "National Night Out" event. This is organized through ONI.

Treasurer's report—After "passing the bucket" twice, we have \$99. Sylvia Bogert says SWNI has \$125 in a "trail fund" for us. She could not provide any details about its origin. Dave recalls a fund a few years ago to place gravel on SW Terwilliger near Lobelia and Primrose. That job has been done, so maybe we can use the money for another project. Claire will discuss this further with Sylvia and Leonard.

Marshall Park—Market of Choice is donating the ice cream for an ice cream social on June 10 to raise funds for playground.

The peacock in the neighborhood has run away from a property in Dunthorpe where the resident raises peacocks. Hunk is a 10-year-old male.

The grass in the triangle at SW Boone's Ferry going onto SW Taylor's Ferry is so tall that it presents a hazard. Dixie and Dorothy Fay cleared this triangle a few years ago

The convenience store at the Shell station is not staying open after the gas pumps are closed.

Adjourned at 8:32 pm

Our next Meeting will be on Wednesday, September 5, 7 to 9 pm at Riverdale High School. No meetings in July or August

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