

February 2013 Minutes

Collins View Neighborhood Association (CVNA)

Next Board Meeting--- Wednesday, March 6, 2013, 7 pm

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Attendees: Prakash Joshi, Officer Andrew Caspar, Anna Browne, Maureen Diamond, Michel George, Jeff Feld-Gore, Bob Fischer, Dana Fischer, Dave Johnston, Dixie Johnston, Charlotte Joshi, Peter King, Leann Knapp, Jim Luse, C. Davis Parchment, Maryellen Read, Cheri Ann Richards, Jim Vandomelen, Samantha Walker

Meeting convened at 7:05 pm.

Dixie brought Valentine's Day cookies. Thanks for the cookies every month, Dixie!

Land use—There will be an Open House at Multnomah Arts Center (7688 SW Capitol Hwy) at 6 pm on Feb 19 about city's comprehensive plan (see <http://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/34249>).

Anna Browne asked for update on property on Maplecrest Dr. The contractor has put in his plans to the city (in a **pre-application** meeting) and a sale has been pending for about 1 year, awaiting city's approval of that plan. Dave explained that the **actual application** with response dates (for written comments or a hearing, depending on what the contractor wants to do) is still in the future. Per Prakash, the owner is asking for variance from R10 (1 unit per 10,000 sq feet) to R7 (1 unit per 7000 sq ft) zoning.

Placement of antennae on south campus of Lewis & Clark (L&C) has been approved. There has also been a decision to allow another antenna on water tower next to Ahavai Sholom Cemetery (at SW 1st and Alice).

Crime and Public Safety—Officer Caspar reported that between Jan 6 and 9 someone was stealing sideview mirrors off some cars in a 3-block area in Collins View (they were cut off, not torn or broken off). A bicycle was stolen off bike rack at Riverdale High School during school hours. There will be stepped-up enforcement in SW Portland regarding improper parking of motor homes, trailers, boats, etc on local streets. In Collins View, this enforcement is usually complaint driven. Officer Caspar has not heard of any arrest in the trailer thefts in the area of SW Brugger and Kelly.

Davis will be sure to register Officer Caspar on collinsview.nextdoor.com.

Paula thanked the Portland police and John Romero for assistance with a practice lockdown at Riverdale High School today.

SWNI—Grace Neal, Public Advocate for Jeff Cogen, was introduced at the SWNI meeting—she is “go-to” person for all issues related to Metro (Phone 503-988-5882; grace.neal@multco.us). Prakash spoke about CVNA's need to understand the SWNI grant process better. This may help us formulate a project that would allow CVNA to apply for a SWNI grant (grants range between \$500 and \$2000). ONI has had a 10% budget cut across the board, which will affect grant funding.

The NextDoor platform may allow us to set up an account for donations for a specific project (not for a general account). If CVNA did have a PayPal account, this would be done through SWNI since they provide our fiscal oversight. Funds can be collected only for limited time for a specific project. SWNI reviews projects case by case to determine if a fund should be set up. CVNA is a corporation, and SWNI pays our annual \$50 incorporation fee.

Jeff mentioned that the college is always willing to consider partnership with CVNA on projects.

We may invite residents to attend a future meeting on the grant topic; we could also solicit project ideas, other input from residents.

Lewis & Clark—2 new student reps joined us tonight: Peter King (a junior from Davis, CA); and Leann Knapp (a freshman living on campus; from CO). Davis will be sure that they are both able to register on collinsview.nextdoor.com. Prakash suggested that it might be time for CVNA leaders to speak to the L&C Senate this March or April (last time we did that was 3 years ago).

Last Tuesday, L&C launched their new strategic plan “The Journey Forward: A Lewis & Clark Strategic Plan for 2020”, which has been 2 years in the making. Go to www.lclark.edu. The college is continuing initiatives into preventing alcohol abuse among students. Jeff also reported that the OLCC did break up a large house party of 40-50 people and cited some for alcohol infractions.

On Feb 8 and 9 there will be a coin drive on campus; L&C is competing with other schools in their conference to raise \$\$ for Special Olympics. One fund-raising event will be a tennis match on Saturday at 10 am. Saturday evening is the last home game for men’s basketball. Both events provide an opportunity for Collins View residents to drop in and donate coins!

Jeff will also be posting some L&C events on the NextDoor web site.

Riverdale—Riverdale is also in midst of strategic planning. There is a focus on maintaining arts in the Riverdale district. Though the budget forecast is not bright, they do get some funding, on a per student basis, from the recent bond. Boys’ basketball is doing well. The Riverdale student body has a passion for water which has created a focus on water-related issues. Some students just returned from a school in India where they helped install a water filtration system in that school. Riverdale students also started a project with a Masai village to finance a well for water. Dana had attended a performance of “All In The Timing” by Riverdale students, and she recommends plays presented at Riverdale.

Open Issues—As he was introducing himself to NextDoor, Prakash was unable to check e-mails at CVNA’s gmail address (cvnamail@gmail.com) regularly. One citizen wrote to volunteer as a leader for TriMet efforts in Collins View, and Prakash will follow up on that.

CPR training has not been scheduled yet, but will be done by the Fire Department at a future meeting.

The Portland Plan is available (free hard copy at SWNI); can also view it on-line at <http://www.portlandonline.com/portlandplan/index.cfm?c=56527&>.

Adjourn 8:05 pm

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