

## September 4, 2013 Minutes

### Collins View Neighborhood Association (CVNA)

Next Board Meeting--- Wednesday, October 2, 2013, 7 pm

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**Attendees:** Officer Andrew Caspar, Tricia Brand, Maureen Diamond, Jim Diamond, Carl Dommeyer, Bob Fischer, Kimberly French, Dave Johnston, Dixie Johnston, Charlotte Joshi, Prakash Joshi, Leann Knapp, Walter Lamberti, C. Davis Parchment, Maryellen Read, Paula Robinson

Bob Fischer convened the meeting convened at 7:00 PM. Samantha Walker had a last-minute conflict.

**Annual Picnic**—Committee members spent \$193 on picnic preparations and now await reimbursement from the CVNA account at SWNI. In addition, over \$100 donations was collected at the picnic. There were about 100 neighbors and a number of Lewis & Clark students. Planning to feed 150 people seems to be appropriate. We did run out of drinking water early. Attendees did ask for better signage to direct them to the picnic area. Maryellen met at least 3 people who attended due to announcements on NextDoor.com. Officer Brian Hughes represented Portland Police at the picnic.

**NextDoor.com**—Davis brought up the topic of allowing adjoining neighborhoods to be visible to Collins View members. At this point Collins View NextDoor.com viewers can also see posts from South Burlingame. Some at tonight's meeting felt there is too much from non-Collins View residents on the web site. We will discuss this and other NextDoor topics at a future meeting.

**Land Use**—0307 SW Palatine Hill Rd is requesting an adjustment to the required setback to build garage closer to the edge eastern of the property. The required setback for a building's eaves is 4 feet; on the ground, 5 feet is required. The property owner is requesting a setback of 2 feet 5 inches from the eaves (on the ground the setback will be 3 feet). There is currently a parking pad at the eastern edge of their property, with a garage to the left of the pad and the house to the left of that. Dave has not had any questions/protest from neighbors, all of whom have received information about this request from the city.

Prakash expressed his concerns about potential future problems---e.g, if the garage became used for storage space and more cars were parked on the street. Kimberly mentioned that changing the garage to a living space would require another request for zoning approval. Dave will not file any protest at this time.

**Lewis & Clark Students** – The Student Senate meets Thursday nights at 7 pm and is inviting CVNA leaders to speak to an upcoming session. Leann Knapp will propose some dates at or before our next meeting, and attendees can suggest topics for the presentation. Leann will continue to serve as the L&C student rep to CVNA. She also is 1 of 6 students on the L&C student Cabinet. This body would like to start a community service project with CVNA. Leann invites suggestions for a L&C student service project at our next meeting.

Bob Fischer noted that CVNA does not allow student renters to vote at meetings, while other SW neighborhood associations do allow this. Prakash explained that CVNA is the only association in the SWNI catchment that has a college, and that historically there has been

concern about the potential for students to affect Collins View affairs in ways that outlast the students' brief stay in the neighborhood.

**Lewis & Clark College** – Tricia Brand, L&C's Associate Dean of Students and Director of Multicultural Affairs ([lbrand@lclark.edu](mailto:lbrand@lclark.edu) 503-768-7301) described her role at L&C as including career development, student activities, and other things. L&C undergraduate enrollment this fall is just under 2100. Some of the literature that Jeff prepared over the years for student renters and for homeowners will be available on the L&C web site. This web site is undergoing a complete overhaul, including the "For Our Neighbors" feature. Watch for upcoming announcements regarding complimentary football tickets for residents (up to 4 per household). The "LC Green" is part of the web site that may serve as a community bulletin board (neighbors would establish a login and password to access LC Green). There was some discussion about how to prevent this from being a confusing duplicate of services already provided on NextDoor.com.

Maryellen encouraged more active and timely posting of L&C events on NextDoor.com. Davis suggests that a potential feature of high interest on the L&C site would be the ability to announce rentals.

**Riverdale HS** – Riverdale School District has hired a principal for K to 8 and a Superintendent. Paula Robinson is looking forward to continuing in her original position as high school principal, after filling all 3 positions for most of the 2012-2013 school year. Riverview High School has just under 250 students, a typical enrollment. The freshman class is smaller than usual, but there has been an influx of upperclassmen. State legislation to "outlaw" tuition at high schools did not pass.

**Crime and Public Safety** – Officer Caspar <[andrew.caspar@portland.or.gov](mailto:andrew.caspar@portland.or.gov)> arrived about 8 pm. The neighborhood has been quiet, with more activity down on Macadam lately. Prakash asked about rules controlling un-muffled vehicles; a new resident in Maplecrest area has a very noisy truck with expired Colorado plates. Officer Caspar made note of this.

**Transportation** – Terwilliger traffic over the summer was very heavy. There were some adjustments to traffic light timing on Terwilliger at Taylor's Ferry—increasing green lights to 83 sec instead of 60 sec—and this seemed to help. Now with schools back in session, there will surely have to be more adjustments. Prakash asks for e-mails to inform him when you are stuck in Terwilliger traffic (send to [cvnamail@gmail.com](mailto:cvnamail@gmail.com)). Prakash continues to work with Paul Zebell at PBOT on this.

**SWNI** – On Tues, Sept 17, at 6:30 to 8:30 pm, the annual SWNI training for neighborhood reps will occur at the Multnomah Arts Center, 7688 SW Capitol Hwy. Anyone interested in learning more about SWNI is welcome. Register online: [swni.org/NAorientation](http://swni.org/NAorientation) or by phone: (503) 823-4592

There were 177 Neighborhood Night Out parties in the Portland area this year—a record. Marshall Park will receive grant money, to use to replace that park's playground equipment.

Lee Perlman, a long-time reporter on neighborhood issues throughout Portland, passed away in August. A memorial service will be held at Legacy Emanuel's Lorenzen Center, 2801 N Gantenbein, on Sun 9-15 at 4 pm. Elliott Neighborhood has posted a [remembrance](#).

**SW Corridor Plan** – Jim Diamond has volunteered to follow progress on the Southwest Corridor Plan and to report back to CVNA. SWNI is engaged on the SW Corridor Plan with attention to environmental issues as well as transportation issues. SWNI leadership, including Marian Fitzgerald, have expressed their intention to have a voice in how funds are spent (see attachments for projects that are on the table). There will be a report, which will include SWNI input, to Portland City Council in early October.

Fran Laird volunteered to be our Parks representative last May, and Jim may be able to complement her activity as an Environmental Chair. L&C is also very interested in environmental issues. Leann will connect Jim with a L&C student who focuses on environmental issues.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm

Next meeting Wednesday, October 2, at 7 pm, at Riverdale High School, 9727 SW Terwilliger Blvd, Portland.