

October 2, 2013 Minutes

Collins View Neighborhood Association (CVNA)

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

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Attendees: Officer Andrew Caspar, Samantha Walker, Cecilia Benenati, Tricia Brand, Maureen Diamond, Jim Diamond, Dave Johnston, Dixie Johnston, Prakash Joshi, Leann Knapp, Fran Laird, Walter Lamberti, Gene Lynard, C. Davis Parchment, Rob Pridemore, Maryellen Read, Cheri Ann Richards, Ted Scheinman, Jim Vandomelen

Meeting convened at 7:02 PM.

Crime and Public Safety—Officer Caspar reported that there have been 3 bike thefts on Lewis & Clark campus. The police believe the bikes are loaded on to a car parked somewhere near campus, then taken to a different part of the city. If you notice a suspicious vehicle with numerous bicycles, record the license plate number and report it to the non-emergency number (503-823-3333). Residents at tonight's meeting reported that 2 vehicles were broken into on SW Maplecrest last night— windows broken and some items taken from 2 pickups (one truck was parked across from Mt Carmel Church); both incidents have been reported to the police. At an earlier date, someone was seen taking a UPS package from a porch in S Burlingame; they were later apprehended on Sellwood Bridge (had lengthy criminal history).

Complaints on NextDoor.com about speeding on BFR and SW Palatine Hill were noted by Officer Caspar and he alerted PDOT and ODOT. Traffic Division is aware and they are assessing this (may have some motorcycle officers on sight). See Transportation section for more.

Gene told us that "Crime and Public Safety" has changed their name to "Public Safety". The Community Policing event to honor Portland police officers in SW Portland will be on Oct 29 at 7 pm at the Multnomah Arts Center. All are invited. We will nominate Officer Caspar for this award (he has been honored in the past as well). If anyone has a particular "story", please e-mail cvnemail@gmail.com by Thursday night (or write to C Davis Parchment on NextDoor.com).

Transportation—Cheri Ann expressed her concerns about improving public transportation in Collins View. Tricia reminded us of the decision by Lewis & Clark (L&C) to stop their shuttle into Sellwood about 5 years ago, as it was not affordable. Efforts by L&C at that time to negotiate better TriMet service in our area, with L&C offering to provide TriMet passes to students and faculty in return for improved TriMet coverage, were unsuccessful.

Prakash thinks this could be time to re-approach TriMet. But these should be 3-party discussions: TriMet, Collins View NA, and L&C. Samantha suggests that ask TriMet for some concrete metrics of what they would require to provide more service in this area. Tricia believes that there have been developments in the last 5 years in favor of sustainability that will improve our leverage at this time. Dixie also suggests including the Bureau of Planning in our efforts, via Joan Frederiksen, West District Liaison (joan.frederiksen@portlandoregon.gov).

We will try to have Joan Frederiksen, a TriMet rep, and someone from L&C at our November meeting. Samantha will work on this.

Land Use—Samantha has made another call to Compliance re: the “barn” being constructed on Maplecrest. “It does not look like a barn anymore”. Skylights, a stairway, insulated floors.

Lewis & Clark College – L&C hosted a breakfast this morning. L&C is trying to coordinate better with local police to support safe and appropriate behavior on campus and in the surrounding area.

[Homecoming weekend](#) at L&C is October 4 to 6. One event will be the Venture Competition Finals, the completion of an entrepreneurship program. This project began last spring and will finalize with this competition on Friday.

Football is the one sporting event at L&C that is not free (faculty and students pay as well). There is a donor who has made it possible for the college to offer free tickets to neighbors for the game this weekend (and to the remaining 2 home games). If you are interested, e-mail Monica Baker, Dir of Athletics and tickets will be set aside at “will call”.

Closure of Terwilliger Blvd from Iron Mtn Trailhead to Lk Oswego—Walter Lamberti reported on a community meeting at L&C on Sept 19; an [upcoming sewer project](#) that will close a major portion of SW Terwilliger between Tryon and Lake Oswego was presented. Starting in Jan 2014, SW Terwilliger will be closed from Iron Mountain Trailhead to Hwy 43 for replacement/repair of an old sewage pumping station by Portland Bureau of Environmental Services. Hwy 43 will also be 1 lane in each direction at the end of SW Terwilliger. This closure is expected to last for 1 year. Apparently, the sewer update affects 7 homes. For more information and/or to register your comments, contact debbie.caselton@portlandoregon.gov.

Lewis & Clark Students – CVNA leaders will speak to the L&C student senate on Oct 17 at 7 pm. Jim Diamond, Prakash Joshi, Samantha Walker and Cheri Ann Richards will represent CVNA.

[Samantha Bee](#) from the Jon Stewart Show is appearing at the Pamplin Center at L&C on Oct 25.

SWNI—At the next SWNI meeting, Joan Frederiksen will provide a demonstration of [mapping tool](#) for the [Comprehensive Plan](#). Portland Parks Foundation has designated Friday, Oct 11, and Saturday, Oct 12 (parklandia.org) as Parke Diem days. Go to the parklandia.org web site to sign up for volunteer activities in the parks.

Transportation – Traffic tie-ups at SW Terwilliger and Taylor’s Ferry seem to be improved. The 83-second time will continue. Paul Zbell thinks we should be asking for yellow flashing traffic signals on SW Boones Ferry Rd. We have requested such lights at 2 locations (one at Terwilliger and Boones Ferry, going north on Boones Ferry; and one on the stretch of BFR between SW Primrose and Taylor’s Ferry).

Parks and Recreation—Fran attended a walk-through of the River View Natural Area as part of a meeting of the advisory group for that park. The River View Advisory Committee will meet next Tuesday, October 8, at 5:30 pm at L&C Gregg Pavilion (incl reps from Sellwood, S Burlingame, parks and rec, other interest groups—total of 20 people). Fran will find out whom we should contact if/when we see inappropriate activity (such as bicycling teams, aggressive cycling). Fran is very eager to hear from neighbors regarding their observations and their wishes for this natural area (lairdfran@gmail.com).

Officer Caspar is also aware of our concerns about mixed use in the River View Natural Area. Early plans were to include signage for pedestrians and for mountain bikes, but no one knows when such signs will appear..

SW Corridor Plan – Jim Diamond attended the SWNI Transportation meeting 2 weeks ago. That group submitted a resolution to the City Council regarding SW Corridor plan (attached). City Council will discuss this at their meeting at 2 pm on October 9. A high capacity transit line is very likely, but exact route unclear (SW Naito, down SW 72nd to Tigard, to Tualatin, eventually to Sherwood). Mary Ann Fitzgerald and Roger Averbeck from SWNI are very vocal re: our needs, including better public transportation.

Riverdale High School—Rob Pridemore, Athletics Director, represented the high school tonight. On Oct 25, RHS will celebrate their Homecoming—Senior Weekend. Friday afternoon (Oct 25) boys soccer game should be good—starts at 6:30 pm. Girls soccer and X-country meets are also taking place. Tickets are free.

Riverdale High School has placed cameras near their recycling bins to discourage the dumping that has become a problem. Nearby neighbors should let us know if they notice any additional dumping of trash in receptacles at nearby properties.

Chair Report—v Samantha attended SWNI's neighborhood leadership training. Bylaws must meet government regs to qualify for insurance coverage. This will mean a review, using tools provided by SWNI, of our recently updated bylaws to assure compliance. CVNA must avoid any appearance of political endorsement. Any presentations re: ballot initiatives, candidates for office must be balanced with presentations from all sides of an issue. Any off-site events require an insurance rider – we have done that each August for the Neighborhood Picnic at L&C. SWNI mailings usually go to the tax lot (i.e., to property owner); we can have mailings go to the address so renters will see it, but we must let SWNI know what we want.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm

Next meeting Wednesday, November 6, at 7 pm, at Riverdale High School, 9727 SW Terwilliger Blvd, Portland.