

November 6, 2013 Minutes

Collins View Neighborhood Association (CVNA)

Next Board Meeting--- Wednesday, December 4, 2013, 7 pm

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Attendees: Officer Andrew Caspar, Samantha Walker, Coryn Buckholdt, Hank Buckholdt, Maureen Diamond, Jim Diamond, Dorothy Fay, Bob Fischer, Dana Fischer, Dave Johnston, Dixie Johnston, Prakash Joshi, Barry Stuart Keller, Leann Knapp, Walter Lamberti, James Luse, Gene Lynard, Maryellen Read, Jim Vandomelen

Meeting convened at 7:00 PM.

December 4 meeting will be our usual holiday cookie/dessert/healthy snack potluck. January meeting will be Wed, Jan 8 (Tom Mills from TriMet will be with us).

Public Safety—There have been numerous of citations for drivers making the illegal left turn from SW Taylors Ferry onto SW Boones Ferry Rd. Officer Caspar reports that drivers know what they have done, and they seem to be most likely to do it when the traffic is backed up past the fire station. He estimates that ½ the offenders are from Lake Oswego; and ½ are Lewis & Clark (L&C) students. He believes that the city needs to “make a fix”, as the ticketing is not really solving the problem.

There was a report of shots from pellet guns in the Riverview Natural Area. This is illegal, and the activity was reported to the non-emergency number (503-823-3333). Officer Caspar encourages citizens to report any events like this to the non-emergency number. Walter Lamberti noted the high numbers of vandalism and burglaries in Collins View, as reported in *SW News*. Officer Caspar said that this is due to mandatory reporting by L&C; reports are compiled by L&C security and then shared with the Portland police department. Colleges are mandated to report these data for continued support by federal funds.

Officer Caspar did receive 2 awards at SWNI's Community Policing reception on Oct 29. At tonight's meeting he raffled off a few items to highlight the need for emergency readiness: Gene Lynard won the flashlight; Jim Vandomelen won one pencil, Bob Fischer won the 2nd pencil.

Follow-up from October—Samantha Walker reported for Fran Laird re: Parks and Rec news. The River View Natural Area is monitored by the Park Service. Dave and Dixie have read the deed for this area, and it appears that the bicycling is not allowed under this document. On Tues, Nov 12, 5:30 to 7:30, there is an Open House for the River View Natural Area at PDX Church, 125 MilesSt (near Fulton Park). There will be discussions about priorities for this new natural area.

Samantha spoke to the L&C Student Senate in October. A survey of L&C students a few years ago showed that transportation is a major concern of the students. Our January agenda and some meetings at L&C will follow up on this.

803 SW Maplecrest Dr—construction has started (see 5th page of <http://www.portlandoregon.gov/bds/article/422497>). There are some complaints already re: runoff from the site, more trees removed than originally allowed. There is also concern about the road's ability to handle 2 years of trucks with heavy loads related to this project.

Re: the “barn” that is being “remodeled” on SW Maplecrest, Michelle Seward, Portland’s Compliance Officer, responded to Samantha. The owner still claims it is agricultural (“It’s for the horse”), and the city can’t do anything until a violation (such as a tenant) is observed.

Introductions around the room

Jim Diamond has been attending meetings related to the **Southwest Corridor**. There are several small projects. The overall plan at this point has been approved by Metro. Next stage is refinement phase, which will include environmental issues. Joan Fredericksen demonstrated the Portland maps app at the SW Corridor meeting. She will demonstrate it at a meeting on Nov 16 at 9 am at Multnomah Arts Center. Also at the SW Corridor meeting, a PSU graduate student reported on a project to work with neighborhood associations in Portland to create a geographic information system (GIS) map with integrated transportation, pedestrian access, and more. They would like to present at a CVNA meeting next year—it is “penciled in” for our February meeting. They are looking for neighborhood input.

Walter called last week for information re: **SW Terilliger Blvd Sewer Project**—the city is waiting for a report from a traffic consultant. Apparently, the job has not gone out to bid yet which means it is unlikely to start before April to June.

Jim Vandomelen, **Treasurer**, reports \$110 in our general account. We also have \$125 in a “trail fund”, which Dave and Dixie think was dedicated for a path that was actually constructed 12 years ago with donated gravel from Brian Reho (along SW Terwilliger from SW Lobelia to the Subway building).

MOTION: Bob Fischer moved that we transfer the trail fund to our general account. Samantha seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Public safety --Gene Lynard reported on the committee’s October meeting and on the Community Policing Reception.

Dave and Dixie Johnston—**Land Use**—803 SW Maplecrest has an assigned inspector, Beth Copeland (503-823-7201). She will appreciate calls on issues within her purview on this development (site development, erosion control). The next level of authority above her is Rachel Whiteside. What is presently 1 house and an adjacent lot will be developed to hold 4 houses (see p 1).

Maija Spencer with Parks and Rec is responsible for an area that includes the River View Natural Area. She can be reached at 503-823-7720 or majja.spencer@portlandoregon.gov. The pertinent deed says this land is “to be preserved in its natural state” and Metro has the right of enforcement. Prohibited activities include partition of the easement area; residential, commercial or industrial use except as appropriate for education; excavating, draining, mining, etc minerals, gas or coal; manipulation of any natural drainage of a water source; agricultural activities (incl livestock); disposing of hazardous waste in the easement area; introduction of non-native species.

DR Horton is proposing a development behind Riverview Abbey (who owns the land in the proposal). There will be a pre-application conference on Nov 7 between the developers and city bureau members

Katy McFadden is having some **construction across from her on SW 4th** off SW Boones Ferry. To identify a site inspector for a given project, go to Portland Maps (www.portlandmaps.com). Enter the address of interest, then select links for property—permits/cases to find activity on that property and staff assigned to the project; or call 503-823-

6892. Katy reminds us to think of the bigger picture—the impact of all developments. Barry Keller agreed with this sentiment, and is also concerned about the developments in our area.

Dana Fischer expressed **thanks to L&C** for the information available on their web site. Bob Fischer passed around a sign-up list for the Riverdale High School Principal's bi-monthly newsletter by Paula Robinson. Bob suggests that Leann and Jim Diamond work together to schedule a talk by Jim on climate change issues. This could develop into an event co-sponsored by L&C and CVNA. Jim and Leann will discuss.

James Luse introduced himself, saying he enjoys walking in Collins View, has joined John Miller on some of his patrols observing traffic patterns on SW Taylors Ferry. There are new reflective signs for 25 mph speed limit on the SW Boones Ferry spur (between Terwilliger and SW Primrose).

Leann Knapp, **L&C Student Liaison**—Positive feedback from Student Senate after CVNA leaders met with them. About 30 student athletes were in the neighborhood on Halloween, monitoring trick or treating and handing out some treats. L&C students will be on winter break when we meet in January to discuss TriMet issues. Tom Mills from TriMet will be meeting separately with students, so that their voices will be heard. L&C is interested in hosting community events, talks, round tables. CVNA to keep that in mind. Maggie's Pub is open 2 nights a week—no problems on campus.

Prakash Joshi, **Transportation**—Prakash came to this meeting from the TriMet Enhancement community meeting in Tigard. TriMet will hold another session for community input at Multnomah Arts Center on Jan 23 at 6:30 pm. Prakash also reports that the city will be making observations at SW Terwilliger and Boones Ferry to assess traffic volume to see if it merits a blinking yellow light.

Hank and Coryn Buckholdt introduced themselves. Maryellen passed out a "Family Emergency Supplies Calendar". Dorothy Fay encouraged us to enjoy the art exhibit at L&C, Diderot @ 300 (https://www.lclark.edu/calendars/events/#event_id/19197/view/event). Dorothy expressed her thanks to residents who are clearing leaves from the street/pedestrian ways. The city does not have staff to remove leaves. If you observe dangerous accumulations of leaves or other debris, report it to Officer Caspar; when he reports a hazard of this type, there will be some action.

NextDoor.com—James Luse asks if it is possible to delete old messages in one's inbox. Samantha will investigate. If you do not want certain messages (garage sales, etc) you can filter out that category (classifieds, eg).

Next meeting Wednesday, December 4, at 7 pm, at Riverdale High School, 9727 SW Terwilliger Blvd, Portland. This will be our holiday meeting with a potluck of cookies/ desserts / healthy snacks.