

## December 4, 2013 Minutes

### Collins View Neighborhood Association (CVNA)

Next Board Meeting--- Wednesday, January 8, 2013, 7 pm

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**Attendees:** Officer Andrew Caspar, Samantha Walker, Alexandra Clarke, Maureen Diamond, Bob Fischer, Dana Fischer, Dave Johnston, Dixie Johnston, Sue Jonson, Charlotte Joshi, Prakash Joshi, Fran Laird, Walter Lamberti, Andrew McPheeters, C. Davis Parchment, Cheri Ann Richards, Jim Vandomelen

Meeting convened at 7:05 PM.

meeting will be Wed, Jan 8 (Tom Mills from TriMet will be with us).

**Public Safety**—Very few crimes were reported in Collins View in the past month. On Nov 9, teenage Party on Ridge Drive drew about 65, and some computer hardware was missing after the event ended. In addition, skateboards were stolen from other homes on the block as the party broke up at 1 am. Officer Caspar attended court on 2 traffic offenders (re: left turn from SW Taylor's. Ferry onto SW Boone's Ferry) and both were found guilty. His most recent watch did not yield any offenders.

Samantha reported that trucks involved in construction project on SW Maplecrest Court are often moving at high speeds, using their brakes on the hill, failing to observe the stop sign

**Riverview High School**—Sue Jonson, Principal at Riverdale Grade School, is filling in for Paula tonight. The high school recently had "college night" with representatives from different schools. 15 seniors already have acceptance letters from their colleges. Paula is in India, accompanied by some Riverview students to deliver equipment to a medical clinic .

**Lewis & Clark (L&C) College**—Andrew McPheeters is filling in for Trisha Brand tonight. This is the last full week of classes at L&C. College is closed from 5 pm Dec 20 through Jan 1. Staff and faculty return on Jan 2. Classes resume on Mon, Jan 6.

**Land Use**—DR Horton had their pre-application conference with the city re: developing the property adjacent to Riverview Abbey. Since this is within their boundaries, the South Burlingame neighborhood association receives information as the process moves forward. Samantha will touch base with Betsy Shands before our January meeting. The ultimate application could look very different than the early proposal.

There are more workshops coming up regarding the city-wide Portland Plan. The final details are still evolving—keep watching the [web site](#).

Walter Lamberti was surprised to hear a projection that Portland will need another 125,000 houses in next 12 to 15 years. Per Dave, Collins View has little open buildable land.

**River View Natural Area**—[River View Natural Area](#) Project Advisory Group is meeting at Smith Hall, Lewis & Clark, on Jan 22 from 5:30 to 7:30. Guests may attend but may not be able to speak during the session. As a member of the work group from Collins View, Fran continues to invite input by phone or e-mail (503-473-1524 [lairdfran@gmail.com](mailto:lairdfran@gmail.com) ). Michel George of L&C

staff represents the college on the work group. We need to be very vocal to Parks and Rec staff about our feelings.

NW Trail Alliance was very well represented at the public meeting at PDX Church; they are very active and well-organized in their efforts to allow mountain biking in the natural area. The conservation easement for the area neither excludes nor includes biking. It does prohibit soil degradation and erosion, and it sets a high priority on protecting the quality of the 7 streams that flow through the area. Vanessa Preisler and Walter Lamberti have scheduled a meeting with Penny Howard (of Amanda Fritz' staff) to present their views to maintain this land in its natural state, without trail modifications. Davis wonders if we should have a subcommittee to meet with the bikers to find some common ground. Prakash expressed the view that we must assure that neighborhood needs are respected in this natural area.

Samantha suggested that CVNA should consider developing a formal statement/position on the River View Natural Area. She will solicit resident opinions on NextDoor.com. There are work group meetings in January and April; decisions about the natural area should be finalized in June. If we write our statement by early January, Fran will have the opportunity to get comments from adjacent neighborhood associations.

Dave Johnston expressed opinions from residents who live near the natural area that the bike traffic is not particularly heavy and that surveillance has not shown damage to the terrain.

Our next meeting is Wed, Jan 8. TriMet's Tom Mills will discuss TirimMet's plans for SW Portland.