

January 8, 2014 Minutes

Collins View Neighborhood Association (CVNA)

Next Board Meeting--- Wednesday, February 5, 2013, 7 pm

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Attendees: Samantha Walker, Tricia Brand, Anna Browne, Maureen Diamond, Jim Diamond, Dorothy Fay, Bob Fischer, Dana Fischer, Dave Johnston, Dixie Johnston, Prakash Joshi, Fran Laird, Eileen Lipkin, James Luse, Gene Lynard, Charles Marr, Joni Marr, C. Davis Parchment, Amy Ponteri, Cheri Ann Richards, Eric Sorenson, Jim Vandomelen

Meeting convened at 7:03 PM.

Transportation—Prakash welcomed Tom Mills, a planner with TriMet. He described the [SW Service Enhancement Plan](#), intended to improve local bus service in the area from Scholls Ferry Rd over to the Willamette River.

Metro is engaged in their own [SW Corridor Plan](#) to bring high capacity service into this area—MAX, rapid transit bus service. These are 2 independent projects.

A large amount of Collins View's TriMet service just goes to downtown, there's not much weekend service—this is a carryover from a time when these communities were bedroom communities for downtown Portland. The Service Enhancement Plan is still in its first stage, research, which includes community meetings. They are looking at some modeling data from METRO re: travel patterns. The next phase, "Share Common Themes", occurs in Winter 2014 and will examine common themes that appeared in the research phase.

Eventually a "new map" will come out for feedback in the Fall. This is LONG range planning. The funding will support incremental improvements only. At the same time, Mills acknowledged that TriMet revenues are increasing with more people back at work.

There will be a community meeting to discuss TriMet's plans in SW Portland on Thursday, Jan 23, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm, at Multhomah Arts Center Auditorium (7688 SW Capitol Hwy). Community meetings include an exercise: large tables are set up with maps, lines representing present routes. Attendees can create a new line (or add destinations to a line, add length), create a completely new destination, rule out underutilized lines, adjust frequency. There is a "budget", and participants must decide what to do when their group runs out of money. They try to group neighbors together. Info about other SW area meetings can be seen at <http://trimet.org/sep/southwest.htm>. It is important to attend a meeting to "put in your vote" re: TriMet service lines.

Problems identified by tonight's attendees include: no weekend service, no evening service, infrequent service (45 minutes between bus 39 runs), no holiday service for those who work on holidays (eg, on MLK Day), inadequate day-time service on weekdays, no service to Tryon's main entrance, Riverdale HS students must leave the last class of the day early if they travel by bus.

Lewis & Clark recognizes that students are not here for the full year. However, 1100 students live on campus when the school is in session, and most do not have cars (this is an expectation during the 1st year). Is there a possibility for an express bus option to move from L&C/the neighborhood to a hub of transit lines?

One of the high capacity transit options might go through Hillsdale—just a possibility, not a certainty. Tom asked if this would relieve some of the need for a line like 38 that takes residents downtown. For some who commute to jobs downtown, this does not seem like a good option (they now ride a more crowded vehicle into downtown and the total trip takes longer). For others who are not constrained by work schedules, this might be a nice option. On the subject of cutting costs by using smaller buses, Tom stated that using a larger bus doesn't cost that much more—the driver is the major cost of a bus.

Go to <http://www.trimet.org/alerts/index.htm> to sign up for e-mail alerts re: service changes.

Dixie wonders if L&C students could be encouraged to use the combination of lines 39 and 54 to get downtown in 30 min, which is the same amount of time the L&C shuttle takes to get them downtown. Tricia indicates that this is something the college is balancing with their awareness of student needs (eg, graduate students with internship duties).

Jim Luse suggests a bus shelter at SW Primrose and Terwilliger is needed. Also need a crosswalk on Terwilliger, but apparently the city requires a sidewalk at both ends of a crosswalk. CVNA has tried twice to make this happen. Another option in lieu of a crosswalk might be the rapidly flashing lights—they are less expensive than installing a crosswalk.

SWNI Report—Among the motions at last SWNI meeting, several related to the Comprehensive Plan affect Collins View. There is a concept of streets know as a neighborhood “corridor”—2 lanes, no parking, zoning is mixture of neighborhood and residential. Terwilliger represents a corridor from L&C to Taylor's Ferry. There were some motions to extend corridors (on SW Terwilliger, on Spring Garden) but they were tabled for more study. These corridors are part of the bigger plan for growth and to feed into the SW Corridor Plan. SWNI is not ready to support extension of the corridors in this area.

The comprehensive map is on-line

Land Use—Dave reminded us that the SW Terwilliger corridor in Collins View is recognized as overloaded. There have been unsuccessful proposals to address this. Re: the development behind Riverview Abbey and its effects on traffic, parking, etc , there was some discussion at the last SWNI Land Use meeting about requesting the city to allow South Burlingame representation in discussions with the principals.

Dave suggests that CVNA could monitor activities of the Planning Commission related to the [Comprehensive Plan](#). This is a chance to influence the City Council early. There is an app for a map related to the comprehensive plan at <http://www.portlandbps.com/gis/cpmapp/> --works through any browser on a cell phone or on a computer.

Public Safety—The December meeting included a tour of Central Precinct at 1111 SW 2nd Ave. There is a museum at this address which is open to the public 10am to 3 pm, Tuesday through Friday. For info, see <http://www.portlandpolicemuseum.com/index.html>

L&C—Tricia will bring an update about L&C web site improvements to our next meeting. L&C would like to include a link to NextDoor.com on their site.

NextDoor.com—We need a discussion of protocols for announcements.

Parks—30 volunteers helped to place native plants in [River View Natural Area](#) (RVNA) on Jan 4. The next work session will be on Sat, Feb 15 (contact mary.verrilli@portlandoregon.gov or 503-823-9423 to reserve a place). The RVNA Project Advisory Committee (PAC) is meeting at Smith Hall at L&C on Wed, Jan 22, at 5:30.

CVNA's February meeting will include 3 Portland Parks people will present at our meeting on RVNA.

Riverview High School—Paula had 9 students with her on recent rip to India. They did some service work in a southern state, were able to attend a housewarming for a widow and her family. The students spent 2 weeks attending a British high school in the mornings, and a local high school in the afternoons.

Adjourned at 8:53 pm .

Our next meeting is Wed, February 5, and will include Parks and Rec staff to discuss RVNA; and a discussion about NextDoor protocols.

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