

**March 5, 2014, Minutes**

**Collins View Neighborhood Association (CVNA)**

**Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, April 2, 2014, 7 p.m.**

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**Attendees:** Samantha Walker, Steve Aho, Denny Barnes, Tricia Brand, Carrie Conte, Jim Diamond, Maureen Diamond, Emile Dultra, Bob Fischer, Dana Fischer, Steve Hermens, Prakash Joshi, Charlotte Joshi, Leann Knapp, Fran Laird, James Luse, Gene Lynard, Davis Parchment, Maryellen Reed, Cheri Ann Richards, Paula Robinson, Jim VanDomelen

Meeting convened at 7:04 p.m.

Samantha put up posters to allow attendees to rank a list of potential transportation projects for priority as part of the SW Corridor Plan. She will report this group's top 3 priorities to the city (due date March 31). None of these projects are in Collins View, but they affect our transportation options (I-5 access, bike lanes).

**Officer Caspar**—A few motor vehicle accidents (MVAs) were reported this month, but no property crimes. Portland Police respond to an MVA if it blocks traffic, if there is a serious physical injury.

In response to a question from the floor, Officer Caspar said that anyone who wishes to form a Neighborhood Crime Watch group should contact Stefanie Adams (503-823-3131) of SWNI. The size of these groups is variable—groups commonly range from 10-20 homes.

**Miscellaneous Items**—CVNA Bylaws allow us to vote people into positions outside of the annual meeting

**MOTION:** To appoint Jim Diamond as CVNA's Environmental Chair (motion by Samantha/2<sup>nd</sup> by Prakash). Unanimously approved.

**Follow-up to February Meeting**—Samantha is drafting a letter to thank the Portland Parks and Recreation (PP&R) staff who spoke at our meeting. She will remind them of the high priority residents place on parking issues related to the River View Natural Area (RVNA); that we place a very high value on respecting the natural setting of RVNA. Samantha and Bob Fischer will co-write the letter.

**MOTION:** To authorize Samantha and Bob to draft the letter as described above and to send this letter on behalf of CVNA (Motion by Maureen/2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Luse and Gene)

Prakash also sees a need for a letter to address some of the more controversial issues, including some proposals regarding multiple use advocates, including bicyclists.

**SW Watershed Resource Center**—This center may lose funding under the latest Portland budget proposal. Individuals are encouraged to write letters to Mayor Hales, and to Commissioners Saltzman and Fritz. Supporters are encouraged to attend a Public Utilities Forum from 6:30 to 8:30 pm on March 19 at [Parkrose High School \(12003 NE Shaver St\)](#) which includes budget discussions. Fran pointed out that funds raised by SW Watershed Resource Center generate 2.5 times as much revenue as the city budget dedicates to this council. Other attendees mentioned that it would be helpful to know how the SW Watershed Resource Council provides unique services or otherwise differs from, the Tryon Creek Watershed.

**Elections**—CVNA elections are coming up in May. We need to fill our Outreach position and some neighborhood section leaders. Our secretary position will be vacant, as well. Samantha will prepare a list of vacancies. Davis mentioned that there will be some vacancies at SWNI: Board President, and possible openings for VP, Secretary, Treasurer.

**Riverdale High School**—Riverdale students won top [22 spots in the CH2M-Hill/OSU Bridge Building competition](#). Paula Robinson reported that the winter term is going well.

**SWNI**—SWNI will not be doing a campaign forum this year due to inadequate volunteer support. They will take questions to submit to candidates. There was a SWNI Board Retreat on Saturday, March 8. Outreach was on the agenda.

**RVNA**—PP&R is highly unlikely to endorse RVNA as a high utilization area for hikers or bicyclists. It will not be promoted as a destination site for mountain biking. PP&R places ecology first, hiking second. In support of those priorities, PP&R recognized that they may need to close RVNA for a few years to allow the natural area to regenerate. With respect to parking at the site, Emily Roth, Project Manager, now says there may be a small parking area at the area of SW Palatine Hill Rd and Brugger.

Parks Committee met on March 6. Tonight, Fran asked CVNA for permission to ask SWNI Board (which represents 17 neighborhoods) to recommend to the city that RVNA be designated as a protected natural area and wildlife corridor for 3-5 years with no mountain bike usage until the area has been naturalized. Mountain bike usage and hiking trail construction would then be re-evaluated

**MOTION:** CVNA authorizes Fran to recommend to the City of Portland that the RVNA be designated as a “protected natural area” and “wildlife corridor” for 3 to 5 years with no mountain bike usage until the area has naturalized. Mountain bike usage and hiking trail construction could then be analyzed with the priority being protection of streams, vegetation and wildlife including endangered species. (motion by Samantha. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cheri. 7 in favor, 2 opposed)

**MOTION:** to send this similar statement to all surrounding neighborhood associations, under CVNA’s name (motion by Samantha; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Diamond. 7 in favor, 1 opposed)

**L&C Students**—Gender studies symposium will end w/ keynote speaker this Friday night. Theater department opened [“As You Like It”](#) on March 7, with performances still scheduled for March 14 and 15 at 7:30 pm and on March 16 at 2 pm. LeaAnn, the L&C student liaison for CVNA, is still interested planning in a project that would engage community and students. All ideas would be appreciated for a project to be completed this spring.

L&C would like to identify anyone residents/landlords willing to rent housing during the summer, to help students to transition from on-campus to off-campus living. Some campus housing is dedicated to conferences, events during the summer—not available to students. Davis and Samantha suggested using the “classified” section on NextDoor to describe the housing needs. LeaAnn pointed out that the students who do stay over the summer are hard-working, dedicated students. With the involvement of student government in this effort to identify housing, there will be some avenue for remediation if that were needed.

**L&C**—Tricia still hopes that students and the community can connect via “The Green” on the L&C web site. Details still need to be worked out regarding the need, currently, for a L&C IT account to use this site. In the meantime, NextDoor’s classified section is available. On campus, improvements are planned this summer for Juniper Hall in the Forest complex—to convert dorm rooms into more singles. The college will lose some beds, but will meet needs for

more single room options. L&C does have a 2-year undergraduate residency requirement. They are targeting students living off-campus for a workshop—what does it mean to sign a lease, etc. The college will appreciate any suggestions/contributions from residents.

**SW Corridor Plan**—Next meeting at Wilson High School on March 12 from 6 to 8 pm will hear a general update on the SW Corridor planning process, and will discuss various options for the high-capacity transit corridor.

**Transportation**—Tree pruning today caused miserable traffic problems on SW Terwilliger. The city got many calls from unhappy citizens. Prakash is reminding the city that services such as pruning, which interferes with normal traffic flow, is supposed to be between 10 am and 3 pm.

Prakash shared a case of a would-be bus passenger who waited over 7 minutes on 1 side of SW Terwilliger at Primrose; at 1 point a bus driver waited at the stop on the other side of the street, but traffic still would not stop for the pedestrian, so the driver ultimately continued on his/her route without the waiting passenger. Individuals are encouraged to write to PBOT with concerns like this.

At one time there were “no parking” signs on the first section of SW Primrose rising from SW Terwilliger. Prakash will bring this to Officer Caspar’s attention, asking that the signs be replaced. No parking in that stretch of Primrose would enhance traffic safety.

Planning for the future at the recent CVNA meeting with TriMet speaker does not help us today. We need better service now—can’t wait 5 years. Prakash would like to invite a TriMet staff member who can help us with current needs for a future CVNA meeting.

**Public Safety**—SWNI News published summary of 2012 vs 2013 crime statistics—there was an increase in burglaries, simple assault, and larceny among other categories in SW Portland; there were declines in thefts from vehicles, vehicle theft, and others.

Adjourned at 8:40.

**Our next meeting is Wed, April 2.**

Submitted by Maureen McCarthy