

April 2, 2014, Minutes

Collins View Neighborhood Association (CVNA)

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, May 7, 2014, 7 p.m. ANNUAL MEETING

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Attendees: Samantha Walker, Denny Barnes, Marce Bloch, Anna Browne, Jim Diamond, Maureen Diamond, Dana Fischer, Dave Johnston, Dixie Johnston, Prakash Joshi, James Luse, Gene Lynard, Katy McFadden, Davis Parchment, James Peale, Maryellen Reed, Cheri Ann Richards, Paula Robinson, Jim VanDomelen
Guests: Ed Christiansen, Jen Seamens

Meeting convened at 7:04 p.m.

Officer Caspar—There was a report of one vehicle theft at L&C on 3-26. 1 episode of shoplifting at Market of Choice, and this individual has a record of substance abuse and some offenses in Hillsdale.

The new business at 8701 SW Terwilliger, Divine Kind, will be a marijuana dispensary (not an operation to grow marijuana). Officer Caspar mentions that the dispensary on Beaverton-Hillsdale Hwy has not seen an increased rate of crime in that area; the only incidents have been related to people trying to break into the business. In response to questions from attendees, Officer Caspar reminded us of the ordinance that prohibits noise between 10 pm and 7 pm (the ordinance covers loud music, but not voices. See <http://www.portlandoregon.gov/police/article/255743#a33>). We can call the non-emergency number 503- 823-3333 to report suspected offenses.

Construction Project at 681 SW Maplecrest—Ed Christiansen reported this evening on behalf of builder, Brian McMillen of Tasso Homes (www.tassocustomhomes.com). The property has a small street frontage, will include 2 homes (1800-2200 sq feet each) with asphalt driveways. It now meets criteria for R-10 zoning. They are in for a building permit on 1 of the 2 homes. Recent demolition of an existing garage on the site was required before the building permit could be issued. The city is asking for a sidewalk, despite 2 appeals by the builder. Samantha asked Ed to provide us with information that would help residents to write requests for the city to override the requirement for the sidewalk, which is out of character in the neighborhood. Tasso Homes hopes to start building 1st home. It is difficult to give a completion date because of an unpredictable timeline for the permit process, but the builder hopes to finish the project by Dec 2014.

Katy McFadden expressed her concerns about the effect of construction on the watershed. Ed believes that this project will not increase run-off significantly. It was a 1-home lot which had a driveway. The new homes will be landscaped in a manner to protect the watershed.

[SW Watershed Resource Center](#) – Jan Seamans spoke to the meeting to provide information about the SWWRC, of which she is the only staff member. The center, a partnership between SWNI and the city's Bureau of Environmental Services (BES), provides services in Fanno, Tryon, Stephens Creek and other Willamette watersheds in SW Portland. Activities include work on local parks and greenspaces; with landowners who are experiencing erosion issues; with the Backyard Habitat Certification Program; and in other ways to protect the watershed.

In the city's 2015 budget proposal, the funding for SW Watershed Center would end on July 1. From the Clean Water Act, BES has a mandate to fund this program, and defunding the center raises questions about how the city will meet this mandate.

Citizens can write letters to Mayor Hales, Commissioners Fish, Novick, Fritz and Saltzman; and/or to the City Budget Office < citybudgetoffice@portlandorgon.gov > . The April 9 Community budget meeting at PCC will offer an opportunity to offer testimony (see CVNA Events calendar). [Annual reports for last 4 years of SWWRC](#) are available as well.

Jan spoke about the hydrologic balance of this area, which 200 years ago was old-growth cedar-hemlock forest. About 50% of the water went into run-off and into groundwater; 50% went into atmosphere, evaporation. Now only about 2% of the rainfall is evaporated off. 98% of the rainfall must go into run-off and groundwater in an area that is significantly reduced by development, which has paved over 30% of the area that used to handle the annual 37" rainfall.

River View Natural Area (RVNA)—no further updates. CVNA's letter to SWNI was sent as authorized in a motion at the February meeting. PP&R expects that a draft program may be released in October or later. Commissioner Fritz has called for a "city-wide Master Plan for cycling recreation" before moving forward with plans for individual sites such as Forest Park or, presumably, RVNA.

Public Safety—This group meets the first Thursday of every month, often the night after the CVNA meeting. The next monthly meeting of this group will be on Thursday, April 3 at the Multnomah Arts Center, 7 pm.

Transportation—A study is ongoing to look at northbound traffic on Boones Ferry at Terwilliger, and it will finish late May. The issue of a possible crosswalk on Terwilliger at Primrose will be pursued through SWNI Transportation.

SWNI—Davis encourages us to watch for the minutes of the SWNI Board's March 26 meeting as Commissioner Fritz reported to them on the current city budget proposal. There is a considerable amount of deferred maintenance on parks, but also some plans for new construction on the city's East side. Some funds have been allocated to Spring Garden Park (3332 SW Spring Garden). The theme of this year's volunteer recognition dinner (usually held in June) will be "parks".

SWNI elections are upcoming. Marianne Fitzgerald, current SWNI Board President, is stepping down.

CVNA General Membership Meeting—May meeting will include annual elections. Prakash would like to nominate Samantha for another term as Chair. Actual nominations will occur at the May meeting. Vacant positions include Secretary (must be filled per our Bylaws) and Outreach Coordinator.

Samantha suggested that we should consider changing our designated meeting time to 7 to 8:30. That allows us some time for conversations before the high school has to shut down for the night at 9 pm. Other neighborhood associations have 1 to 1.5 hour meetings.

SW Corridor meeting—Jim Diamond reported that a dedicated bus corridor, rather than light rail, seems more likely in SW Corridor based on current discussions. There is another community meeting for public input on the SW Corridor Plan on April 10 at the Tualatin Public

Library (see CVNA Events). Traffic modeling results pertinent to the SW Corridor Plan are due in May.

Adjourned at 8:50.

Our next meeting is Wed, May 2. This will be our Annual Meeting.

Submitted by Maureen McCarthy