

May 7, 2014, Minutes

Collins View Neighborhood Association (CVNA)

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, June 4, 2014, 7 p.m.

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Attendees: Samantha Walker, Denny Barnes, Tricia Brand, Anna Browne, Jim Diamond, Maureen Diamond, Dana Fischer, Dave Johnston, Dixie Johnston, Prakash Joshi, Gene Lynard, Maryellen Reed, Cheri Ann Richards, Paula Robinson, Ted Scheinman, Matt Steven, Jim Van Domelen

Meeting convened at 7:04 p.m.

Duration of Meetings—Riverdale High School is now locking up at 8:30 pm (had been 9 pm). We should adjust our meeting time.

MOTION: Meetings will run 7 to 8:30 pm (at the latest). (moved by Samantha, 2nd by Anna). Passed unanimously.

Officer Caspar—In the last 2 weeks, there have been several reports of aggressive magazine salespersons in Collins View (some neighbors commented on NextDoor). Adjacent neighborhoods had more complaints. Officer Caspar was aware and monitored activity (one individual told the officer they drove from Salem, arrived in a 15-passenger van). He advises us not to open our doors to strangers. We should expect more activity over the summer. If the canvassers are rude and/or aggressive, Officer Caspar asks us to get a good description and report it to the non-emergency number (503-823-3333).

Land Use—Ed Christiansen met with some Maplecrest residents regarding the building project at 681 SW Maplecrest Dr that he reported on at our April meeting. The builder is still trying to get a waiver on the city's requirement for sidewalks on all new construction. A recent project at 803 SW Maplecrest went forward with the mandated sidewalk, so it is harder to convince the city that we don't want sidewalks in Collins View. A petition to support waivers on mandated sidewalks is circulating via NextDoor. This will be due this weekend. All residents can sign this (not just those who live on Maplecrest).

Annual Picnic, August 3, 3 to 6 pm—This will be our National Night Out celebration again. Location will be at the Lewis & Clark swimming pool, as last year. We need a grill master, as Bob Fischer cannot be there. Committee from last year is in place to work on this again.

2014 Elections

Chair—Prakash nominated Samantha to continue. Cheri Ann 2nd. Unanimous approval.

Secretary—Samantha nominated Maryellen Read, Maureen 2nd. Unanimous.

Treasurer—Jim Van Domelen nominated by Samantha, Prakash 2nd. Unanimous

Public Safety—Gene Lynard nominated by Samantha; Maureen 2nd. Unanimous.

Land Use—Dave and Dixie Johnston for Land Use nominated by Samantha, Gene 2nd. Unanimous

Transportation—Prakash nominated by Samantha, Anna 2nd, Unanimous. (Jim Diamond will be an alternate)

Environmental Chair—Jim Diamond nominated by Maureen, Dana 2nd. Unanimous

Parks—Fran Laird nominated by Samantha, Dixie 2nd. Unanimous

SWNI—Davis nominated by Samantha. Prakash, 2nd. Unanimous

TriMet—Cheri Ann nominated by Samantha. Anna 2nd. Unanimous vote

Palatine Hill #1 (formerly Walter Lamberti) to Alice + 4th to View Point—no nominee tonight.
Palatine Hill #2 (SW 2nd Ave, Collins to Alice)—vacant
Palatine Hill #3 (View Point to Clara Mae Way—Ted Scheinman. Samantha, Maureen 2nd
Unanimous
Palatine Hill #4 Bob and Dana Samantha. Dave 2nd
4th and Colony (formerly the Majurys)—vacant
Maplecrest—Anna Browne. Samantha. Maureen 2nd. Unanimous.
Boones Ferry—Matt Steven. Samantha. Fran 2nd. Unanimous
West Collins View—Denny Barnes. Samantha. Maureen 2nd. Unanimous.
Other vacancies—Delegates for 6th Ave (near L&C); Terwilliger; Taylors Ferry. L&C positions
(these are nominated by the college). Outreach

John Miller will post these results on the CVNA web site.

SWNI Volunteer of the Year—Maureen Diamond was nominated by CVNA.

Riverdale High School—A Riverdale student won the state championship as a baritone in a vocal competition. Riverdale is sending 2 students to the International Bridge Building competition. In addition, Riverdale's proposal to host the 2015 International Bridge Building competition in Portland has been accepted.

Land Use—The development behind Riverview Abbey announced last fall by DR Horton is still on the books, but it has been scaled down. SWNI's comprehensive plan is moving forward, no major impact in Collins View so far.

Public Safety—At last week's meeting, there was some discussion of the disturbance/crime in SW Portland which included the loss of a member of Portland Police Canine Unit, Mick. The reverse 911 call that went out about that disturbance did not work well (such calls are made by the bureau of Emergency Management). Attendees discussed some noise issues and other disturbances from recent parties that may have involved college students.

L&C—Finals end this week. Undergrad commencement will occur on Sat, May 10. On behalf of L&C, Tricia encourages us to connect with student neighbors, to introduce ourselves. We are advised to call Campus Security (503-768-7777) when problems, such as a noisy party, arise. The college thinks this gives them more opportunity to educate students and to positively manage any contact with OLCC. Prakash reviewed the history that led to an understanding between CVNA and the college that residents with concerns about student behavior/noise/alcohol consumption should contact both the Portland Police and Campus Security. Looking ahead, Tricia will continue to be our primary rep from L&C. Andrew will be her back-up (his job is changing, so there may be changes in his CVNA visibility). LeaAnn is likely to continue as student rep.

Commencement for the Law School will be on May 24; for the Graduate School of Education and Counseling, on June 1. There will be some summer sessions for undergrads (1st of 2 summer sessions starts May 19).

L&C gardens have gotten a "facelift" and residents are encouraged to enjoy them. Watch NextDoor for announcements of 6 dates during the summer when the L&C pool will be closed. Matt Steven has had success working with Campus Safety and Portland police to deal with recent party houses.

Transportation—The closure of Terwilliger Blvd from SW Powers Court to Hwy 43 for the [SW Terwilliger Sewer Project](#) has been postponed until 2016.

The issue of hazardous parking on both sides of Primrose at SW Terwilliger was not apparent when the city audited parking in that area. Prakash asked for residents to report observations to him. A crosswalk on Terwilliger at the Primrose TriMet stop is not likely to happen as the city has no records of injuries at that site. Efforts to get a blinking light to alert drivers to the crosswalk at that location are not going anywhere. TriMet says they cannot put a bus shelter there since there is no sidewalk. Nevertheless, Prakash is continuing to work on this issue.

River View Natural Area—Amanda Fritz replied to the letter of concern she received from us re: RVNA, including access issues.

Denny reported concerns in his area re: developers. Samantha encouraged him to stay in touch with Maplecrest issues.

Environment—At the April 24 “Our Streets” Town Hall, Steve Novick and Mayor Hales presented their rationale for the proposed street use fee. Dorothy Fay, of Collins View, reminded them to consider how a fee like this affects citizens who manage on fixed incomes.

Our next meeting is Wed, June 4.

Submitted by Maureen McCarthy