

## CVNA Minutes

Feb 4, 2015, Meeting 7 – 8:30 p.m.

**Present at meeting:** Officer Caspar, Anna Browne, Bob Fischer, Charlotte Joshi, Cheri Ann Richards, Davis Parchment, Dana Fischer, Dave Johnston, Denny Barnes, Dixie Johnston, Fran Laird, Gene Lynard, James Luse, James VanDomelen, Maryellen Read, Prakash Joshi.

**A Unanimous Board Vote** confirmed **Anna Browne as CVNA Interim Chairperson.** She will hold the position *only* until the May elections. In order to be incorporated and recognized as a neighborhood association, the state requires a minimum of three officers (a chairperson/president, a secretary and a treasurer). This is a very serious issue. The chairperson, and all the officers, have the tremendous support and active cooperation and participation of other members of the board, so don't worry if you haven't been active in the neighborhood or been the head of a group before. This is not a "have to do it all myself" position. Let your interests be known. The new chair position will be elected and confirmed in our May 6th meeting. If no one steps forward by the May meeting, it will put our neighborhood association status in jeopardy.

### Officer Caspar:

- Jan 6 — a truck was stolen on the 9200 block of 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave.
- Jan. 24 — a car ran off South Ridge Road. The subject ran away.
- Jan 26 — vandalism at Riverdale High School. A video was taken of this incident.

Call the non-emergency number (503-823-3333) when an incident takes place (car break-ins, stolen packages) so the police can be alerted to patterns of criminal activity in time to stop it. Call the non-emergency number if you notice a street sign missing or find one discarded.

Speeders: The police department can post an officer during times of frequent speeding traffic. If you can record a speeder's license plate, call it in to Officer Caspar and he will visit that person if the address isn't too far away. [from Nextdoor: email [andrew.caspar@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:andrew.caspar@portlandoregon.gov) ]

**Rare bird alert:** Last month (1/13) a snowy owl spent the day entertaining a flock of photographers on Brugger Street.

### SWNI Fran Laird:

- **Google Fiber** wants to come to Portland with Google Fiber huts (12x29x9") and utility cabinets (2x2x4") that could be placed on public property. Allowing these huts to be placed on park property would establish a precedent for any commercial utility to have the right to be placed in a park. **Membership Vote: "No" to: "Do we want to allow Google to put their installations on park property?"** (13 No votes; 0 Yes, 2 Abstained).
- **Alice Street water tower:** 118 SW Alice St., 9815 sq. ft. [as recorded on the List of Unneeded PWB Properties in SW Portland] is on the list of surplus Portland Water Bureau properties. **Membership Vote: "Yes" to "Have Portland Parks take a look at the SW Alice St. property and decide if they want to purchase it."** (14 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstained).

**Portland Archives and Records Center:** [PARC@portlandoregon.gov; 1800 SW 6<sup>th</sup> Ave, Suite 550] is the official repository for the City of Portland's records, including maps, plans, correspondence, and photographs. It is open to anyone who wishes to access city records.

**Land Use:** Dave Johnston — John Cole heads a study group to get information on instructional zoning. He will probably be at the SWNI Land Use meeting on Feb. 17. It is an open meeting dealing with institutional zoning. A similar project for mixed use zoning will be scheduled.

**Transportation:** Prakash Joshi

- A big issue in the SW Corridor Plan is the light rail transit between Barbur Boulevard and the I-5 (with tunnel, stations noted) which just opened for public comment. Communities are commenting about where the stations will be located. Tigard and Tualatin are under a lot of pressure to accept this, but they aren't ready to make decisions. We need to have a voice in the planning process, starting right now. It is important to have input at the planning stage. SWNI sent a letter urging the city to give communities at least 60 days before the discussions at City Hall begin.
- The Barbur Blvd. bridges have been reinforced. [the following is from the ODOT report; see the Jan. 17, 2015, minutes: "...necessary repairs to prevent the bridges from becoming weight-restricted to trucks and TriMet buses; repaved the bridge decks; repaired walkways, ramps and curbs on both bridges; installed taller pedestrian/ bicycle safety railings on both bridges; and installed four flashing beacons to warn drivers when bicycles are traveling on the bridges. At Miles Street, a speed feedback sign, reflective striping on the median and reflective tubular markers were installed to further increase safety and awareness along Barbur Boulevard."]
- Many thanks to Jim Diamond for all the time he takes covering these projects. We are expecting to have some of CVNA-recommended projects in the soon-to-be-announced updated TSP project list.
- The Primrose project (crosswalk and flashing light) is in the works.

**NET** (Neighborhood Emergency Team): Bob Fischer was elected team leader of the new Collins View NET on Jan. 22. The first meeting of the team will be at Lewis and Clark College on Tuesday, Feb. 24, 7 p.m. in Room 218 of the Albany Building, which is also known as Smith Hall. Albany/Smith Hall is located behind the stadium and the tennis bubble. It is next to the theater. There is plenty of parking back there which does not require a parking permit at this time of the evening.

**CVNA Room at Riverdale:** Discussion of the uses of the Neighborhood Association room will continue at the March 4, 2015 meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Maryellen Read  
Secretary, CVNA