

## **Collins View Neighborhood Association Minutes, March 4, 2015**

**Attendees:** Officer Caspar, Anna Browne, Bob Fischer, Charlotte Joshi, Cheri Ann Richards, Dana Fischer, Dave Johnston, Dixie Johnston, Fran laird, Gene Lynard, James VanDomelen, Jim Diamond, Mark Duntley, Maryellen Read, Maureen Diamond, Paula Robinson, Prakash Joshi, Marcene Bloom.

Minutes for the CVNA — Feb. 4, 2015, meeting were approved.

The Agenda for the March 4, 2015, meeting was approved with additions.

The Neighborhood Association search for a new chairperson is ongoing. We need to vote on a new chairperson at the May meeting. Please let Anna Browne or Maryellen Read know if you are interested.

### **SWNI & Parks** Fran Laird:

- April 22, 5-7p.m.: Open house at the Senior Center at Multnomah Arts Center. There will be an update on Tryon Creek Watershed projects.
- June, *date to be announced*: The Willamette Greenway dedication.
- June 30: Neighborhood Volunteer Recognition Event. The theme for this year is “Let’s Go Fly a Kite.” Please recommend volunteers from Collins View to be recognized.
- Willamette Park Redevelopment Project accommodates Willamette Park use, greenspace experience, habitat areas, recreational bike and pedestrian traffic. Willamette Park is a destination for cyclists using the Willamette Greenway Trail.
- We notified board members of the Ahavai Sholom Cemetery on Alice St. about the availability of the adjacent water tower property.
- River View Nature Area: An updated email from Commissioner Amanda Fritz regarding mountain biking states, “The decision to prohibit mountain biking for now at River View was made in partnership with Commissioner Fish and the Bureau of Environmental Services, with due consideration of the reason for dedicating ratepayer dollars to purchase the site to protect water quality. We are not saying River View will never be used for mountain biking, rather just not now, before the citywide assessment of appropriate places for cycling is funded and completed. I encourage you to participate in the upcoming city budget process to urge funding for the citywide Master Plan for cycling that Portland Parks and Recreation and I have proposed in our requested budget allocations.... If you have questions about this policy, Commissioner Fritz’s office phone number is [503-823-3008](tel:503-823-3008).”

- There will be no bikes allowed in the River View Nature area as of March 16. It will be hard to enforce until there is signage. City police, given direction under parks, can enforce park rules. There is word of an upcoming bike protest was on Nextdoor. Palatine at Brugger is the logical place to stage a protest.

**Land Use Dave Johnston:**

- Unused properties are now listed on the Water Bureau website. There are 13 stages in the public notification of surplus properties process. [WWW.portlandoregon.gov/water/article/517079](http://WWW.portlandoregon.gov/water/article/517079)
- Marceen Bloom plans to subdivide her 20,000-square-foot lot at 708 Maplecrest Ct., and build a one-story 1,400 sq. ft. house on the site. After meeting with us, she is in position to apply to the city to get a simple partition as a matter of right. We will get a notice of that.
- Prakash said that plantings on his property (which is next door) were killed by overspray. He hopes that a privacy hedge and bamboo fencing will be maintained between the properties. Marcene said if there are any questions, give them to Dave and she will pass them on to the engineers.
- A person developing a single residence lot is not required to have sidewalks put in. Only developers putting in more than one house are required to put in sidewalks.
- John Cole visited the SWNI land use meeting. The status of his project regarding institutional zoning is on track. It will probably be on the website in a few days. The conditional use issues for institutions are trending to be more and more what we have now. There is still a chance to comment to the bureau about it.

**Officer Caspar:**

- The crime tracking system is not working. Central Precinct has been divided into 4-5 areas, so police do not have assigned districts anymore. Officers can be called to report within a wider geographic area.
- The state/federal guideline for report writing makes writing a report longer.
- He has been making house calls on the five vehicles reported speeding on Primrose. Four of the five live in the neighborhood.
- You always have to park in the direction the traffic is going on the street, otherwise you will be in violation.

**Transportation Prakash Joshi & Jim Diamond:**

The Transportation System Plan (TSP) is a citywide competition. Neighborhoods are competing to have their project be included in the program. It is now a whole new process. SWNI is very active and sends people to represent our neighborhoods. One Collins View project, with \$1.174 million allocated to it, is on the list of 18 projects. The Terwilliger/Maplecrest crossing is a big issue. We need to get the city engineers out to measure things as soon as possible. Jim said that city funding comes and goes, so the important thing is to keep pressure on and have SWNI continue to keep the pressure on.

We thank Prakash and Jim for keeping us engaged in so much simultaneous Comp Plan and Transportation Plan activity.

Jim will invite John Miller to attend a meeting to talk about his ongoing Lobelia Trail project.

**Public Safety** Gene Lynard:

- Multnomah County Deputy District Attorney Kevin Demer gave a talk about identity theft. Oregon ranks third in the nation in occurrences of identity theft. Some of the steps to avoid it are: do not leave valuables or anything connected to your identity or credit in your car; install a locking mailbox; carry only needed cards and financial information; shred documents; don't give out personal information. For more information go to [www.MCDA.US](http://www.MCDA.US) and click on the identity theft link from the "Protecting Victims and Families" link at the top of the page.
- Officer Scott Foster said shootings, beatings and stabbings happen in the city all the time.
- No reports of Collins View crime.

**NET** Bob Fischer:

- Twenty-two people attended the first Collins View NET meeting. We have a team of 13 certified NETS and 13 more in training.
- Bob was invited to participate in a Lewis and Clark "Active Shooter" exercise.
- Preparedness literature will be posted on Nextdoor.
- A 10" diameter gas line, under 400 lb. of pressure, goes right through the neighborhood, up Taylors Ferry and all the way down Boones Ferry. The automatic cut off is beneath the Hawthorne Bridge, so in an "event" necessitating pressure relief, it will sound like a jet engine for 20 minutes.

**Lewis and Clark College** Mark Duntley:

- Mark welcomes neighbors to contact him regarding problems with students. [duntley@lclark](mailto:duntley@lclark) 503-768-7082.
  - Campus Safety, 503-768-7857, will come if called regarding loud parties, or call the police nonemergency number: 503-823-3333.
- He is getting the physical addresses of all students who are living off campus.

**Riverdale High School** Paula Robinson:

- The swim team entered the state competition.
- The mock trial team is going to the state competition.
- Riverdale is hosting the International “Bridge City” competition in April. Sixty international students will compete at OMSI. If anyone has a “swag donation” for competitors’ gift bags, it would be very welcome.

**The water pressure** in the Maplecrest area is below standard.

**The Collins View National Night Out Picnic** on the Lewis and Clark campus is on the schedule for Aug. 2. The picnic was not awarded a SWNI grant, so ideas for funding were solicited. We’re on our own for funding it as we have been in the past.