

## 4-1-15 Collins View neighborhood Association Minutes

Minutes for the 3/4/15 meeting were unanimously approved.

Attendees: Officer Caspar, Anna Browne, Bob Fischer, Brendan McGillicuddy, Cheri Ann Richards, Dixie Johnston, Elise Delisser, Fran Laird, Gene Lynard, James Luce, James VanDomelin, Jim Diamond, John Miller, Mark Duntley, Maryellen Read, Matthew Steven, Maureen Diamond, Paula Robinson, Prakash Joshi.

**Officer Caspar:** It was pretty quiet in Collins View.

- **The burglaries** off Huber and at Vermont and 30<sup>th</sup> had the same MO: They kicked in the front doors in broad daylight and went for jewelry, guns and cash.
- **Sector policing** is here to stay. Now officers can be sent anywhere rather than just to one district. There are two officers assigned per sector, up to three on weekends. Response times will be longer. Be sure to call if there are problems so they will keep the staffing numbers up on weekends.
- **Bicycles on crosswalks:** Except as otherwise specifically provided by law, a bicyclist on a sidewalk or in a crosswalk has the same rights and duties as a pedestrian on a sidewalk or in a crosswalk. [Addenda: <http://bikeportland.org/resources/bicyclelaws#814400> "...The law allows someone on a bicycle to have the same crossing rights as someone walking. You do not have to dismount to exercise your right to cross. You could even be doing a trackstand, as long as you dip your front wheel into the roadway."  
<http://bikeportland.org/2013/01/04/clearing-up-confusion-around-oregons-crosswalk-law-81541>; Or this: "...If you are on your bike, you are considered a vehicle and must obey all associated traffic rules. If you are off your bike, you are a pedestrian and vehicles must yield for you at crosswalks (ORS 801.385). If you wish to ride your bike across a crosswalk, you must do so "at a walking pace" (ORS 814.410). If you decide to stay on your bike and ride at-speed, then you must obey the same traffic control devices that cars, trucks, motorcycles, and others obey (ORS 814.400)."  
[http://www.reddit.com/r/Portland/comments/1mdi5v/regarding\\_crosswalks\\_and\\_rightofway\\_a\\_bike\\_safety/](http://www.reddit.com/r/Portland/comments/1mdi5v/regarding_crosswalks_and_rightofway_a_bike_safety/)]
- **Bikes and motorcycles going through red lights:** Oregon law SB 533 would make it legal to "proceed with caution" through a red light that is trying, but failing, to detect one's bicycle or motorcycle. This would only be allowed after someone has waited through a full cycle. Rolling through stop signs would remain illegal.  
[http://www.oregonlive.com/commuting/index.ssf/2015/03/bicycles\\_oregon\\_law\\_run\\_red\\_li.html](http://www.oregonlive.com/commuting/index.ssf/2015/03/bicycles_oregon_law_run_red_li.html)

**Voting for all the positions** on the board is conducted at the May meeting. It is starting to look like we will not have a Chairperson starting June, although someone who is interested in still encouraged to volunteer. The people who have been most closely involved bring a sense of history and perspective to the board, which is nice to have but not mandatory for the job. We also need new volunteers. The Chair position would ideally be one person, but we may have to use a committee

structure in the meantime. Someone should say “I am willing to do it,” or “I am willing to help [be part of the Chair committee of 2-3 people].” If anyone is interested in the Chair position, please let either Anna, Maryellen or Prakash know.

**CVNA Room:** Paula Robinson, principal of Riverdale High School, will notify Maryellen Read when Riverdale’s field studies storage boxes are moved to a new location. Riverdale needs some time to purchase a small storage shed. CVNA has exclusive use of the room, to be used for storage of neighborhood documents, memorabilia and Neighborhood Emergency Team supplies.

- **A unanimous motion** authorized the Neighborhood Emergency Team to move the BEECN box from Riverdale’s field to store it in the little room and have access to it for training and emergencies. Issues of availability of keys will be worked out.
- The old CVNA mural is permanently displayed at Capitol Hill School. The mural was donated to Capitol Hill School 10-12 years ago.

**River View Natural Area:** John Miller reported on his activity on Next Door and OregonLive regarding mountain biking in RVNA. He will compile his notes and submit an Opinion piece to the Oregonian.

- John has created a draft of a web page for our website, with historical notes and links to the City of Portland page on the natural area, Facebook and so on. The web page can be seen at <http://collinsview.org/RVNA.html>. The page won't be linked into our site until it's more complete and has been vetted. You can send information, suggestion or corrections to John via [john@timehaven.us](mailto:john@timehaven.us)
- Fran Laird warned that the city commissioners are getting hammered by cyclists and are only hearing from cyclists, so she urged people to call or write Commissioners Fritz and Fish.
- John’s letter to Commissioners Fritz and Fish was approved unanimously with two amendments.

### **The CVNA message to Commissioners Fritz and Fish:**

Collins View Neighborhood Association has learned that NW Trails has filed an 'Intent to Appeal with LUBA'. We have also heard that you may be considering reversing the ban on mountain bikes in River View Natural Area, under extreme pressure from bikers.

We would like to make it clear that:

1. **CVNA supports** the CoP prohibition of mountain bikes from River View Natural Area, effective 3/16/2015.
2. **CVNA supports** development of a region-wide master plan for URBAN mountain biking facilities as funds, resources and revenues permit.
3. **CVNA has multiple concerns** about siting a "world class" Mountain Biking Facility in the River View Natural Area. Therefore we reserve the right to testify in the future on any hearings pertaining to this matter.

4. **CVNA wants you to know** that biking and related activity would negatively impact not only the Natural Area, but also our directly impact our neighborhood. Please contact us or come to our next meeting if you would like to hear more.

Anna Browne, as Chairperson, will send a letter from the neighborhood.

Fran and others urged everyone to get people writing letters to the city based on the motion, or in their own words. Sending paper letter and sending the same message to the same recipient email counts as two responses.

**Neighbors need to show up at the Project Advisory Committee meeting, Wednesday, April 8, at 5:30 – 8 p. m.** The Watershed’s Community Room, 6388 SW Capitol Highway (@ SW Bertha – south side of Capitol Hwy). **Everyone should go.** Here are the details from Maija Spencer, Portland Parks & Recreation:

- <https://www.google.com/maps/place/6388+SW+Capitol+Hwy,+Portland,+OR+97239/@45.4777406,-122.6975044,17z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m2!3m1!1s0x54950b0774e53f0d:0xdc342c12f29fa9b9>
- Please note that parking is a little difficult immediately near this location. There is no parking on Capitol Hwy or Bertha. There is street parking in the neighborhood on the opposite side of Capitol Hwy – off of SW 18<sup>th</sup> Drive (just north of intersection of Capitol & Beaverton-Hillsdale Hwy). Allow enough time to park and walk over to the meeting location. Since the meeting is running till 8 p.m., we will provide some food (pizza + salad + light snacks). The PAC meeting is open to the general public, but please note that the meeting space is not huge, so space will be limited. I would encourage interested folks to instead attend the **Open House on Monday, May 4, from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. at Multnomah Arts Center, 7688 SW Capitol Hwy**, as it is a much larger venue and will focused on the broader community’s involvement. [www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/riverview](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/riverview)

**Transportation/Environment:** Jim Diamond attached the links to the **City of Portland Riverview Natural Area Conservation Easement Agreement**  
<https://www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/article/471540>

Upcoming events:

- (1) *TriMet Southwest Service Enhancement Plan*, which includes new bus lines, more Frequent Service and community shuttles. From TriMet: “Hello - You've shared ideas for improving transit in Southwest, and now we want your final input.  
  
After over a year of community engagement—we reviewed nearly 3,800 comments!—we’ve refined our vision for the [Southwest Service Enhancement Plan](#), which includes new bus lines, more Frequent Service and community shuttles. We're asking for feedback before it's finalized—take a look and **respond by April 10. [SURVEY: Read the Refined Draft Vision and weigh in »](#)**
- (2) *SW Corridor (SWC) Technical Workshop*, Monday April 20, 2015, in Room 29 of the Multnomah Arts Center.

- From Roger Averbeck, Chair, SWNI Transportation Committee: “The April 20th SW Corridor (SWC) Technical Workshop will provide information on and address questions regarding SW Corridor topics such as: Ridership, travel time, mobility, cost, design, engineering complexity, initial traffic analysis, and community impacts of the various HCT modes and alignments under consideration.

FYI, the PCC (and Tigard) Key Issues Memos will not be available until April 13. There will be ample opportunity at the Technical Workshop to ask questions based on any new information for the PCC memo. The complete key issues memos for S. Portland and Hillsdale are available online at:

<http://www.oregonmetro.gov/public-projects/southwest-corridor-plan/project-library>

**The SW Corridor Technical Workshop is scheduled for Monday, April 20, 2015, in Room 29 of the Multnomah Arts Center.** Please be advised that this workshop is intended for citizens that are already knowledgeable and engaged in the SW Corridor Plan. *It is expected that those in attendance at the technical workshop will have read and studied the attached documents and document links in advance of the workshop:*

- South Portland Key Issues Memo Executive Summary
- Hillsdale Key Issues Memo Executive Summary
- SW Corridor Tunnel Overview
- SWC PCC Access Presentation to FSW NA
- SWC Timeline

Those seeking basic introductory information and background materials are recommended to attend a SW Corridor Community Forum on Tuesday, May 12, at Wilson HS in Hillsdale.

Thanks for your interest in this important corridor planning process in our community.

Roger Averbeck, SWNI Transportation

- (3) ***PBOT-BES Tryon-Stephens Creek Watershed Study*** from Naomi Tsurumi, PBES

Hello Tryon-Stephens Headwaters Neighborhood Street Plan CWG members, I'm passing along information about the City of Portland's Bureau of Environmental Services upcoming Open House to share information about watershed projects in SW Portland. Learn about project designs, the status of current projects and community projects. Please spread the word about this Open House! **SW Watersheds Open House** Multnomah Arts Center, Room 29, 7688 SW Capitol Hwy, Portland, OR 97219, Wednesday, April 22, 2015, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. General information about the Tryon-Stephens Headwaters Neighborhood Street Plan will be shared, along with information about several other BES watershed projects in SW (see the attached insert from the SWNI Newsletter for summaries of the projects).

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**Land Use:** Dave Johnston said the speakers on Templeton Hall on the Lewis and Clark campus will be raised by 10 feet. They are emergency speakers used for campus safety lockdown. They have not been used for 20 years.

**Transportation:** Prakash Joshi said a truck from Christenson Electric was converting street lights to LED lights at rush hour. The work backed up traffic and elicited a lot of calls. The city currently does not have an inter-departmental system in place that coordinates vendor contracts from different jobs and prohibits work from impacting traffic flow during peak traffic times.

In other items, Prakash said:

- We will be evaluating the intersection that at Boones Ferry and Terwilliger.
- We asked Commissioner Novick via Erika Nebel to send feedback to our proposal and concept design for a traffic light at the Boones Ferry/Terwilliger intersection. We do not have a definite timetable from PBOT, but it may be late April into Early May. We hope they follow through on the timetable indicated.
- Portland was named the 10th worst city for traffic by TomTom Travel Index.

**Public Safety:** Gene Lynard said the March 5, 2015, meeting of the SWNI Public Safety Committee featured three guests from the Behavioral Health Unit of the Portland Police Bureau. The unit was formed a couple of years ago to try and get folks, including the mentally ill and addicts the Portland Police Bureau routinely encounters on the street, into programs and provide them with the services they need. Five teams have been formed, pairing up Portland police officers with clinicians (social workers). The majority of the addicts are homeless. Seventy-eight officers have been trained so far. The bureau has taken the initiative of using the city's resources as much as they can, including Cascadia, one of the biggest mental health agencies in the region. To date the program has proven itself to be most successful, with much work left to be done. The mission of the Behavioral Health Unit is to coordinate the response of law enforcement and the Behavioral Health System to aid people in behavioral crisis resulting from known or suspected mental illness and or drug and alcohol addiction. All Portland Police Bureau officers have received crisis intervention training throughout their careers, and new recruits will continue to do so.

- The upcoming Public Safety meeting will feature a video presentation of crowd control and Behavior Science social issues.

**NET:** Bob Fischer's team will be getting one new trained person next week.

- Radio mapping of this area is ongoing. One person with a FRS radio up at Alice St. and 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. water tower can reach almost the whole neighborhood. We can keep track of all the NET teams with FRS radios.
- Lewis and Clark College conducted an active shooter exercise. The neighborhood will be warned about a shooter on the loose by the reverse 911 system.

**Parks and SWNI:** Fran Laird alerted us to Parks meetings:

- **Wednesday, April 8, 5:30 – 8 p.m. — Project Advisory Committee meeting,** The Watershed's Community Room, 6388 SW Capitol Highway (at SW Bertha – south side of Capitol Hwy).
- **April 25, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. — Friends of Spring Garden Plant Sale** at Spring Garden Park
- **May 16, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. — Greenwood Cemetery Cleanup**
- **June 13, 11 a.m. — Marshall Park playground ribbon cutting**

#### And SWNI Dates

- **April 22, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. — BES Watershed Open House**
- **May 2, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. — SWNI Spring Clean-Up** at Portland Christian Center, 5700 SW Dosch Rd.
- **June 30, 7 - 9 p.m. — Volunteer Recognition Dinner**

**Lewis and Clark:** Mark Duntley invited the neighborhood to **Pioneering Progress: A Celebration of sustainability at Lewis and Clark** Wednesday, April 22, 4 p.m. Learn why Lewis and Clark is at the forefront of pioneering nationwide sustainability efforts. Hors d'oeuvres, local beer and wine will be served. Special guests are Gov. Kate Brown, J.D. '85, Mayor Charlie Hayes and others. Festivities include campus tours, a 5 p.m. celebration at Agnes Flanagan Chapel and a 6 p.m. reception at the Stamm Dining Hall. More info at [lclark.edu/earthday](http://lclark.edu/earthday). **Register by April 10.** Go to [go.lclark.edu/earthday](http://go.lclark.edu/earthday).

- Mark is continuing to work on finding out where all the students live, information that will be linked with their registration. By next fall, Lewis and Clark should know where all the students live, including off campus.
- He is exploring the idea of a neighborhood rep, student rep and college rep visiting student houses at beginning of the school year and having discussions about socially acceptable behavior. It will be a welcome wagon type of communication to create a more responsible environment and to explore the expectations of each group. Dealing with particular problem rentals is high on the agenda.
- Mark is working to get a new student rep who will attend CVNA meetings.

**Riverdale High School News:** Paula Robinson [Paula did not get to announce this at the meeting because we ran out of time] — Riverdale students took all of the top 20 spots at a regional bridge-building event in March, and seniors Brendan Corcoran and Tal Volk qualified for the international competition that will be held in Portland next month. For Corcoran and Volk, the next step is to represent their school at the International Bridge Building Competition, to be held April 25 at the Oregon Museum of Science & Industry in Portland. A Riverdale communications team is organizing this year's event, with the help of Riverdale college adviser Jill Hall.

<http://portlandtribune.com/lor/108-education/254947-125011-riverdale-students-sweep-bridge-building-contest>

Respectfully submitted,

Maryellen Read