

CVNA Minutes 5/6/2015

Meeting opens 7:30 p.m.

Attendees: Officer Caspar, Anna Browne, Barry Keller, Brendan McGillicuddy, Charlotte Joshi, Cheri Ann Richards, Davis Parchment, Dana Fischer, Dave Johnston, Denny Barnes, Dixie Johnston, Elise Delisser, Fran Laird, Gene Lynard, James Luce, James VanDomelen, Jim Diamond, John Miller, Mark Duntley, Maryellen Read, Maureen Diamond, Paula Robinson, Prakash Joshi.

Minutes of the April 1 meeting were approved.

Office Caspar: there was an accident just before this meeting (5/6) at the corner of SW Maplecrest Drive and Terwilliger.

- [It was pretty quiet in the neighborhood — no calls of burglary or theft.
- [Parks, through the safety board, has training seminars for neighborhood foot patrols. There are six different kinds of foot patrols and very structured guidelines including background checks. Neighbors can organize foot patrols in RVNA. There will be a poll in a month or two to see how many are interested. Bridlemile has had neighborhood foot patrols for years.
- [Officer Caspar has appeared in another Portlandia episode.
- [Paula Robinson, Riverdale principal, commended two Portland officers who responded when a mother coyote was hit by Riverdale High School last week. Police were compassionate with the mortally hurt animal, kept students away from the scene and sent the press people away. Portland police are not allowed to shoot the animal but the Multnomah County Sheriff is.

Elections of board officers and general members of the board, which are held in May to be synchronized with general elections.

Acting chair Anna Browne called for candidates.

Jim Diamond was nominated to be chairman by Prakash Joshi, seconded by Fran Laird, with a unanimous vote of approval. An informal committee of 4-5 people agreed to help with the duties and chairing the meeting when Jim is out of town.

Secretary: Maryellen Read will continue in the position. Unanimous vote of approval.

Treasurer: Jim VanDomelen will continue in the position. Unanimous vote of approval.

Public Safety: Gene Lynard will continue in the position. Unanimous vote of approval.

Land Use: Dave & Dixie Johnston will continue in the position. Unanimous vote of approval. They have one vote in board elections and Dave and Dixie each have a vote in general elections.

Transportation: Prakash Joshi will continue in the position. Unanimous vote of approval. Prakash welcomes help with going to meetings. Jim Diamond had previously helped and took the lead in many of these projects.

Environment: Jim Diamond will continue in the position as acting chair (position is open). Unanimous vote of approval. The BES action team is coming up. Some positions will be voted on in June.

Parks & SWNI Representative: Fran Laird will continue in the position. Unanimous vote of approval.

TriMet: Cheri Ann Richards will continue in the position. Unanimous vote of approval. No dialogue with TriMet is currently happening.

Outreach: Davis Parchment will continue in the position. Unanimous vote of approval. As moderator of Nextdoor, Davis announces upcoming meetings, passes on information from the meetings and the National Night Out Neighborhood Picnic (first Sunday in August; Aug. 2 this year).

Delegates of neighborhood areas: Neighborhood delegates need to be present at the meeting to be confirmed. CVNA will vote on more delegates at the June 3 meeting. In June we may integrate NET areas into delegates' areas and get the RVNA folks on the board.

Palatine #4 delegate: Dana and Bob Fischer. Unanimous vote of approval.

Maplecrest delegate: Anna Browne. Unanimous vote of approval.

West Collins View delegate: Denny Barnes, Unanimous vote of approval.

Lewis & Clark Representative: Mark Duntley. Unanimous vote of approval. Mark will be nominating a student representative who will attend meetings.

Recognition of Collins View Volunteer of the Year. Collins View Neighborhood Association has unanimously selected Fran Laird to receive the Collins View 2015 Volunteer Recognition award.

Fran is Collins View's delegate to SWNI and second vice president of the SWNI Board. Among Fran's many other volunteer services, this past year:

- [Fran has served on the Neighborhood Small Grants Selection Committee and participates on the SWNI Personnel Committee
- [she is the Collins View Parks Representative to the SWNI Parks and Community Centers Committee
- [she is on the Collins View National Night Out Picnic Committee
- [she is a founding member and active participant of the River View Natural Area Friends organization
- [she participated in the Volunteer Station at SWNI's Fall and Spring Cleanup events and supports multiple Park projects such as the Spring Garden Park Plant Sale

Fran does community homework, keeps records, involves neighbors in the processes and attends an incredible number of meetings. She is modest and quiet but when something needs saying, she says it.

Thank you Fran!

Riverdale High School — Paula Robinson: There is a rumor that some Riverdale students are buying alcohol from college students. A suggestion was made to post observances of this on Nextdoor.

- [The high school prom is going to be at Lakewood Theater. Lake Oswego police are going to be there.
- [Graduation is Tuesday, June 9, 7-8:30 p.m. at Lewis & Clark's Agnes Flanagan Chapel.
- [June 12 is the last day of school.
- [Six students from the Western Civilization class (a college course offered through Portland State University) were selected to present their historical research papers at

PSU's annual Young Historians Conference on Tuesday, April 28. Sophie Hamilton place fifth with her paper "Rationalism and the Understanding of Irrationality."

- [Senior Brendan Corcoran earned first place in the 2015 International Bridge Building Competition, held April 25 at OMSI. Senior Tal Volk placed fifth.
- [The Science Olympiad team competed at the Oregon state-level competition and finished in third place.

Parks — Fran Laird, The River View Natural Area (RVNA): Acting chair Anna Browne sent letters to Commissioners Fish and Fritz saying CVNA supports the RVNA plan concepts and Off-Road Cycling Master Plan (O-RCMP).

- [On Earth Day, Fran, Denny and John hand delivered an "Earth Day Greeting" letter signed by several neighbors to Commissioners, Mayor Hale and bureaus saying, "The decision by the city of Portland to restore, preserve and protect the interior forest habitat, the wetlands and seven streams at the core of RVNA is both applauded and supported by Collins View Residents concerned about nature conservancy."
- [RiverViewFriends.org was registered (4/24) and a new site was set up in order to be independent from collinsview.org, which is regulated by the CVNA board. Friends of RVNA is separate from CVNA.
- [Mayor Hales announced budgetary support for the O-RCMP.
- [About half the attendees of the (5/4) RVNA open house at the Multnomah Arts Center were mountain bikers and half were Collins View residents. RVNA Management Plan will move forward, not delayed by O-RCMP. Mountain biking is excluded, as are dogs at this time. Denny, Maureen, Alexandra, Prakash, John, Angela and others testified.

SWNI – Fran Laird: Greenwood Cemetery Clean-up is May 16. Call Hattie 503-781-1698 to RSVP for lunch reservations.

- [The Volunteer of the Year recognition dinner is June 30.

The Lobelia Project — John Miller: The unimproved right of way between Lobelia and Palatine has Beth Israel Cemetery on one side. It is designated as a foot path on the SW trails map in the SW Trails inventory. Neighbors have been maintaining the path.

- [The city's first Community-Initiated Neighborhood Trails Process would allow community groups to propose and construct trails in undeveloped right-of-way. It is a long-term process projected to start this summer. See www.portlandoregon.gov/transportation/trails for details.

Lewis and Clark – Mark Duntley: 500 seniors graduated at Saturday's (5/9) commencement.

- [The college has ongoing emergency preparedness programs.
- [Mark is getting all the addresses of next year's students. In the fall, teams of educators and advocates will welcome new student renters.

Land Use – Dave and Dixie Johnston: Marcene Bloom's property proposal was returned by the city because the application was incomplete. The issue is the necessity for curbs gutters sidewalks. She can appeal that.

- [The antenna project for the college has been approved.

John Coles' committee has completed its work. It looks as if the city wants the institutions to have their own zones instead of conditional use permits, which give a little more permanence.

For campuses like L&C in residential areas, they would limit the commercial establishments serving the public to 5000 sq. ft., with ability to increase this. We will have a chance to weigh in on this as it goes to the bureau and on to planning and sustainable and then to city council.

[New comp plan proposals are coming up with the new institutional plan proposals. PBOT is short on resources to supervise transportation. They may be looking at safety only and not at street capacity with regards to development. Capacity is not a criteria any more. It is very hard to find out what budget is doing with this.

[**Transportation** – Prakash Joshi: They are going to come on site to see and discuss the Primrose proposals. We may have to ask for lesser things than flashing lights at the cross walk. The door is still open because they have agreed to come and talk.

[At the RVNA open house Monday, Emily Roth said about 35 spaces were to be allocated for RVNA parking. We will make this traffic parking a major issue. Transportation is a major component of RVNA.

Transportation — Jim Diamond: Open house is at Wilson High School on May 12. Almost certainly there is not going to be a tunnel in the SW corridor plan.

[The chance of improving traffic at the Terwilliger/Barbur intersection and the Terwilliger/Taylor's intersection is only 1%. Every day you will be stuck in traffic. Weigh in with your comments.

Public Safety – Gene Lynard: The Safety Committee is looking for safety vigil locations where speeding, ignoring crosswalks are issues. They plan to hold two safety vigils a week for a six-week period. Hopefully seeing vigils will remind drivers to drive safety.

NET – Gene Lynard: On May 2, the Collins View NET was one of four teams to participate in Operation Sasquatch at Scenario Village, the police training facility. The exercise – to rescue a city block of hapless victims, mass casualties in an earthquake wracked block — was the first ever NET Scenario Village training.

The vote to send a letter regarding the Proposed Propane Export Terminal will be on the June agenda. Jim will put documents online.

9:13 meeting adjourned.