

CVNA Minutes March 2, 2016

Riverdale High School 7:00-8:30 PM

Minutes are posted on Collins View Nextdoor and on collinsview.org

Attending: Officer Caspar, Officer Fleming, Anna Browne, Avi Solomon, Brendan McGillicuddy, Cheri Ann Richards, Dave Johnston, Denny Barnes, Dixie Johnston, Elise DeLisser, Fran Laird, Gene Lynard, James Van Domelen, Jim Diamond, John Miller, Mark Duntley, Maryellen Read, Paula Robinson, Prakash Joshi, Carolyn Carr, Cindy, McKinstry

Officer Caspar and Officer Fleming. By October, ninety cops are eligible to retire and only three replacements have been lined up. Portland has 956 cops total. Comparably sized cities have 1300 cops. Police coverage will be low over the summer.

- 503-823 4000 is a “One check number” for homeless problem. [*this # is just the “City/County” general Info Line # <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/28533>]*]
- Crime in hood has been minimal, except a \$2000 burglary at the South Burlingame Bike shop. Macadam is still inundated with car prowls and burglaries.
- Engine #18 was called to the Sears Armory 4-5 times more than cops went there.
- The Feb 17th victim who was hit by traffic on Taylor Ferry is still in ICU on a respirator. He got off bus during rush hour and tried to make it across the street to his driveway. The drivers involved were not impaired.
- Prakash could not find anything on the city site about the accident. Channel 2 reported there were six other incidents in the area. A suggestion was made to contact the Police traffic division and ask about the incident (#3 1652327; Third and Taylors Ferry). Police won't have anything except personal injury cases. “

Collins View Neighborhood Association is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) so we are not allowed to bring in political candidates. They should participate in the open candidate forum.

Fred's Community Rewards: The 21 Collins View households who registered for Community Rewards and shopped at Fred Meyer between 2015-10-01 and 2015-12-31 have contributed \$61.35 total donation to the CVNA. kitty. We have never had any neighborhood money before! Please do register. It takes nothing away from your Fred Meyer Rewards. Go to <http://collinsview.org/community-rewards.html> to find out more and follow the link to register.

Riverdale High School, Paula Robinson: Both Mock Trial Teams qualified for the State championships, however we had to pick due the rules allowing only one qualifying team per school. Our "Blue Team" will be performing at the State championships.

- The Bridge Building Competition: Students did fantastic placing in the top 25 positions. One student placed top in the nation. Two students will ompete in the International Bridges Competition.
- The Musical had a fabulous run at the World Trade Center of "The Pajama Game".
- Our Science Bowl moved forward in the competition further than we ever have in the past.
- Robotics team competes soon. They achieved "bag and tag' this week.

- The India Trip leaves this Saturday [3/5/16] for their service opportunity.
- The winter dance went without a hitch!
- Cindy McKinstry said the Collins View Elementary big cement marker facing Terwilliger has disappeared. Does anyone have any information

Lewis and Clark, Mark Duntley: The Annual International Fair in Templeton Center is Saturday, 3/5. It is a great opportunity to come to the college to sample ethnic foods (11-1:00); and see fashion and performances by international students (free 2-4PM)

- RVNA Ivy Pull with Student is Sat March 12, 9am. Let Mark know if you want to go. It is really designed for students.
- Parking issues are greatly improved (Students seem to be adhering to parking regulations). Prakash and Mark continue to work together on these issues.
- Educating the members of the college who commute is a priority. The college is very serious about this and wants to be a good neighbor. Efforts are being explored to decrease the costs of Trimet passes for employees and students, to increase access to Trimet via the campus shuttle, it is looking at ways to provide access to anyone. Technically the shuttle is for Lewis and Clark people. The link to where to catch shuttle is on the Lewis and Clark website. There is talk about increasing cost of parking, increasing park and ride lots, and increasing incentive to commute by bike. Altogether there are 713 employees. There are about 1300 parking places, which is within the specs of the conditional use permits.

Collins View Evergreen Project (CVEP) Denny Barnes: Collins View has no more old growth trees. We are seeing mature evergreens being cut down. The trend is bad. The extensive tree cutting is being driven by a highly lucrative real estate development market.

- Collins View Neighborhood Association has received a Southwest Neighborhood, Inc. grant for CVEP, applied for by Denny Barnes. This project, planting native conifers in the neighborhood, will enhance our native conifer canopy and will address the issue of losing mature trees in our residential area. Another aspect of the grant is to increase awareness and education of the tree issues. We will begin planting trees beginning in April, which is Arbor Month, to restore native conifers to reverse this disturbing trend. The majority of the allotted trees will be planted in the fall
- Go to the Collins View website to read and see more: <http://collinsview.org/trees.html>
- Denny's PowerPoint presentation illustrated the benefits of an evergreen tree canopy.
- Denny Barnes was voted (motion by Maryellen Read, seconded by Cheri Ann Richards, passed unanimously) to represent CVNA at the March 3, 2016 City Council's public hearing of the tree code and proposed amendments. He was authorized to speak for CVNA's support of the Audubon Amendment, which is the strictest of the proposed amendments to the tree code.
- The Landscaping with Native Plants workshop is Thursday, March 31, 6 PM in the Lewis and Clark Gregg Pavilion. Go to collinsview.org/trees.html or <https://www.lclark.edu/live/events/131581-landscaping-with-natives> location and parking details available online

Committee Reports

Beginning with the April edition of the SWNI News, each of the committee chairs will write the Collins View entry in the News. This will bring different voices, perspectives and issues to the readership.

RVNA, John Miller: News signs were posted in RVNA. saying “no dogs,” “pedestrian trails only,” but nothing at all about the banned bikes at this time.

ORC-MP, John Miller and Brendan McGillicuddy: Torrey Lindbo from Collins View is on the Off-Road Cycling Master Plan PAC, but the committee representation is predominantly mountain bikers. Community representation will be limited to outreach – open houses. The general tone is that PAC committee member are looking at environmental impact. New Data: Metro has put forth an inventory all the off road trails, and defined the types of trails and styles of biking. Metro also mapped 1-5 mile proximities for known off-road cycling facilities..

- Prakash Joshi: Neighborhoods that are affected by should have a say in the ORC-MP. We have to address these bias issues to get our points in there.
- Jim Diamond: Object to the make up of this body. Make sure you type up accurate notes and have them ready to go to commissioners and directors involved. Email them immediately.
- Dixie Johnston: There is no money for RVNA at this time. They are not in any hurry to find funds to follow through with the RVNA document that City Council voted to approve. They are not getting around to it.
- Jim Diamond: Collins View testified at the RVNA City Council hearing that we supported PPR plan.

PPR owns 12,000 acres. 8,000 acres are considered natural areas.

Prakash Joshi: They do find money. Do not underestimate the [ORC-MP] bike committee.

Regarding trails:. said explicitly that all the damage occurs in the trail construction phase. They will be doing this. Need to remind the [ORC] committee that the bike shop owner offered to fund RVNA bike trail projects. The city is selling the parks. This is a true worry - that the off road mountain biker community will essentially buy RVNA.

Our ally will be Riverkeeper. [<http://www.willamette-riverkeeper.org/WRK/index.html>]

A Rare Bird Alert: Audubon put out a “Rare Bird Alert” for a Hooded Oriole sighting on Viewpoint. The bird is normally found in Southern California. In December 2014, an Audubon Rare Bird Alert was for a Snowy Owl in the same block. [*hmmm...*]

Public Safety, Gene Lynard: Crime Prevention Coordinator Jenni Pullen the guest speaker at last month’s SWNI Public Safety meeting, spoke on identity theft Fliers. She will come back to talk about how to avoid being burglarized later in March.

- Petty crimes and car break-ins are up throughout the area.
- The SWNI Emergency Preparedness Fair, scheduled for June 25th, 9:00am - 1:00pm at the Multnomah Arts Center. Hillsdale is organized by NET team leader Brett Matthews.
- We need to beef up the safety vigil project.

Transportation, Prakash Joshi: The dangerous Primrose/Terwilliger intersection is still the subject of ongoing talks with PBOT. We recommend a crosswalk and flashing light. Again PBOT raised the issues of the number of pedestrian crossings per hour and sidewalks on both sides. This month they will send someone here to inspect the traffic situation, particularly the Maplecrest entry onto Terwilliger.

- RE: SWNI transportation committee A big concern in the meeting was that urban planners come from other places that have a different understanding of the character of neighborhoods. They are not planning for us [existing neighborhood populations] at all. They are planning for mass transit and then bringing in new development communities to use it. They are planning huge hubs of density to use mass transit.
- Cindy McKristy: There are never any spots on Barbur to park in order to take mass transit. The roads aren't big enough to take that much traffic.
- Ask Mark Duntley to bring the College into negotiations with us and Trimet. Rather than have Trimet meet with just the college or just the neighborhood.
- On June 4, 2006, 10 years ago was the first ride of the #39 Trimet.. John proposed organizing an anniversary ride.
- Finding a person to deal with TriMet will be on the April agenda.

Land Use, Dave and Dixie Johnston: One unimportant proposal was granted: an adjustment to having a garage sited closer to Palater than the house.

- A developer wants to redevelop that so the college's boat dock can be used by the people as well as by the college. The property is right by the greenway. Greenway Trail has an easement on the land so that will continue to exist. The developer will have one year
- The Comprehensive Plan that will set zoning to 2035 is proceeding thru city council. The last work session was March 1. They should have a final list of the proposed amendments and a final draft soon. The hearing on those amendments is April 14. Nothing is particularly troubling but we need to keep checking. Zoning could include public involvement , trees etc. There will be some proposed map changes to the zoning, mostly existing properties. Nothing that affects Collins View.
- Planning and Sustainability Commission should be completed. The institutional zoning proposal becomes a "Recommended Draft" when it goes to city council. Plans are available on the website.
- Land Use actions require announcements. Building permits and demolitions do not require announcements to neighborhood [Land Use Chair]. Any land use action within a 1000 feet of Collins View comes to Dave and Dixie. Adjustment to permits like getting garage closer to a street are sent to Dave and Dixie.
- The Briar/Palatine house. In 2008 the developer had actually sued not to have to put in a sidewalk and lost. We have to accept sidewalks if we want stormwater control

The Golden Touch Development Issues/Questions: The property is in Hillsdale. It is currently zoned general commercial, and residential, so that fits the current zoning. Their land use action will be on the city website. It is in accordance with the city's ideas for development along the Barbur corridor for rapid transit. We have until March 10 to comment on the Golden Touch development

- *[Background: the property owners of Golden Touch Restaurant at the NE corner of Barbur and SW 19th/Capital Hwy intersection have a Land Use Application into City for a Multi-Use Type II Development. It is "approximately 223 dwelling units, 45,000 square feet of commercial space and 452 parking spaces" per their application.]*
- Increased traffic is an issue. Barbur traffic is already a mess.
- Capitol Hill School is at 107% capacity now. The Golden Touch development would add to that enrollment.