

**CVNA Minutes Jan. 4, 2017 7:00-8:30 PM Riverdale High School  
Minutes are posted on Collins View Nextdoor and on collinsview.org**

**Attendees:** Anna Browne, Bob Fischer, Dave Johnston, Dixie Johnston, Elise DeLisser, Fran laird, James VanDomelen, Jim Diamond, John Miller, Mark Duntley, Maryellen Read, Maureen Diamond, Paula Robinson, Prakash Joshi, Kim New Delman, Nigel Galloy

**Riverdale High School,** Paula Robinson:. The new political climate has opened up permission to say unkind things to other people. It is a form of micro-aggression. Paula has been working on a letter to families about things they are going to do to address that. *[The following is Paula's letter:*

*"A message from Principal Paula Robinson: Strengthening commitment to inclusion and diversity  
Attention Students: The letter below was sent to your parents to validate our critical values as a school community. You will soon learn more about our plans to shine a light on our school values and engage students in defining the values and behaviors that make us proud to be Mavericks.*

*Dear Riverdale Parents and Guardians,*

*Greetings at the New Year, a time when we often reflect and recalibrate our priorities.*

*This letter is a call to all the families in our school community – together, school and parents, we can foster a commitment to inclusion and diversity, and create a welcoming environment on our campus.*

*Our school is not immune to the blindness, ignorance, anxiety, self-indulgence and presumptions that have a foothold in high schools across our country. We, too, have students among us who face bigotry and harassment in the forms of homophobia, racism, religious intolerance and bullying at school. Students have been targeted by disrespectful and ignorant comments from peers – both in overt and subtle ways. No matter the size of the instance, it is our responsibility to establish an environment that does not tolerate hate.*

*I am writing to you to reaffirm that our school will not accept such behavior. Every student deserves the right to attend a school where they learn and grow, free from the pressures of intolerance.*

*I am writing to ask for your help and support.*

*As parents and educators, we have the responsibility to promote the values we expect students to display, and to condemn behaviors that counter our common values and threaten our community safety. The school will be working with the student body to progress beyond tolerance to acceptance, understanding and appreciation for all perspectives and backgrounds. In the coming months, we will have specific school activities addressing these goals and defining our core principles. These are universal values such as respect, responsibility, compassion, empathy, integrity and cooperation.*

*If you have not already done so, will you please take the time to have a conversation with your children about three things:*

*Discuss the importance of modeling the positive values we embrace, even in the face of cultural influences that might model the opposite.*

*Remind them that the school will protect the safety of every student and will take steps, including discipline, to ensure that students who threaten the safety of others are corrected.*

*Speak with them about the importance of standing up for what is right when they witness destructive behaviors.*

*As we explore these issues as a community, I will be asking for your assistance in continuing conversations at home. I believe our ability to find common ground in our diverse experiences strengthens our community. We are united by our love for our children and our desire to ensure they develop into the amazing people they have the potential to be. As the primary guide for your child, your support of our efforts is crucial to the creation of a safe and welcoming school community.*

*Please feel free to reach out to me should you have questions or concerns.*

*Warmly,*

*Paula Robinson, Principal ]*

- Because of the four days missed because of snow, they might be adding days to the school year.
- During the big snow day [Dec 14], Paula stayed with the many students who were late being picked up. There were twenty people there at 10pm. Riverdale became a warming sanctuary for stranded people-including a pregnant woman and hypothermic man and someone who needed an ambulance-, a charging station for cell phones, offering cooked meals and games. Yoga mats and bunk house were being set up in the hallways when a surgeon came by in his 4x4 and made several trips to shuttle people home. The event was heartening.
- ***Thank you Paula and Riverdale High School for your service and generosity in this time of community need!***
- A meeting is scheduled with the Riverdale School Board to consider fund raising to upgrade the land to perhaps create a fitness path, better playground, or a community garden in the back field. Riverdale School District owns the building, Portland owns the property. There will be a time in this process when School and Community will want to work together.

- This year's graduating class year is the first with students enrolled in the open enrolment process, which has achieved higher diversity in our school. The annual lottery occurs every year to enroll 70-75 students in Riverdale High School from the Portland School district. The catch is the Portland School District has to "release" the students to attend Riverdale. See the Riverdale High School Web Site for details.

<https://www.riverdaleschool.com/Page/106>

**5 min.: Lewis and Clark Report,** Mark Duntley: The College shares its sports facilities with Riverdale High School's swimmers and soccer players.

- Grad School and Law School return on Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>. Others come back on Jan. 17.
- Physics prof and her husband were killed in a car crash. Their four year old survived.
- The 150<sup>th</sup> celebration of Lewis and Clark is this year. The College Used to be called "Albany Institute," "Lewis and Clark College" since 1942.

**Chairman's Report:** Jim Diamond: The full report, posted on Nextdoor online, is here: [CVNA Chair's report, 4 January, 2017

1. *The City Auditor's meeting regarding proposed changes to the City Charter will be held tomorrow, 6-7:30 PM DATE: Thursday, January 5, 2016, TIME: 6-7:30 p.m. PLACE: East Portland Community Center, 740 SE 106th Ave. ; <http://www.portlandoregon.gov/oni/article/620242>*

2. *The Office of Neighborhood Involvement's Disability Program is offering a Disability Leadership Academy, and applications are open now through January 9th. You can find out more about Disability Leadership Academy, including session dates, responses to Frequently Asked Questions, and the application at the Disability Leadership Academy website. <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/oni/71185>*

3. *CVNA chair has received two notices of short-term rentals - Alexandra Clarke 9225 SW Boones Ferry Rd.; - Alex Kain 9231 SW 3rd Ave.*

4. *The American Lung Association (ALA) is sponsoring a Radon Forum, free and open to the public January 18th, 2017; 6:30pm-8:30pm; Adventist Medical Center; 10123 SE Market Street Portland, Oregon 97216; <http://www.radonforumnorthwest.com/>*

5. *From Laura Hanson, Portland Public Schools: "I'm reaching out on behalf of Portland Public Schools. We are interested in attending the next Collins View Neighborhood Association meeting to discuss Portland Public Schools' next capital construction bond." She will be at our February meeting with a very brief presentation.*

6. *Land Use (Dave & Dixie Johnston) will talk about this later. Here is the link to the Land Use notification. City of Portland; Bureau of Development Services; Notice of a Pre-Application Conference; Jan 17, 2017. 10:30am 1900 SW 4th Avenue, 4th Floor, Room 4a ; File Number: EA 16-289715  
<https://www.portlandoregon.gov/bds/article/622414>*

*The Bureau of Environmental Services (BES) intends to replace an under-sized existing culvert that carries Tryon Creek under SW Boones Ferry Road, building a new trestle bridge, and restoring a channel bed in Tryon Creek in place of the culvert. The project will also include channel restoration efforts in Tryon Creek above and below the new bridge, providing aquatic improvements and creating protection around an exposed sewer pipe on Tryon Creek. Additionally, this project will make bike and pedestrian safety improvements to SW Boones Ferry Road at the Tryon Creek crossing.*

7. *From Rich Newlands, Project Management Division, Portland Bureau of Transportation: Portland Bureau of Transportation is establishing a stakeholder advisory committee to help guide development and adoption of the Southwest in Motion Project. We are inviting all the neighborhoods associations within the SW district to participate on this committee. The intent of this email is to formally request from each of the associations a designated member to this committee. It is anticipated that the committee will begin meeting in February of next year, and a duration of approximately 4 evening meetings into the following summer... I will be serving as the project manager for development of the plan. If your organization would like to discuss the project at an upcoming meeting, I would be happy to attend and discuss. Thank you for your consideration. If you are interested in representing CVNA, contact Maryellen or Jim. <http://www.portlandoregon.gov/transportation/72017>*

8. *CVNA was contacted by GoFundMePDX, which offers its fund-raising and fund-management services at a cost. Maryellen and I share a skepticism regarding such solicitations. You'll be lucky to pay 9%, a pretty high combination of fees and costs for such a venture.*

*See here for more information: <http://www.bighya.com/gofundme-reviews>.*

- *Collins View Neighborhood Association will need to elect a new chair in May.*

*[Committee reports will appear italicized in the minutes if we run out of time to hear them at the meeting.]*

**Public Safety, Gene Lynard:** SWNI Public Safety committee met early in Dec. Jason Graff is new response team officer.

- Guest speaker was Jeremy van Keuren. Neighborhood Emergency Team program (NET) is becoming more active in community, not just standing by for the earthquake. They responded to monitor power lines down and the building gas explosion. The focus of the NET is response, not preparedness. Red Cross is the focus of preparedness.
- Holiday season is the seasons for car prowls .

**Transportation, Prakash Joshi:** The SWNI Transportation Committee did not meet because of weather.

- SW transit plan is really focusing down to where the stations are going to be situated. Neighborhoods are trying to figure out how to have a transit station near them. We are in the finals to have the walkway for across I-5 to the Barbur transit station. The staff recommended it so it is being considered. It is understood that we can't go too far from OHSU without a transit station. OHSU is not taking a big role in these discussions.
- We still do not have a clear pathway to the transit station. Next thing to be introduced is some sort of service that picks up neighborhood people to get to the bridge transit. TriMet folks at the SWNI meeting at taking note that all neighborhoods need to get to transit stations. The city is creating ridership next to transit stations; they are not including existing residents in their transit plans. We need to come up with a plan to write to the city that includes existing residents. Three neighborhoods – Collins View, Marshall Park and South Burlingame- will work together on this.
- Jim went to the final meeting. The Citizen Involvement Committee will be taking over and is really the best vehicle for us. If we want immediate impact into the next phase, we need to go to CIC. [ <https://multco.us/oci/citizen-involvement-committee-cic> ]
- Traffic is reduced because of the Terwilliger construction. Next will be Boones Ferry construction.
- Fewer High School parents are stopping in the neighborhood streets to pick up students. Thank you Paula.
- Carrie: We need coordination of Net and Transportation to avoid a rerun of the Dec 14 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave ice hill.

- Next meeting is 21-22 of Jan.

**CVNA finances:** Jim VanDomelen: CVNA has \$769.85 in treasury (11/30/16), [*almost every cent from the Fred Meyers Community Rewards.*]

**Land Use,** Dave and Dixie Johnston: A new bridge will be built over Tryon creek on Boones Ferry near Arnold street. (more info links in Jim's report on Nextdoor). This will require environmental review. Jan 17 is the deadline for comments.

- The City has started an action against Tryon Creek State Park re debri dredged from culvert.
- Infill project: We should pay attention. City council had approved allowing 4 dwelling units on regular lots. R-10 "Cottage Cluster Concept" will allow the density of multiple dwelling apartments. There should be meetings by the Planning Bureau. This has the potential to have huge impact on our neighborhood. [<https://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/67729> ]
- There is a transportation component to density infill. But the only thing that stops that is the traffic issue. Also no additional parking.
- Existing infrastructure will not support additional living units. All of the city planners hired the past year are from out of state, not from Portland.
- State law requires city to give Land Use notice of any of this. And of hearings on this.
- Lowell Patten's property on Boones Ferry: Wet land requirements derailed his application. If this infill project goes through, the city has an offer for the property.

**NET,** Bob Fischer: Your Collins View Neighborhood Emergency Team has been active and growing. We are now 26 NET certified members strong and a part of Portland Prepares. Lots of good preparedness information at their site [ <https://portlandprepares.org> ] In addition to more good information about getting prepared and our Collins View NET at the Collins View web site [ [www.collinsview.org](http://www.collinsview.org) ], we now have our own website at <https://portlandprepares.org/net-teams>

- Mayor Wheeler is taking the PBEM/NET program. Mike Meyers is the new fire chief. He is very supportive of program. Fire Departments used 17 NET teams to help during December's ice storms.
- Right there are 2800 trained NETs in Portland. 192 are AROs (Amateur Radio operators). Carrie Conte is responsible for getting southwest hams up to speed. There are 92 neighborhood associations in the city. 80% have some NET people. Only 57 of the 92 have actual NET teams.

**SWNI**, Elise DeLisser: SWNI Board Meeting Summary 12/21/16: The Equity and Inclusion Committee is in the process of designing Signs that neighborhood businesses post with the intent to extend diverse and welcoming environments. The Board requests that neighborhoods review and discuss the potential for sign design and usage. Take into consideration sight impaired (use large fonts and colors that are easily read.)

- Women's strength program is adding more classes for 2017
- Take 5 to survive safety program 1/5/17 7-8:30pm
- City budget reviews are showing potential for affecting the grants available to Neighborhoods SWNi is equity and improvement committee on conversations on business and "people are welcome" goal is are we having a discussion and are making sure people are
- People signed up to order the big orange SLOW DOWN signs at the meeting:
- <http://mail.google.com/mail/?ui=1&ov=1> SW Community Recycling is Saturday, Feb 4; 9AM-Noon at St. John Parish parking lot. Entrance SW 45<sup>th</sup> Ave. at SW Nebraska St.

**RVNA & ORC-MP**, John Miller: We have a signed stewardship agreement with city parks.

- In conjunction with MLK weekend of service Jan 14 planting event, Friends of River View Natural Area (FoRVNA) and Hands on Portland. Org. sign up. This is the first of 4 scheduled 2017 event for FoRVNA's first year.

ORC-MP: RVNA has NOT been eliminated from the sites available to off road cyclists in the plan. Meeting will be rescheduled. Forest Park access for ORC looms large.

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### **Some January Events:**

**Jan 14, Sat 9:00 AM Planting at RVNA** Friends of Riverview with Hands on Portland MLK weekend of service. [*Volunteers need to register through Hands On Portland registration page:*

[https://www.handsonportland.org/HOC\\_Volunteer\\_Opportunity\\_Details\\_Page?id=a0C1200000sIII](https://www.handsonportland.org/HOC_Volunteer_Opportunity_Details_Page?id=a0C1200000sIII)

*The HOP web page has a description of the event on their page ]*

**Radon Forum Northwest A PUBLIC RADON DISCUSSION** FREE and open to the public  
January 18, 2017 6:30PM-8:30PM Adventist Health Auditorium, 10123 SE Market St, Portland, OR 97216 is counted radon kits will be available while supplies last! For more information, visit <http://www.radonforumnorthwest.com/> or contact Tiffany Belser at 503-718-6141