

CVNA Minutes Oct. 2, 2019 7 – 8:30 p.m. Riverdale High School
Meetings are held in the Maverick Room
Minutes are posted on collinsview.org

Meeting is open to Riverdale School Community and neighbors

Attendees: Anna Browne, Bob Fischer, Brendan McGillicuddy, Dave Johnston, Dixie Johnston, Elise deLisser, Fran Laird, Gene Lynard, Mark Duntley, Maryellen Read, Prakash Joshi, Allison Behrens

7-8:30 p.m. Business Meeting:

Action: **Oct. 2, 2019, meeting agenda** Board vote approved

Action: **Sept. 4, & July 21 & June 5, 2019**, minutes (attached) Board vote approve

Action: Fran Laird announced “**Portland Crow Roost: The Gathering Thousands**” Oct. 8, 7 pm Multnomah Arts Center Auditorium, sponsored by CVNA Need help setting up chairs. Brendan Elise, Maryellen volunteered.

Action: Collins View’s **SWNI Equity Rep.** Ad Hoc with full voting rights is Fran Laird

Special Guest Cynthia Castro, Senior Policy Advisor for Commissioner Amanda Fritz, shared information about two ballot measures City Council has referred to the November ballot concerning the Water Bureau and the Bull Run Watershed. She did this as a volunteer, on her own personal time.

***[Summary:** The measure adds a new Charter section establishing protections for city lands within the Bull Run Watershed Closure Area, the location of the City’s primary drinking water source and hydroelectric facilities. The Charter currently does not protect the Bull Run Watershed. The measure will codify watershed protections in the Charter and, if passed, the protections may only be removed by an affirmative vote of Portlanders.*

Protections include: Public access restrictions; Tree-cutting prohibitions; Land use and activity limits; Drinking water or hydroelectric projects must avoid and then mitigate impacts to the natural environment....

Because the City Charter can only be amended by Portland voters in an election, the proposed amendment would provide long-term conservation of the Watershed unless Portland voters decide to change the limitations in the future. All of the information about the ballot measure is at <https://multco.us/elections/measure-26-204-november-2019-special-election>

Oral Reports:

Lewis and Clark, Mark Duntley: introduced student Allison Behrens, who is interested in service projects with CVNA. Prakash said it is important to build up a constructive relationship with the students again.

- Homecoming Oct. 21–27, so more alums will be around.
- Oct. 17 Earthquake Drill “the Great Shake Out”
- Gene: has a list of streets that are concerned with student parking
- Mark: the college is in a financial bind, vacancies are not filled.

- ? Every time something is brought to Mark's attention, he does something about it. It would be good to bring issues to Mark's attention before the meeting so he could have some information when he gets here.

Watershed & Parks, Brendan McGillicuddy: **Tualatin waterkeepers** concerns are goose and dog feces, beavers.

- ? **The next SWNI Watershed Committee meeting on Thursday, Oct. 17, at 7 p.m., will feature Mike Houck**, world-recognized urban naturalist and founder of the Urban Greenspaces Institute, **and Tom Liptan**, expert on ecoroofs and stormwater management, consultant for the SW Portland Headwaters Development will speak about urban green spaces and why it is so important to have preservation of the wild in the cities. The meeting is open to the public and all interested parties are welcome!
- ? CV Outreach posted on Nextdoor to encourage a good turnout.
- ? **Off road cycling management plan** has been on the back burner. No news of it.
- ? How to do **land use issues in other neighborhoods** that have watershed concerns? Multnomah Village is concerned with the potential impacts of the **Gabriel Park high-density dwelling proposal**, which involves several acres (behind the post office) in planning stages. What is/ will be CVNA's role? We will ask to be kept updated as to concerns and movement in this area.

Transportation, Prakash Joshi: the Primrose Street issue is still the bus stop. When TriMet says they did a "study" they just ask the bus driver. They do have a count, but it depends upon time of year and time of day. Whatever the ridership numbers, the bus stop still sits in the ditch.

Prakash will emphasize different arguments for a cross walk.

SWIM "Proposed Pedestrian Network" includes issues about a sidewalk to get to Capitol Hill School. SWIM efforts to get issues on City Council Agenda are being postponed time and time again. Commissioner Eudaly is not focused on SW concerns.

Public Safety, Gene Lynard: The Public Safety Committee met on Sept. 4 and continued planning for the upcoming Portland Police Appreciation event taking place Oct. 24 at the Multnomah Arts Center in Multnomah Village. It was announced during the meeting that Mark Wells has recently left the Crime Prevention Team and has been replaced by Terry Poppino, who will be retiring in late November. Also of note is that the Justice Department budget will be reduced in the upcoming year by seven million dollars. The reason for this is that the DA's office has been prosecuting fewer cases than they have in the past. The only misdemeanor cases that are currently being prosecuted are domestic violence and DUII.

Southwest Neighborhoods Inc. (SWNI), Fran Laird: Bob Stacy talked at the

last meeting. They passed the Equity/racial policy, which is specifically to be a racial policy. A new policy will be formalized for everything else

- ☐ They voted to approve a motion to have Multnomah Arts Center be “Historically Preserved.” It made it through city’s process and was sent to the state.

Neighbor Emergency Team (NET), Bob Fischer: NET will participate in the Oct. 17 citywide deployment.

- ☐ Marcel Rodriguez is training our group on first responders’ psychological first aid.

Land Use, Dave and Dixie Johnston: **619 Lobelia is in action again.** We will get a hearing on it

- ☐ RIP further work session and training in December; a date for a hearing is their ambition; nothing on RIP since March.
- ☐ R10 and R20 lots at the south end of our neighborhood. Have to await what areas are protected. They have to figure out a whole bunch of stuff before they go to hearings, and they haven’t defined what restrictions are.
- ☐ City Code 3.96 and funding with coalitions to continue or not. Public hearing was postponed with no notice. No rescheduling. It’s the fight that the neighborhoods have to remain viable.
- ☐ We got responses from Mayor Wheeler and Comm. Fritz saying they don’t read emails re. this issue. Eudaly’s email bounced.
- ☐ Recommend sending emails to city council saying “Keep Neighborhood Associations; they do some good things.”
- ☐ Hardesty mentioned that code changes have slowed down.
- ☐ Motion: Brendan suggested that the city purchase these fragile watershed lands, like the two Maplecrest properties and send Brendan back to parks with those properties. Identify parcels of land that parks may want to acquire. Fran MM, Anna 2nd, Dave opposed. All others in favor.
- ☐ Basic minimum funding for parks.

Treasurer Report: Balance=\$550.44 (10/2/19) includes \$73.49 in donations for brochures.

SWNI News article review and approved by Board. Fran MM, Prakash seconded, all voted in favor.

Submitted by Sec Maryellen Read