

**CVNA Minutes Feb. 5, 2020 • 7 – 8:30 p.m. Riverdale High School
Meeting held in the Maverick Room
Minutes are posted on collinsview.org**

Meeting is open to Riverdale School Community and neighbors.
Welcome new attendees. Address any new topics brought to the meeting.

Attendees: Anna Browne, Bob Fischer, Brendan McGillicuddy, Dave Johnston, David Reese, Dixie Johnston Fran Laird, Gene Lynard, Mark Duntley, Maryellen Read, Paula Robinson, Prakash Joshi, Steve Aho

7-8:30 p.m.: Business Meeting, Chaired by Bob Fischer

Action: **Approve Feb. 5, 2020, agenda.** Gene MM, 2nd Anna; unanimous.
Jan. 7, 2020 Minutes Anna MM 2 abstentions Board voted to approve

Special SWNI Items: Fran Laird

SWNI City Candidate Forum Questionnaire handed out; fill out, M. Read will take to SWNI 2/6/2020 *[done]*

CV Nature-Based Series: Process was started to self-fund (by donations) the CV Nature and Science Series = "The Crows" last fall, and upcoming April 7's "Songbirds" and October's "Wildlife Corridor," so far. Self-funding by donations to designated CV Nature & Science Series: (\$147.50 & \$15 publicity for each presentation at Multnomah Arts Center Auditorium).

- **Fran MM** to set up a separate CV 501(c)3 account under the CVNA account devoted to fund Nature & Science series. 2nd M. Read; unanimous.

Link to Wilson High School: <https://www.pps.net/wilson>
https://www.wilsonathletics.com/news_article/show/1081599

Link to Riverdale High School, Paula Robinson:
<https://www.riverdaleschool.com/Page/241> Things are going well, mid-year college acceptances are rolling in. Carlos is the new night custodian in case we have any issues during our evening meetings.

Link to Lewis and Clark, Mark Duntley: <https://www.lclark.edu/calendars/events/>
The Alexander Quartet music event at Lewis & Clark will be held on Thursday, Feb. 13, at 7:30 p.m. in Agnes Flanagan Chapel

Dave Reese VP & General Council Chief of Staff and Board

Secretary, Lewis and Clark College said that the college's Transportation Impact Review Plan (includes parking) was submitted to the city; mentioned plans to increase upper classmen on-campus housing.

- Transportation Impact Review has been filed with the City of Portland yesterday (2/4/2020). Neighborhood Assoc got notice from city (Prakash).

- Campus Master plan (in July. This transportation plan is consistent with that. Will add parking places. (LC has fewer spaces than city requires.)
- Interested in attracting more upper classmen to live on campus rather than rent in neighborhood so focused on renovating buildings.
- Spring semester underway; undergrad class is smaller. Law school smaller than it used to be and that is intentional, #1 Environmental Law School in Country. Art Therapy program from Marylhurst has been fully incorporated into L&C
- Gabe Montez has been hired as the new full-time transportation manager. He would like come to the March meeting. He is very interested in strategies on alternative mode of transportation; implementing stricter policies re: parking in the neighborhood.
- What is the best time of year to have a neighborhood/LC meeting? (was July last year)
- Prakash: The last four times, before the LC Transportation Plan went to the city, it went to the neighborhood. This year it went to city first (it came to us for approval rather than our being a partner). These are issues we are and should be involved in.
- Gene: A plan only works when it involves all that are affected by it.
- Dave: with the new campus institutional zone things are different. We could look over what the trans plan submitted and comment.

Dave Reese will send copy to Prakash

Special report:

Impact of Boones Ferry Culvert project -

<https://www.portlandoregon.gov/bes/64019>

closing BF; impacts our Trimet bus service that comes through on BF. Trimet does not yet have a plan to service several stops during the closure.

- **Needed repair on Terwilliger Sewer** will close lower Terwilliger by Northridge for a while also. We don't know the timing of these things. We do know it impacts our neighborhoods' traffic significantly.
- Marshall Park is negotiating with the city re: Boones Ferry culvert. ("Negotiating" or a done deal?) Some engineering is involved.

Water Bureau is taking a look at their unused properties. (the Water Tower on Alice @ 2nd has been declared "redundant" for over five years, but has never moved from the very first step in the process of selling it, according to their web site. [FYI:

<https://www.portlandoregon.gov/water/article/515638>]

Committee Reports Digital reports (preferred) attached.

Oral submissions:

Treasurer Report (digital): CVNA balance as of Jan. 31, 2020, is \$202.68.

Transportation Prakash Josh: Testimony at City Council went well. Anna edited document. Other neighborhoods joined in and gave some traction with the city. Mayor's office said they will come and talk to us

Communications with So Burlingame re: dangerous intersection(s) attached. Coordinating with adjacent neighborhoods regarding traffic dangers at the toxic Taylor's Ferry/Terwilliger intersection. A three-neighborhood committee will go to the city with this issue.

- Brendan: A LOT of traffic cuts through Tryon Creek Center parking lot from Terwilliger to Taylors Ferry

Southwest Neighborhoods Inc. (SWNI), Fran Laird: digital report attached

Public Safety, Gene Lynard: Next meeting tomorrow night. Emergency preparedness fair on March 8. Comm. Eudaly got rid of Neighborhood Watch program (400 active + 5 business watch, etc.); momentum building to bring it back under the police bureau.

Neighbor Emergency Team (NET), Bob Fischer: CV NETs are participating in the March 8 Emergency Preparedness Fair at Multnomah Arts Center. (Gene Lynard is point man for this project).

- We are very happy to have Jason Holmgren as a great liaison with L&C.
- Bob is looking forward to L&C getting emergency preparedness act together. (David Reese: have not had a dedicated emergency management position to fill. College will do different scenarios including public health scenarios.

Watershed & Parks Brendan McGillicuddy: **Parks.**\$8 million to extend park blocks, etc. – [see <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/article/752729>]

Watershed. Stormwater and permits (improved on east side, not on west side) [<https://www.portlandoregon.gov/bes/78277>]

Land Use, Dave and Dixie Johnston: digital report attached. Dave gave a summary of the situation with RIP, density and infill as it stands now.

SWNI News article (attached) approved by Board

Communications with So Burlingame RE dangerous intersection(s)

[from Elise:] Dear Robert,

Good afternoon. I am writing to you to share a traffic-safety concern brought to the CVNA Board's attention by a Collins View Neighborhood resident, Josh Hinerfeld. Josh generated a letter of concern and submitted it to the CVNA Board with a request to support the concern and send his letter the City of Portland from the CVNA Board.

After review of Josh's letter, the CVNA Board unanimously agreed that the safety-

concern merited sending a letter to the City. However, the area of concern is located in the South Burlingame neighborhood.

Since the area of concern is outside of our neighborhood boundary, I am forwarding Josh's letter to you for your consideration and review. I respectfully request that you review the letter and consider SBNA support to forward the letter of concern from the SBNA Board to the city.

The letter is in draft form with the intent for the SBNA Board to revise as appropriate. The CVNA Board is available to support the SBNA as necessary.

I appreciate your time and consideration in addressing this concern.
Sincerely, Elise

Attachment: Re: Request for Traffic Enforcement Action

Dear Mayor Wheeler:

On December 6, 2019, Josh Hinerfeld, a resident of the Collins View neighborhood, submitted a request to City of Portland (TrackIT Item: 1736651) to set up a traffic safety sting operation on the south end of SW 6 th Avenue near the intersection of SW Terwilliger and SW Taylors Ferry Road to sanction motorists that are running the stop sign as they merge on to SW Terwilliger.

The southbound lane of SW Terwilliger Blvd is a notorious bottleneck during the PM rush hour. Traffic frequently backs up from the I-5 overpass to the intersection of SW Taylors Ferry Road and SW Terwilliger Road. To bypass this congestion, impatient motorists take a right on SW 6th (see thumbtack A) and merge back on to SW Terwilliger just north of the SW Taylors Ferry Road intersection (see thumbtack B). Motorists frequently run the stop sign on SW 6 th Avenue in order to beat the traffic light. This dangerous maneuver poses serious risks to pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists.

The board of directors strongly urges you to:

- Instruct Police Chief, Jami Resch, to initiate traffic safety enforcement at the intersection of the south end of SW 6 th Avenue and SW Terwilliger Boulevard.
- Collaborate with Commissioner Chloe Eudaly to address the root cause of a serious traffic safety and livability issue in the Collins View and South Burlingame neighborhoods: the dysfunctional SW Taylors Ferry Road and SW Terwilliger Boulevard intersection. We are no longer willing to have this can kicked down the road. The ensuing traffic diversions post untenable safety risks and have directly affected the economic viability of our commercial district – evidenced recently by the closure of the Market of Choice grocery store.

Thank you for your consideration.

CC: Commissioner Chloe Eudaly
Commissioner Amanda Fritz
Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty
Lewis Wardrip, City Traffic Engineer

[From Elise]: Good morning Robert,

Thank you for your reply. I am forwarding your response to the CVNA board to discuss your suggestion of forming a committee.

On behalf of CVNA, we look forward to working with you.

Elise Elise deLisser 503.807.2255

[Fro Robert Lennon so. Burl]: On Feb 4, 2020, at 8:29 AM, Robert Lennox <robertlennox.pdx@gmail.com> wrote: Hi Elise,

We have a related problem that has been brought up by one of our members. We also have cut through traffic on the east side of Terwilliger to avoid the light. They are either turning left at the light you mention, or waiting to turn left at Carson right before the intersection. Of course the people that do this have no intention of driving slowly or take caution when they turn left on Taylor's Ferry from 2nd or 4th streets. There's also complaints that people don't stop on red for the turn movement from west bound Taylors Ferry to north bound Terwilliger. They will stop and then run the "No Turn On Red." There's constant complaints about this at our association and on Next Door.

We have had a discussion with PBOT about the intersection. At the time they claimed that there was nothing that could be done because it would destroy the businesses of our only retail stores at the intersection. The problem with this argument is we have had the grocery store pull out and Block and Board pull out. The failed light is causing more problems by not addressing it than addressing it.

I not sure if you are aware of this, but the light is only programmed by time. They have not installed any detectors at that intersection. So if there are any unusual occurrences, like a wreck, the intersection is doomed to fail.

I think the root cause is the intersection. The rest of these issues are symptoms of the failed intersection. This should be the main point of any complaint to the City. I honestly think CVNA, SBNA, and Marshall Park Neighborhood Association should form a committee to demand a meeting to discuss this issue and try to get traction as a group.

Robert Lennox: 503.209.0558

Committee Reports:

SWNI Report Fran Laird: CVNA balance as of 12-31-2019: \$332.68

Civic Life Code Change/Resolution — On Jan. 9, testimony continued regarding Commissioner Chloe Eudaly's resolution for council to authorize convening a multi-bureau work group to develop a plan for cross referenced responsibilities for public involvement and commit to renewing District Coalition Office contracts through June 2023. Council did not vote on the resolution. The "tentative" council hearing set for Jan. 30, 2020, has just been canceled. SWNI will let us know when a new date has been set.

Mayor's Community Conversation on Homelessness — Saturday, March 7, 2020, in the gymnasium at Multnomah Art Center from 9am to noon. Open community discussion

regarding shaping policies and setting priorities to alleviate the hardship of neighbors experiencing homelessness.

Land Use Report, Dave & Dixie Johnston: As of Jan. 25, 2020, we have no new Land Use Cases.

The City Council held Hearings on Jan. 15 and 16 on the Residential Infill Project. The Council Chamber was filled for the afternoon hearing on Jan. 15. The largest number of people there to testify seemed to be from advocacy groups, developers, and nonprofit housing organizations favoring the RIP.

Members of City Council expressed concern about displacement of minority groups and low-income residents. Amanda Fritz indicated importance of locating density near infrastructure and pointed out that the Comprehensive Plan already has sufficient land zoned for housing for expected increases in population. Jo Ann Hardesty pointed out that the plan as it is proposed would not yield affordable housing. The Commissioners generally indicated that they did not favor the proposal in its present form.

Some of the groups that testified indicated that they favored six-plexes and eight-plexes and would submit proposed amendments accordingly.

City Council has scheduled a work session for Jan. 29. This will be an opportunity to find out more about what they are thinking. It can be viewed on Comcast channel 30 and various other media.

The Portland Tribune had an excellent article on RIP Thursday, Jan.9.

Feel free to contact us by telephone at 503 636 0959 if you would like to discuss this further. Your Land Use Committee, Dave and Dixie Johnston.

Collins View article for the March SWNI News:

Collins View Facts: An oceanic island that attached itself to North America is the thirty-six to fifty million years old bedrock Waverly Heights Basalt under Collins View. The basalt is under silt in Collins View. Go to Elk Rock Island in the Willamette River to see the exposed Waverly Heights lava, according to *Portland Hill Walks* by Laura O. Foster. Two volcanoes, Mount Sylvania and Cook's Butte, are in our Tryon Creek watershed. About 15,000 years ago, the Missoula Floods inundated the Columbia River basin and the Willamette Valley. Did Collins View revert to its island nature then? The elevation of Collins View averages 423feet; the crest of 2nd Ave is about 540 feet. The Missoula flood level in Portland and Oswego is estimated to have been 400 feet deep. At elevations above 300 feet in the Tryon Creek watershed, wind-blown silt covers the lava bedrock, while at lower elevations sand and gravel cover it.

Along these watery lines, the Collins View Rain Gauge at Riverdale HS recorded 9.7 inches of rain fell in January (1/31/2020), 18.47 inches for the “water year” (10/1 through 9/31).

Five Collins View residents testified before City Council regarding RIP on Jan. 15. Prakash Joshi, CV Transportation Chair, sent letters explaining CV considerations and perspectives to the Oregonian, SWNI Mayor, City Council, and others. He did receive responses from some of the Commissioners and their staff. A letter went out to the RIP project manager, who had reached out and requested it.

Motorists trying to avoid the toxic Terwilliger/Taylor's Ferry intersection are running the stop sign as they merge on to SW Terwilliger from the south end of SW 6th Avenue near the intersection of SW Terwilliger and SW Taylor's Ferry Road. This impacts and endangers travelers through South Burlingame and Collins View. CVNA sent a letter to South Burlingame and has communicated with PBOT (City of Portland TrackIT Submission: Item Non-Urgent Traffic Safety Report Form), but the response ("*...does not have the resources to target many areas with few to low numbers of violators, with little to no serious injury or fatal crashes, or that are not part of the high crash network. PPB allocates resources to where they may be able to do the most good and have the greatest impact...*") was not encouraging. As with our other problem intersections, we will have to wait for a "serious injury or fatal crash."

"Songbirds of SW Portland Parks & Yards," a FREE presentation by Portland Audubon's Jay Withgott, will be held in the Multnomah Arts Center Auditorium on April 7, 2020, 7-9:00 pm. This is the second of the nature based series of presentations sponsored by Collins View Neighborhood Association. Suggestions for upcoming topics are welcome, as are volunteers to help set up chairs on April 7.

The CVNA meeting is scheduled for Wednesday March 4, at 7:00 pm at Riverdale High School. Please attend.

Submitted by Maryellen Read

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