

**Minutes CVNA Jan. 18, 2021, Zoom Meeting 7 p.m.**

**Roster:** Elise deLisser, Maryellen Read, Gene Lynard, Fran Laird, Anna Browne, Mark Duntley, Brendan McGillicuddy, Bob Fischer, Prakash Joshi

**WELCOME to the 1/18/2021 Zoom CVNA Meeting.**

**Zoom Directions for a smooth meeting**

- 1) **Press the Gallery View** (top right) so everyone is on the same screen.
- 2) **Press the Participants crowd** (bottom center) to see participant list at the side. This is how your attendance and your vote will be counted. This is where the “hand up” desire to speak shows up.
- 3) **When the Host/Chair opens the meeting, mute yourself. (\*6 for phone)** This improves transmission for everyone and eliminates distracting background noise.
- 4) **Press the chat button** at the bottom of the screen. This enables you to key in comments and questions without verbal interruptions and overtalking. The Facilitator (Fran) brings these to the attention of the host, so people are recognized in the order of their request
- 5) The chair shall recognize the members in order of agenda, issue and time preferences based on the relevance to the issues being discussed.
- 6) **Interrupting, overtalking (speaking over someone who is already speaking) and uncivil comments are not tolerated.**

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**AGENDA**

**Add-on issues based on priority:**

\*\*The following documents have been submitted for your review: **Jan 18, 2021, Agenda and Dec 2, 2020, Meeting Minutes:** Motion to approve, Anna MM, 2<sup>nd</sup> Gene, unanimous.

**Article for the February 2021 SW News:** Unanimous Approval by email

**Special Topic: Future direction of CVNA — with or without SWNI**

- **Committee Chairs** need to research establishing their own lines of communication with the city and their bureaus. In order to keep information flowing smoothly, we need to be ahead of the game. Sign onto City of Portland and click as many boxes as necessary and be sure you are on the list for the movers and shakers for your committee.
- **Outreach and Demographic Statistics** — Check with Portland Maps and find the demographics for Collins View. Don Baack spoke of a “city office where all statistics can be found.”
- **Find “connectors”** (people who know everyone).
- **Short discussion on the financial impacts** — CVNA is responsible for its 501(c)3 fee (\$50) and any insurance required, possibly other expenses SWNI had previously paid. Special discussion on the signcap project expenses (\$500 paid 9/2019)). *[Waiting for SWNI response to Elise’s request for expense and insurance spreadsheet or breakdown of CVNA expenses paid on CVNA behalf during last five years.]*

- **Discussion on new direction for CVNA**, whether temporary or permanent. Come with your ideas of how to help the community who may not have access or knowledge of programs available to help with food, rent, jobs, warm clothing, etc. Consider asking Sandy Ragnetti and Patty McMahon (SWNI Schools Committee) to visit our March meeting to give us contacts and insight to where people need help. Our NET system in CV is so organized and has many contacts — we could use them as the ground zero for this idea.
- Brendan feels he (and Friends of RVNA) have been shunted from doing anything in RVNA.
- Elise wants to keep **February's** discussion dedicated to what CVNA is going to do (financially, etc.). Invite Trevor Leahy from Oregon Small Business Assistance to speak. [done: 1/23/21 — Received confirmation to book Small Business Assistance (SBA) for 2/3/21 CVNA mtg.]
- At the March meeting we will discuss options for how CVNA can facilitate community service. Research prior to discussion options includes Inviting two guest speakers from the SWNI School Committee to share ideas and insight options.
- Brendan and Elise: we should discuss our CVNA plan options and direction AFTER we get information from the SWNI Retreat that will provide us with more concrete SWNI direction.

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**Oral Committee Reports:** Includes material not included in submitted reports.

**Lewis and Clark**, Mark Duntley:

L&C David Reese responded that Feb. 1 or 2 would work for the CVNA-L&C Work Group communication committee meeting.

- All classes are online while waiting for being tested. No in-person classes yet even though they are on campus.
- College is still doing/will continue testing of sewage system. Mark has low expectations for that (number of false positives). Other colleges say sewage testing has helped them.

**SWNI**, Fran Laird: At a special meeting this Wednesday (1/13?), a grievance was filed about SWNI's letter supporting Native Americans using parks for free. The person was directed to city, objected, and was sent to the Zoom waiting room.

- Finances are too bad to pay staff to the end of January 2021, so everyone except Nancy Biskey has been laid off. There is \$400 in SWNI treasury.
- Insurance for NA will be covered to June 30. (Almost \$1000/ NA.). Everything in today's email.

**Brendan:** What other legalities, obligations (re: CVNA), what we are liable for? Elise sent a letter to SWNI for the list, waiting for a response for that list. [Nancy Biskey responded 1/25/2021.]

**Fran:** Trevor Leahy runs small business advocacy group for Oregon State. They do presentations about funding our 501(c)3 (expensive). IRS involved there; costs \$1000s.

**Elise:** we need to be really vigilant re: opinions, facts. We need to be speaking with one vote. Fran: Commissioners Mingus Mapps and Hardesty do not have a lot of experience in dealing with Coalitions.

Committee chairs should get on the city's list for communication directly.

**Fran:** All other neighborhood alliances got funded except SWNI. Nancy and Sylvia won't leave us high and dry. City wants control of Neighborhood coalitions, don't like that SWNI neighborhoods have clout with city.

We need direct communication notices from city. Brendan has asked for organizational charts from Parks, but no response.

Send a list of what Brendan would like to Fran, and she will find a work around. [Brendan talked with Fran 1/23/2021]

**Sign caps: Elise** — We should have a conversation about the sign caps. We need to be a little more proactive on sign cap value and options for obtaining refund or return of funds.

Do we need the money that paid for sign caps returned due to SWNI new transition? Who is passionate about sign caps? Asked to hold off on any voting until we obtained Prakash's view on sign cap value and options for obtaining refund or return of funds..

Asking **Prakash**. He thinks sign caps are already produced. He will find out Tuesday. [*Signcaps had not been manufactured*]

**Prakash:** Sign caps are important to tell people what neighborhood they are in. And find out what other neighborhoods are doing or how they are organizing after the dissolution of SWNI. We would like to figure out how to do that.

**Elise:** Fran is there a neighborhood that in your experience you would like to reach out to to see what/how they are operating?

**Gene:** We don't really know if city is stopping funding.

**Prakash:** How does the city feel about losing something like SWNI? Wrote letter saying all the things that SWNI does for the city, what are you willing to do about that?

**Fran asks Prakash** to write that out [*done: 1-23-21 — Emailed Prakash Joshi 11/20/2020 letter to City Council to SWNI President and Sam Pearson for inclusion at 1/27/21 SWNI mtg*]  
Maybe this theme could be sent to other neighborhoods and get a bigger voice on it.

**Anna:** Does waiting until February preclude getting our money back?

**Gene:** Get money back.

**Watershed, Parks, Environment:** Brendan McGillicuddy. "Prakash, we need to get on the board of Tryon Creek." We should be on that board, also on RVNA regardless of the definition of "parks." We need to take ownership.

**Elise:** Parks summary discussion (Brendan and Prakash) will be on February agenda.

**Elise:** If SWNI is not forwarding watershed/parks info from city, can you [committee chairs] get on mailing list yourselves?

**Adjourn**

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## Attached Committee Reports:

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### The SWNI Land Use Meeting, Dec 15, 2020 Notes

SWNI Land Use meeting three members = a quorum

#### Susan King: report on HB2001 Residential Infill,

- 12/8 Commissioners voted to accept rule change. The statement about “infrastructure deficiency” was changed to “sufficient infrastructure.”
- Emphasis only on sewage, water hookup, emergency vehicle access and stormwater damage.
- Gary Runde: “Storm Water” has to be able to handle 20 housing units per acre.
- Transportation: they have only said “Emergency Trucks have to get through.”
- They are not going to get into public transportation at the nhood level, only at the “major feeder streets” level.
- Portland has little influence on TriMet in the SW
- HB2001 does not have any prohibition about R10, R20- doesn’t have to wait for city or state ok.

John Gibbon: all R10 lots are not the same (re infrastructure and emergency access)

**R10, R20** prevalent in our SW neighborhoods “undeveloped or underdeveloped lots (one residence/acre).

- City has to have a plan to have an infrastructure in place, spelled out specifically.

Elise: Any language re Institutional zones?

S King: Not really. No reference to any of the other zones, except “potential to be turned into industrial or employment zones.”

#### **S2HC:**

Milt Jones (in absentia, ) Limit on input and **Process is way too fast.**

- This BPS sped up process wiped out an entire cycle of neighborhood meetings to discuss and input. SWNI LU can’t write a group letter to City because there was no opportunity to hear opinions from neighborhood boards and residents.
- It is a “massive rewrite” longstanding City Ordinances.
- M. Read, Elise deLiser: Are there any protections or bylaws determining the timeline of these processes?
- Dave Johnston: City Code and State Law should give timelines to Land Use [ordinances?] Issues.
- Individuals should write letters before Dec 21. SWNI LU Committee cannot write.
- [need addresses to write these letters]

“Open Spaces” not being sited for outdoor shelters because it would imperil bonds slated to buy more properties for Parks.

“**Group Living Homes**” [GLH] were Conditional Use and ok’d “by right.”

- GLH in single family zones is being pushed to have GLH everywhere.
- Changes in the Code
- They went above and beyond RIP

**Title 19 [could be Title 29?]** (City Council) rules would support Houses on wheels being parked anywhere

- Institutions are on the radar for this.

## **Emergency Shelter ordinances being changed to address long term Challenges**

- Allowed 6-plex units carried over to solve the houseless problem
- City has suspended for the third time the “Emergency Housing Code” because of the unhoused crisis. Expect a fourth suspension of the Emergency Housing Code.in the spring.
- This is a big driver behind the sped-up timeline of S2HC.

**The Land Use Committee is supportive of the Middle Housing Concept.** It should be started around town centers and build out that density along major corridors.

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**SWNI Meeting Dec 16, 2020 Fran Laird:** Amanda Fritz started off the meeting with the following comments: Thanks and salutes to all for volunteering this difficult year.

Decisions belong to the new City Council.

Re audit: there was a 2016 ONI audit and bad happened and won't happen again.

Be positive and don't speak badly of the SWNI audit any longer.

Fritz is very happy with new Council. Fritz stepped down from running again to create a more equitable Council.

Asked about possible candidates for OCCL (ONI) Bureau: Rubio understands community engagement process and would be good at running ONI. Mapps has a good business perspective and has asked to run ONI. Ryan is kind and generous - would be good at ONI. Wheeler should not be in charge of ONI because of so many other responsibilities

Q: how can we reflect diversity in SW on NA boards?

A: show welcoming - we can't fight past accusations

Q: what to do differently?

A: Go back to the paper version of SWNI News.

Access voices in the community

Reach out to neighbors, invite them to chat with you - don't overwhelm them with questions or ask them to volunteer.

Fritz is writing an editorial for the January SWNI News.

**She asks us to respect the staff at ONI. It can take 1 to 2 months to get a face-to-face meeting with the Commissioners but you can easily get an hour with a staff member who will present concerns/opinions/suggestions to the Commissioner.**

Motion to approve Sam Pearson as Chairman of the SWNI Personnel Committee - Approved

SWNI Legal Affairs Committee report: The lawsuit brought against SWNI by Shannon Hiller-Webb and Marie Tyvoll is proceeding and is in the discovery stage.

Financial Report - \$15,695 in December donations (89 donors) \$25,413 YTD donations.

Motion to keep SWNI staff at 60% payroll for January 2021 - Approved

CVNA bank account balance as of 11/30/2020 = \$556.14

Fiscal Control Examination - A QUALIFIED volunteer with proper fiscal background has offered to examine the procedures and books of SWNI every few months.

Motion to accept this offer - Approved

Executive Session to hear 2 grievances.

Out of Executive Session to vote on recommendations of Grievance Committee:

- 1 - Minutes were not up to ONI Standards (June and July 2020) but no corrective action needed.
- 2 - Motion: Board will accept report as written and letter written re: board decision. Motion approved.

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### **Special SWNI Meeting 12/29/2020 7 p.m. Call to order**

*My comments are in italics and are near the end.*

*At next week's CVNA meeting I believe we should consider discussing not so much the future of SWNI but the future direction of CVNA. I think we need to recognize that SWNI may be headed down a more political path and NAs individuality may be lost. We can discuss the possibility of working more through the community with "tell us what you need" attitude. Sandy Ragnetti's comments were the positive highlight of an otherwise very dramatic/sometimes childish meeting. She brought concrete suggestions and has first-hand knowledge of what the community is crying out for.*

7:34 Vote to change agenda to Tatiana Lifshitz agenda - 10 yes, 11 no, 2 abstain

7:39 Vote to approve original agenda w/Mike Linnman comments 10 yes, 9 no, 1 ab

7:40 Tatiana Lifshitz's presentation:

There is an urgency to reform per the City.

Cut out "layer" between Neighborhood Assns and City

"heavy suppression" was questioned by Steve Mullinex

Not pretty what Hardesty has planned

Discussion:

Katie Daly (Arnold Creek Rep)) there has been no open forum. Tatiana was not allowed to give her opinion. Personal affront regarding audit. Current Executive Committee is not effective.

Patty McMahon (SWNI Schools Comm) Tatiana presented a community based structure. Same as SWNI. How is this different? What is the problem to solve?

Tatiana (Hillsdale NA Pres) Listen to Glenn Bridger re: model. provides a direct relationship between city and NAs. 86 NA each work with the city. Let Council know the med (?) is to reveal situation of Exec. Comm. Broader equal participation

Teddy Okonohua (SWNI Treas) How do we reduce financial reliance on city funding? How do we drive engagement with younger people and "screen watchers?"

Rob Lennox (S. Burlingame Rep) None of Teddy's ideas will help. Structure is more important. Code change is what should be supported.

Teddy Okonohua (SWNI Treas) Decision will be made by city in mid January.

Diane Victoria (SWNI Equity Chair) This cuts Exec Comm out of picture. NAs report to city directly?

Don Baack (Hillsdale Business Rep) Presentation:

Change coalitions per Wheeler per Baack. Perception by city is that SW is white and rich. Form a new model with 42+ organizations. Not independent NA. He has written letters to Oregonian and SWNI. Form a Board of Governance. Have diversity and inclusion. Broaden who we serve.

Discussion:

Maria Thi Mai (Multnomah Pres) NAs need a facelift. More inclusive. Not a bubble of Executive Committee. City sees infighting at SWNI. Have a restructure-transformative committee.

Diane Victoria (Equity Chair) Baack proposal puts more onto SWNI? Don Baack responds "probably yes."

Glenn Bridger (Speaking as co-writer of Baack proposal) Involve more small entities. Interaction. Need more than NA involvement. SWNI and City Administrative services are financially important. Insurance is of huge importance. Communications is of huge importance.

Don Baack (Hillsdale Business Rep) Long process. Work hard to make it work.

Sandy Ragnetti (SWNI Schools Comm) Proposal:

Survey programs/outreach. Work with partners to get information back. Other agencies don't know what SWNI offers. We need up to date communications. SWNI Instagram for younger demographic. Need website update, Zoom available. Take down language barriers. Social media should be all/different platforms. Use "pull" strategy, not "push." Have people search for us. Remember that people's value is just being there. Mobile is more accessible to diverse population - not laptop/desk top.

Discussion:

Don Baack - There's an office downtown with availability of all statistics.

Tatiana - "I speak 9 languages."

Sandy Ragnetti - An audit (profile) of SW. Who is the person we want to find? Gender, age, topic. Target the message. Different tactics for different people. Outreach to PTA, churches. Not enough crossover between organizations.

Patty McMahan (SWNI Schools) Schools are concerned about education, but also hear about hungry kids, rent, loss of work. We need to partner with the SWNI Schools Committee.

Out of discussion of proposals:

Jackie Phillips (Homestead NA Rep) We need to write a letter telling the city we are working on changes.

Tatiana - I have a draft letter written. (*But, was only able to read it to the Board - no screen sharing of draft letter*)

Teddy Okonohua - We are operating in the dark. We don't know what commissioner we will be dealing with (Hardesty has been assigned OCCL but Tatiana has asked Wheeler to keep OCCL in his portfolio). How do we build better communication?

Vote to send Tatiana's draft letter - 14 yes, 2 no (*CVNA voted no bc there is no written copy to approve, only verbal*) Abstain 3.

Announcement of next scheduled conversation on this topic: (*there will probably be more Special Meetings between now and the Retreat*)

Steve Mullinex - SWNI Retreat will be about the changes in SWNI. It will be open to the public and will be on February 20th. Usually runs 3 to 3 1/2 hours in the morning.

9:24 - Adjourned

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**Public Safety Minutes, Gene Lynard**

Minutes of Public Safety Committee meeting held on Thursday, December 3, 2020:

The principal topic of the Public Safety’s December meeting was hearing from two firefighters from the Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue team who reside in SW’s Ash Creek neighborhood, Dacia Grayber and Matt Laas.

The information that was shared included the ins and outs of dry chemical fire extinguishers and what to do and what not to do when attempting to extinguish fires in the home. Some things that residents should avoid this time of year is letting Christmas trees dry out during use and dropping frozen turkeys in boiling kettles of oil. Other information that was shared included all that one must do to prepare one’s family for emergencies, whatever they might be.

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**Financials:** Fred Meyers community rewards: Oct 202- Dec 31, 2020; 28 households subscribed; \$47.57 deposited into CVNA account.

**Renewal of Collins View NA with the Oregon Secretary of State for 501 3© non profit status. The filing fee is \$50.00.**

**Monthly Financial Report for Collins View NA for December 2020.**

**NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION RESTRICTED ACCOUNT SUMMARY SHEET**  
 Collins View Neighborhood Association  
 July 2020 through December 2020

**RS-CVNA General**

FYE 6-30-2020 Balance	\$321.90
<b>FY 2020-2021</b>	
11-30-2020 Balance	\$556.14
December 2020 Activity	\$0.00
12-31-2020 Balance	\$556.14

**RS-CVNA Nature & Science Series**

FYE 6-30-2020 Balance	\$118.96
<b>FY 2020-2021</b>	
11-30-2020 Balance	\$118.96
December 2020 Activity	\$0.00
12-31-2020 Balance	\$118.96

NOTE: On 1-21-2020, \$130.00 was paid out of the RS-CVNA General account to reserve the auditorium for the Collins View Songbirds talk, which was eventually cancelled due to Covid-19. SWNI received a credit for this reservation. When we are able to reschedule this event, SWNI will use \$130.00 of its credit towards rescheduling another event for Collins View NA.

UPDATE: PP&R issued the check for \$130.00--received in September. It will show up on your September Report.

UPDATE 2: The \$130.00 activity in RS-CVNA General above during September is your refund for the room rental.

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**Anna Made the motion to close meeting. Fran (?) Seconded**