

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS COUNCIL OF CLARK COUNTY

APRIL 14, 2008

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The meeting was called to order by Chairman Doug Ballou at 7 p.m. Those in attendance were: Bud Van Cleve, NE Hazel Dell; Art Stubbs, Green Meadows; Holly Gaya, Clark Co. PIO; Doug Ballou; George Vartanian, Fairgrounds; Milada Allen & Jamie Allen, Felida; Barbara Anderson, No. Salmon Creek; Sue Lintz, E. Minnehaha; Jenifer Naas, WSU Watershed Stewards; Donna Brase; Fred Sanchez, Pleasant Highlands; Sandra Bennett, East Fork Frontier; Lynda David, RTC; Dean Lookingbill, RTC; Clayton Farr, Jim Stay, and four View Ridge students, First Responders; Marcia Fromhold, Evergreen School Dist; Susan Gilbert, Enterprise/Paradise Point; James Olson, Pleasant Highlands; John Allen, CC Railroad Advisory Board; Sunrise O'Mahoney, Vancouver Food Coop, Sean & Alyson Janson, Maple Tree; Sue Groth, Port of Vancouver.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jamie Allen presented Holly Gaya with a plaque and flowers in recognition of her inspiration to all of us over the years. Holly has been the driving force behind the success of our neighborhood associations and the growing cooperation between the associations and the county. Thank you Holly!

DONNA BRASE, "TAKE A SECOND LOOK"

Donna is proposing to introduce a new law in the State of Washington whereby those with medical, mental, or learning disabilities, who contact 911 for an emergency, would have some identifier that would alert the 911 system to their particular disability so that the responder may be aware of a non-obvious medical condition. This identifier could either be a symbol on their driver's license or on their license plate.

She has the support of the Clark County Sheriff and Fire Departments, Vancouver Police and Fire Departments, the WSP, and several other agencies.

She is asking that those who think that this is a good idea should write to their local Representatives and Senators in support of the "Take a Second Look" proposal. NACCC voted in favor of preparing a letter of support for this proposal and sending it to Representative Deb Wallace. Doug was tasked with doing that on behalf of NACCC. For further information, contact Donna at 699-5344 or e-mail brasefam3@juno.com.

The Keyera, a propane wholesaler located in Vancouver must relocate and has now selected a new location at NE 95th St. and NE 62nd Avenue along the Clark County rail line. With this new expansion, there will still only be one train per day stopping at this site, which is owned by the rail line operator, Portland Vancouver Junction Railroad.

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Clark County Fire District 6 is having a Strategic Planning session this Wednesday at 7 p.m. They are asking for citizen input. Please call to confirm that you will attend.

The vote on the measure to replace the CRESA radio system is April 22.

The Home and Garden Show is coming up the last weekend of this month and please complete the RTC Survey that Doug e-mailed to you a few weeks ago. RTC would like your input.

Guest Speakers**Marcia Fromhold, Evergreen School System**

Evergreen's Board of Directors is placing a capital needs bond on the May 20th ballot. They conducted 18 months of analysis and public meetings to reach this decision. The projects in the bond are a planned continuation of the work funded by a voter approved bond in 2002. Some of these projects include: replacing Sifton Elementary, Marrion Elementary, Image Elementary, support full day kindergarten, secondary science, educational technology, furnishings and equipment, musical instruments, etc. They plan to institute a Health and BioSciences academy to meet the growing future needs in math and science. The total bond will collect \$249 million over the next 20 years with diminished state matching funds. The average cost per year will be less than 39 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value on commercial, industrial or residential property.

Jamie Allen, First Responders Tribute

Jamie introduced the First Responders Tribute Committee who presented their project. Clark County youth conceptualized building a First Responder Tribute at the entrance of the Clark County Fairgrounds. The memorial will recognize those who have been honored in helping those in need. The idea was spurred as a way to honor and remember Officer Mark Zylawy, a Clark County resident who was killed in a car accident near the fairgrounds. Mark was a very active volunteer in the community as a coach. Four students from View Ridge Middle School gave the presentation. They picture the tribute with a flagpole displaying US and Wa. Flags, a gazebo, several benches dedicated to fallen first responders in the line of duty, a water feature and an area for recognition of our local First Responder Heroes. The project will recognize all First Responders killed in the line of duty since Clark County was established in 1844, as well as those that have received their agency's highest recognition. This will be in the form of a "Wall of Honor". Funding for the project will be provided by donations. It is the Committee's desire to keep this a "youth project" with the kids keeping in close contact with the Steering Committee. For further information, contact Jeff Stay at 607-8595 or J-HSTAY@comcast.net.

Jenifer Naas, Watershed Stewards

The Watershed Stewards program began in 1999 and now has 170 volunteers. They offer training programs for citizens to educate them on current watershed issues, native plants, weed management, natural gardening, etc. They are offering a class on how to build your own rain barrel on April 30. Jenifer also said that they

provide citizens with spray paint and stencils so that they can mark the street drains – this is a good youth project. They do two trainings per year. Watershed Stewards will come out and give neighborhood informational talks. For more information, check their website for classes at www.watershedstewards@clark.wa.gov

Dean Lookingbill and Lynda David, Regional Transportation Council

Formed in 1992, the RTC's mission is to encourage and promote the development of a balanced, efficient and affordable regional transportation system. It currently represents 3 counties (Clark, Skamania, & Klickitat). They have just completed a visioning study to provide a high level look at future transportation corridors. It was an exploratory study, not a prescriptive one. The draft report is available on their website www.rtc.wa.gov.

Sunrise O'Mahoney – Vancouver Food Co-op

The VFC is a not-for-profit business working to open a cooperative grocery store in Vancouver. Their goal is to strengthen the shoppers, vendors and growers alike by providing accessible nutrition and local foods. It started in 2003. It is owned by the community and open to all to shop but people are encouraged to become owners by buying one or more shares to help "capitalize" the store. (Much like REI). They hope to open a retail location as soon as financially feasible. It will carry local produce and products and encourage citizens to "buy local". In today's high food prices, this is a perfect time to begin buying locally. They are hoping to have 600 members by end of year. To learn more and to buy into the co-op, check their website at www.vancouverfood.coop.

Neighborhood Round Table

Doug announced Earth Day on April 19th at Kline Park 8:30 – 2:30. He also announced that the county's Juvenile Restorative Justice program has been recognized in the national bulletin as one of only three in the U.S. Gary Albrecht, CC Community Development staff, is forming a Commercial Code Technical Committee composed of stakeholders in Clark County who are interested in and knowledgeable about commercial issues. The committee will create recommendations to the BOCC through the Planning Commission to update the commercial code. First meetings are May 12-16. For those interested in participating, contact Gary at Community Development.

MAPLE TREE – Sean and Alyson Janson have resurrected Maple Tree NA. Their e-mail address is alysonhess@yahoo.com and their phone number is 256-9143.

FAIRGROUNDS – They are looking to have urban holding removed from two parcels on the north side of 179th St. Also looking at the traffic circulation program. There has been a pre-app meeting on a 10-acre parcel to develop 122 condo units.

NE HAZEL DELL – Bud Van Cleve met with Marc Boldt to discuss the need for a "Senior ombudsman" which would be essentially a clearinghouse for seniors to obtain help and information on subjects involving senior needs. It would represent a link between the community and the BOCC. Contact Bud if you would like to help.

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Bud announced also that the county engineering departments are finally merging into one floor. Kline Bridge will be open to traffic the first week in October. All subcontractors are being hired from Clark County. Check their website for more information.

NORTH SALMON CREEK – Their association is uncomfortable having to send zoning concern letters first to Three Creeks Advisory Committee before it goes to Planning Commission. George Vartanian assured them that there will be ample opportunity for them to comment on any zoning problem during PC public hearings.

ANDRESEN/ST. JOHNS – They attended the Railroad Advisory Board meeting and they believe that neighbors along the rail line should have some right-of-way encroachment education. Their next meeting will address this subject as well as noise mitigation.

FELIDA – May 3 is annual May Day at First Church of Christ on 36th Ave. May 6 will be the Hwy 99 “Changing Neighborhood” meeting 7-9, Public Service Bldg., 6th Fl. The association will host an IRA rep at their next meeting giving a “How to” class on becoming a 501(c) 3 organization.

PLEASANT HIGHLANDS – They had an incident at an area that is not yet a park where a group held a “disc golf” gathering. Neighbors were complaining about cars parking up and down street, early in the morning and blocking mailboxes. It was pointed out that those associations who have parks in their neighborhoods should keep awareness up about people who use it.

GREEN MEADOWS – Recent Clean Water Commission meetings have been dealing with the new NPDES permit contents which will affect the clean water fees. Art Stubbs suggested that NACCC form a grievance committee to deal with problems that arise within NACCC.

ENTERPRISE/PARADISE POINT – Susan announced that Koch Tractor, located on 31st Avenue, had begun grading its property. She notified Terri Brooks, planner listed on their pre-app, that the DOE still has that piece of property on their “remedial action” needed list because of tainted soils due to lead gasoline and chemicals. Code enforcement was notified and a stop-action was visited on Koch. Everyone was encouraged to attend the last of the Cowlitz/County MOU meetings on Tuesday, April 15.

EAST FORK FRONTIER – They are a new organization and trying to get an agenda together. They will be addressing the recent Storedahl court reversal.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Gilbert, Secretary

Doug Ballou, Chairman – Reviewed and approved, April 20, 2008.