

## NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS COUNCIL OF CLARK COUNTY

DECEMBER 8, 2008

### MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Bud Van Cleve at 7 p.m. Chairman Ballou was out of town. Those in attendance were: Bud Van Cleve, NE Hazel Dell; Holly Gaya, CCPIO; Neil Chambers, Andresen/St. John; James Olson, Pleasant Highlands; Mike McCabe, CC Sheriff's Office; Sue Lintz, E. Minnehaha; Susan Gilbert, Enterprise/Paradise Point; Ila Stanek, W. Hazel Dell; Maureen Jondahl, Fairgrounds; John Allen, CC Railroad Advisory Board; Sam Kim, Brush Prairie; Bill Barron, Clark County Administrator; Schuyler Hoss, Gov. Gregoire's office; Barbara Anderson, N. Salmon Creek; Avril Massey, N. Salmon Creek; Bridget Schwarz, NUSA; Donald Polen, CC Sheriff's Office; Sandra Bennet, East Fork Frontier; Mary Keltz, CCPIO.

**BILL BARRON, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR** – Mr. Barron relayed a message from the BOCC that they value the service that we neighborhood leaders give to the community and that the neighborhood program would not be cut from the budget. He also relayed that the Board is concerned about the Wastler family in light of the tragic suicide of Don Wastler. He urged any of us who knew Don and wanted to talk to professionals that the county has resources available. The membership voiced its thanks to Bill for the Board's generous offer. Thanks was also given for retaining the neighborhood outreach program and for the BOCC's recognition of the importance of the County's communication with the public through the neighborhood associations. Bud Van Cleve stated that we were concerned with the morale of those who are left and hope that the county will consider a program on service for the county to institute so that information will remain free-flowing.

**SHERIFF'S OFFICE** – Don Polen touched on the Wastler tragedy by urging all of us to always call 911 if our instincts tell us that something is wrong. He said that common sense is the best tool we have and to allow law enforcement handle a possible threatening situation. Kevin Harper of the Major Crimes Unit then went into what detail he was allowed to give us a clearer picture of Mr. Wastler's situation. Mr. Harper suggested we all read a book entitled "Gift of Fear" which is an excellent reference book for handling sensitive situations in which all of us find ourselves at times. The membership all agreed that we wish we could have recognized Mr. Wastler's frame of mind and then done more to help him.

Mike McCabe indicated that the outreach program will not be cut from the Sheriff's budget. Don Polen reminded everyone that the West Precinct holds its meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at 1 p.m. at the Public Service Complex on 179<sup>th</sup> St.

**EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR** – Some nominations were presented for NACCC's yearly Employee of the Year Award to a Clark County staffer. More nominations will be taken in January and a decision will be made on who will be chosen.

**NUSA** – Since the county will not be funding NUSA attendees this year, discussion centered around fund raising for the participant's attendance. Most agreed that

most people would not be eager to fund a trip for one of us to attend the NUSA meeting in Spokane. It was then discussed that car pooling and staying at a less expensive hotel would be a better idea with participants paying their own way.

Ila Stanek announced that a public hearing is scheduled for 10 a.m. December 16 at the Public Service Center for the BOCC to consider a new sub area plan to guide the future of Highway 99 and neighborhoods nearby. If approved, the sub-plan would become part of the county's Comp Plan.

#### NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Sandra Bennett, East Fork Frontier – There are two new Xmas tree farms in their neighborhood.

Mary Keltz, CCPIO – Mary wanted to thank the neighborhood leaders for their expertise and enthusiastic community spirit that we have exhibited.

Susan Gilbert, Enterprise/Paradise Point – They held their annual meeting on Nov. 19. Speaker was Rep. Jaime Herrera's legislative assistant who shared some of Ms. Herrera's plans for the upcoming legislative session.

Sue Lintz, E. Minnehaha – She received an e-mail from the City about an annexation meeting which was put into their neighborhood newsletter but the City then cancelled the meeting since there are no immediate plans to annex her neighborhood. The City then sent cancellation notices to all members of E. Minnehaha NA. Sue said they are still working on the park issue of double taxation.

Neil Chambers – Andresen/St. Johns – Neil indicated that there was a lot of vandalism in their neighborhood to private property. They are considering forming a work party to clean it up. Walnut Park was also hit.

Barbara Anderson – N. Salmon Creek – They had their annual meeting and two new members have joined the Board, including Avril Massey, who attended tonight's meeting.

James Olson, Pleasant Highlands – January or February will be their annual membership meeting.

Bridget Schwarz – Fairgrounds NA beat the CC Sheriff's Bomb Squad group in the chili cook-off! Fairgrounds Community Park construction will begin in January or February. Fairgrounds NA would like walking trails but not a finished park since it is so rural and there would not be enough use. It would also encourage vandalism.

Bud Van Cleve, NE Hazel Dell – Their annual Youth Holiday Party will be on Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at Sarah J. Anderson School, 2215, NE 104<sup>th</sup> St. from 6-8 p.m. They have 40 cases of stuffed toys and a \$3,000 grant from Wal Mart and Yard n Garden Land donated Christmas trees that will be decorated and raffled off Bicycles were also donated for the raffle. Bud said they are considering changing the name next year to "Community Xmas Party" since so many other neighborhood association participate.

Holly Gaya, CCPIO – After the first of the year, Holly will work on trying to get most of the information that now comes once a week to neighborhood leaders in hard copy changed to electronic dissemination with links to other sites.

Mention was made that the chili cook-off was a big success and there is thought that it might be held once a year. The membership was asked to think about it.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Gilbert, Secretary