

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS COUNCIL OF CLARK COUNTY

FEBRUARY 9, 2009 MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Doug Ballou at 7:02 p.m.

Those in attendance were: Bud Van Cleve, NE Hazel Dell; Holly Gaya, CCPIO; James Olson, Pleasant Highlands; Mike McCabe, CCSO; Sue Lintz, E. Minnehaha; Susan Gilbert, Enterprise/Paradise Point; Andrew Ness, Port of Vancouver; Dave Cush, CRC Health Group; Doug Ballou, NACCC; John Allen, CC Railroad Advisory Board; Julie St. Clark, CRC Health Group; George Vartanian, Fairgrounds; Milada Allen, Felida; Art Stubbs, Green Meadows; Ila Stanek, West Hazel Dell.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thursday, February 12 at 3:30 p.m. at Camas High School is the State of the County address. NACCC will be awarding our Employee of the Year awards.

The Clean Water Commission is looking for a volunteer for their advisory board.

Information was passed out concerning the Lunch Buddy Program to disseminate to neighborhoods.

Oliver Orjiako has been appointed as Community Planning leader.

Safe Communities task force is holding a workshop on "What Kids Know and Parents Wish They Did on February 28 from 10-2:30 at the Boys and Girls Club of SW WA at their facilities located at the corner of Hazel Dell Avenue and Anderson, near Hazel Dell Elementary School.

SALT is holding their annual Spaghetti Luncheon on February 16 from 11-1 at Camas Liberty Middle School. All senior citizens are invited to the free event.

GATE is holding its 5th Annual Adult Agency Fair at ESD 112 on 65th Avenue, February 27 from 10:30-4:30 – contact Leslie Morrison at 313-1050 for more information.

Our next meeting will have no speakers since it is our quarterly roundtable discussion. Doug urged everyone to contact him regarding topics you would like to see discussed in more depth and we will concentrate on 2 or 3 issues at that meeting. We will discuss the points already made in our Dispute Resolution statement for about 20 minutes at the next meeting. We will also hold a potluck – Mexican theme – and a sign up sheet was passed around for bringing food so we will have "menu diversification". Potluck dinner begins at 6:00 PM and meeting starts at 7:00 PM.

CRC HEALTH GROUP – JULIE ST. CLAIR

CRC attended to give their report on treatment center operations. Julie stated that they have been in business for three years now and have 248 patients with opiate addictions that are undergoing treatment. Of those patients, approximately 30% are recovering from prescription addiction and of those 65-70% are currently employed. Thursday evenings they hold a "Methadone Anonymous" meeting where people can come and ask questions about the program. As stated, it is anonymous and held from 6-7 at the CRC clinic and is free of charge. They have had no adverse incidents at the clinic to date.

PORT OF VANCOUVER – ANDREW NESS

Andrew passed out the “State of the Port” power point presentation giving us some import and export figures for 2008. He said that the Port operates both as a public agency and a business with community members being “shareholders”. Their near future plans are to develop Terminal 5 with a portion of it to be devoted to wind materials. The Port holds tours on the third Thursday of each month (except May) and urges citizens to come and observe and learn about Port activity. They are working on three things: 1. Groundwater cleanup; 2. rail expansion project, and 3. filling in parcel 8 for light industrial development. He stated that the Port is in favor of 12 lanes for the proposed new I-5 bridge. Also, the Port has resigned one wind energy project.

Doug announced that Sally Fisher of Clark County Recycling will be giving a one day and one evening tour and presentation of the River Road recycling center and will send out an article for our newsletters. She will be our guest at the April 13th meeting.

NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDTABLE

Felida, Barbara Anderson: All papers have been filed for their 501(c) 3 designation and they will share all their application information electronically to all members who want to pursue their own designation. The association is concerned about the 10th Ave/Salmon Creek interchange issue and had a big turnout at their last meeting so will devote more time to the issue next meeting.

NE Hazel Dell, Bud Van Cleve: Their January party brought 560 kids with 40 schools represented and they had 90 volunteers. He would like to change the name of the party to reflect the involvement of those who contributed so generously throughout the community. Hewlett Packard donated their time taking family portraits. Eleven bikes were donated and Wal-Mart donated \$3,000. A new Oxford House is opening in their neighborhood and will have an open house. NE 88th Street construction is in the very beginning stages and a new park will be opening in 2 years at 99th and 45th Avenue.

Clark County Sheriff’s Office, Mike McCabe. Mike is concentrating on working with high schools and has built a regional team of several cities’ officers. Each city will share their information. Cyber bullying program will now be in place in the health section classes. They will also deal with prescription drug use – both kids using them and selling them. The Sheriff’s office wants to strengthen its relationship with schools. They will also be giving a power point presentation to drivers’ education students about drinking and driving. They will hold a graffiti clean up day in May and ask that neighborhoods identify those areas that need graffiti cleanup stating location, what the surface is and can include both public and private land. Mike will be looking for at least 10 volunteers from those identified neighborhoods. Avon is selling bears to donate to Phase 2 of Brad Crawford Park.

W. Hazel Dell, Ila Stanek. Ila announced next meeting will be the third Wed. in March.

CC Railroad Advisory Board, John Allen. They have completed work on railroad improvements using a \$1.1 million grant from the State of Washington. The improvement involved working on ballast and new ties. Several members went to Olympia recently to meet with legislators and they are sending a delegation to Washington DC to meet with Senators. Their carloads have increased from 69 in 2004 to 585 in 2008.

E. Minnehaha, Sue Lintz. They have donated to the sheriff's department presentation. They are pushing for a neighborhood watch program with the offer of a free sign to the first one to sign up. A convalescent home was the first to sign on.

Fairgrounds, George Vartanian. Lots of pre-applications are pouring into Community Development in order to avoid the new water rules. WSDOT is working on the 20-year plan for the future of the 134th St. interchange. Next meeting will feature the Parks Department and the new Fairgrounds Park plan.

Felida, Milada Allen. Classes for how to file for 501(c) 3 are coming up. Dates need to be firmed up. VSD tours of Riverview and Hudson's Bay. Milada shared that Felida NA has an opportunity to book an Award winning, nationally recognized, Lewis and Clark historian at half price (\$250) for the history meeting. Roger Wendlick usually portrays George Drouillard, the third most important member of the Corps of Discovery, in many events and living history presentations across the country. Milada said she has enjoyed his classes at Clark College. He is an excellent speaker and presenter on Lewis and Clark Expedition and has many visual aids. It's almost like being there -- it's money and time invested well. This item will be a topic of discussion at the March NACCC meeting regarding a possible partnership between city/county neighborhood leaders to host such an event maybe at Firstenburg Community Center.

Enterprise/Paradise Point, Susan Gilbert. The commissioners have dropped their appeal to have the MOU with the Cowlitz re-instated. She believes this is a good thing because with no intergovernmental agreement, it is highly likely that the DOI will not approve the project.

Green Meadows, Art Stubbs. Art is now the chair of the Clean Water Commission and is now the representative on the Urban Livestock task force.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Gilbert, Secretary

Reviewed and approved, February 18, 2009

Doug Ballou, Chairman