

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS COUNCIL OF CLARK COUNTY

MARCH 9, 2009 MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Doug Ballou at 7 p.m. Those in attendance were: Milada Allen, Felida; Sandra Bennett, East Fork Frontier; Ila Stanek, West Hazel Dell; Avril Massey, No. Salmon Creek; Barbara Anderson, No. Salmon Creek; Andrew Ness, Port of Vancouver; Susan Gilbert, Enterprise/Paradise Point; Vicki Fitzsimmons, Fairgrounds; Doug Ballou; Bud Van Cleve, NE Hazel Dell; Neil Chambers, Andresen/St. Johns; James Olson, Pleasant Highlands; George Vartanian, Fairgrounds; Mary Keltz, CCPIO; Sue Lintz, Minnehaha; Lila Walsh, Michael Cummins & Linda Rectanus, Proebstel; John Allen, CC Rail Road Advisory Board.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Doug announced that we awarded four "Spirit of Excellence" plaques to Fred Abraham, CCRAB; Sgt. Mike Cook, CCSO; Cleve Thompson, CC Community Service; and Jim Gladson, CC Public Works at the recent State of the County meeting. Doug received an e-mail from Emily Jones indicating that there will be a senior WSU project in the works and they will be sending out a survey on the project and they are designing a website. Further information will be provided later. Doug received a letter from Fred Abraham re real estate excise tax and funding needs for County Railroad. Graffiti cleanup day is Saturday, May 2 from 9 am to 1 pm in all neighborhoods. Call Sgt McCabe at 397-2104 for information on how your neighborhood can participate. Doug received a SEPA from Clark Regional Wastewater about extending sewer service to approximately 100 homes in the Sunnyside area. Douglas firs are being removed from Tiger Park in the Sifton area due to root rot. Cut wood will be used for habitat restoration onsite or at other locations in the county.

A cell tower is being erected at 289th and 56th. There will be a public meeting on March 23 from 7-8 p.m. at the Ridgefield Community Center. The public may weigh in on the project at that time.

Our new roster is out which lists our sheriff liaisons to each association. Include them in your mailing list and meeting announcements.

Clark County is discontinuing the chipper service to neighborhood associations for the foreseeable future.

POLICY ON MEETING CONDUCT

A discussion was held on accepting the draft on the policy meeting conduct or dropping the idea all together. After some discussion regarding the draft policy a few amendments were proposed to the draft. A motion was made to adopt the amended policy and it was seconded. A vote was taken on the motion to adopt the Meeting Conduct Policy and it passed with 1 opposition and 1 abstention. A conflict

resolution committee was formed which includes Sue Lintz, Barbara Anderson, James Olson, and Neil Chambers. All volunteered to serve on this committee.

YEARBOOK

Sue Lintz offered to do a NACCC "Yearbook" with pictures from different neighborhoods of activities conducted throughout the year. She urged every neighborhood association to submit pictures and she will put the publication together.

LEWIS AND CLARK JOINT CITY/COUNTY GET TOGETHER

Milada and Jamie Allen talked to several neighborhood leaders both in the city and the county about having an event that brings community leaders together for a fun event. They want to bring in Roger Wendlick who portrays George Drouillard, the third most important member of the Corps of Discovery/First Person Interpreter. Mr. Wendlick does a magnificent presentation of the workings of the L&C expedition and brings it to life. Milada asked if leaders were interested in a fun Saturday afternoon to get together and enjoy his presentation. They have reserved the Board of Commissioners Room on May 30 (Saturday) from 1-4 pm. In order to pay Mr. Wendlick, if 10 NA donate, it will only cost \$25 each NA. If 25 participate, the cost goes down to \$10. Each NA should RSVP to Milada by March 30 with their attendees. There was interest shown around the table to participate. Call Milada at 573-4030 with list of NA attendees.

78th STREET/WSUV RESEARCH PROPERTY

Doug, Bud, and Ila are representatives on the WSU/78th Street property sounding board group researching what to include in the property that has been returned to the County by WSUV. NACCC was instrumental in getting this property back to the community. There are three maps available listing the different options discussed at the last sounding board meeting. Our representatives feel that it is a hodgepodge of ideas that are not connected. Ila and the business community want the property to be self-sustaining. Bud would like to see it developed for community use but the sounding board is heavily weighted toward organic gardening. Bud sees an eventual community center, trails around the property that are ADA compatible, a wetland study area for schools to use for teaching, etc. The maps are on the county website and there will be an open house coming up at Gaiser Middle School in early April. The next sounding board meeting is March 18 from 6-8 p.m. at the Elections Building on Franklin Street. Doug, Bud and Ila encouraged neighborhood leaders to attend the Open House scheduled for early April. Look for the open house flyers for the details.

NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDTABLE

Michael Cummins, Proebstel – Next meeting is Tuesday, March 17. They have 2 quarries and Camp Bonneville in their NA that require lots of discussion. They have a new board and want to know what other NAs are doing. Commissioner Boldt will be the speaker.

Sue Lintz, Minnehaha – Next meeting in March 12 where they will be recruiting graffiti clean-up volunteers.

Milada Allen, Felida – Their newsletter is being published. They are gearing up for May Day plant sale at Family of Christ church as well as the 4th of July parade. There will be a CERT block captain training session coming up as well as a 501(c)3 class probably Saturday of the first week of June. Give Milada a call with any watershed issues in your NA.

Ila Stanek, West Hazel Dell – March 18th is their next meeting with the Port of Vancouver as guest. Input on Lakeshore Park due Mar 31. No ball fields will be put in and a small church in the area is offering parking for park goers.

Mary Keltz, CCPIO – Mary thanked everyone for attending the State of the County meeting. Everyone agreed that it was a real success.

James Olson, Pleasant Highlands – Their annual meeting in this Wednesday. Sgt. Mike McCabe will be guest talking about cyber bullying.

George Vartanian, Fairgrounds – Their next meeting is Thursday from 7-9 with Commissioner Boldt as speaker. CSA is the subject. No skateboard will be in the new park.

Barbara Anderson, No. Salmon Creek – Their newsletter will be coming out. Next meeting is March 24th with the Parks Department coming to talk about the community park. Progress is being made on Chinook Park. There is a cell tower slated to go up in their neighborhood.

Susan Gilbert, Enterprise/Paradise Point – Susan announced that there has been a Supreme Court ruling that limits the Federal Government the authority to hold land in trust for tribes that received recognition after 1934. The Cowlitz tribe was recognized in 2002. What this may do to their ability to go forward with their project is, at the moment, up in the air.

Bud Van Cleve, NE Hazel Dell – There is a new park at 99th St. and 45th Ave. (7 acres). They don't want a skateboard feature. There will be 5 ball fields of different sizes built on 78th St. Seven and a half acres will be dedicated to park land later. There is a joint county/church effort going in to putting in soccer fields. The new Oxford House residents would like to come to neighborhood meetings to volunteer their services.

Art Stubbs, Green Meadows – The Urban Livestock Task force meeting next Wednesday. Art told Commissioner Boldt that if additional funding is not provided (currently \$33 per year) to clean up storm water that we will be out of compliance with NPDES permitting and the Clean Water Act. There is talk of increasing the stormwater tax to help pay for the compliance.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Gilbert, Secretary

Reviewed by Doug Ballou, March 15, 2009