

May 11, 2009

NACCC Meeting Notes

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

Those in attendance were: Bud Van Cleve, NE Hazel Dell; Sue Lintz, E. Minnehaha; Dennis Johnson, Fairgrounds; Ejaz Khan, Clark County; Neil Chambers, Andresen/St. Johns; Debra Deblander, "Faces of Hope"; Vicky Smith, Newlife and The Lords Gym; Robin Kim, Greater Brush Prairie; Ila Stanek, West Hazel Dell; John Allen, CC Railroad Advisory Board; Holly Gaya, CC PIO; Art Stubbs, Green Meadows; Laurie Micholson, Clark County; Barbara Anderson, N. Salmon Creek; Susan Gilbert, Enterprise/Paradise Point; Avril Massey, N. Salmon Creek; Sally Fisher, Clark County; Dave DeBellis, citizen; Chris Gates, citizen; Milada Allen, Felida, Peter Mayer, City of Vancouver.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Doug announced that the Policy for Meeting Conduct has been adopted and thanked the Conflict Resolution Committee (Sue Lintz, Neil Chambers, James Olson, Barbara Anderson). NACCC follows Roberts Rules; however, it concentrates on an informal free flow of ideas where everyone participates and all ideas and comments are welcome. We believe in mutual respect and understanding. If there is an issue with anyone in a meeting, it is to be brought to the attention of the chair of the Conflict Resolution Committee, Sue Lintz or any one of the current members of that committee.

There will be a public hearing tomorrow of the Railroad Industrial District for zoning discussions. Neil Chambers and Sam Kim will attend. Neil was on the advisory committee where they studied the land on either side of the railroad route. There is a spot on the route that is not zoned and they want it to be zoned "railroad industrial", which is different from other industrial zones. This zone would include provisions that any development along the route must be constructed in such a way to bring industry to the railroad. Fred Abraham will be making the presentation to the commissioners. John Allen said that discussions are underway about the possibility of a commuter train running from Yacolt to Vancouver. The Federal Government has an 8 foot right of way and any proposed changes within that 8 foot must be approved by the Federal Government.

Pins for Tots will be held at Big Al's on Sunday, May 17 from 9 a.m. to noon and is a fundraiser for the CC Children's Sharing Project. Register at Big Al's call (944-6118).

Holly announced that the mailing of Friday information packets to neighborhood associations and other agencies and individuals will be discontinued. All information previously in the weekly packets will be available on the county website. Holly asked neighborhood associations who send out monthly newsletters to cut back to every other month to save the county money. She did not want anyone to discontinue their newsletters, just reduce frequency until the economy recovers and funding for this service can be restored.

SALLY FISHER, CC PUBLIC WORKS, SOLID WASTE – Sally invited all neighborhood associations for the annual Recyclingest Neighborhood Workshops. Those who have representatives at the workshop and publish an approved recycling article in their neighborhood newsletter will receive \$120. Three dates and times are available and include a walking tour of the processing facility: May 27 and 28 at West Van Materials Recovery

Center, 6601 NW Old River Road, Vancouver, and May 28 6:30-8:30, Water Center Community Room, 4600 SE Columbia Way, Vancouver. Registration deadline is May 22. Send name, address, phone number, and neighborhood name to sally.fisher@clark.wa.gov or call 735-8842. Sally also announced the upcoming Recycled Arts Festival to be held on June 27-28 at Esther Short Park, 9-4.

LAURIE NICHOLSON, COMMUNITY PLANNING – Laurie gave a presentation on the bicycle and pedestrian plan that is being worked on by a citizens’ advisory group. They are developing a central vision for the bicycle and pedestrian paths that will encompass the entire county. The ad hoc pedestrian committee includes representatives from school districts, youth commission, public health, etc. The bicycle advisory committee has 6 members appointed by the Commissioners and meets on the 3rd Tuesday, 4th floor of Public Service Building, 6-8pm. Meetings are open to the public. For more information, log on to www.clark.wa.gov/bikeandped.

Peter Mayer was introduced as the new Parks and Recreation director for Vancouver/Clark County.

VICKY SMITH, NEW LIFE MISSION, FACES OF HOPE – Vicky introduced us to their mission which is involved in the recovery of citizens who have abused drugs and alcohol. She showed a video which illustrated how their program has saved many individuals from the cycle of addiction. Debra Deblander was at the meeting and gave us her personal story of how the New Life program saved her and helped her reunite with her child. The mission is launching new ways to get funding since federal funding will be cut off. This program is very successful and has a very low recidivism rate.

NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDTABLE

Bud Van Cleve – NE Hazel Dell – Bud said that there are 30 spaces available at the community garden location at the old poor farm/WSU Research Station on 78th Street. Each space is a 20 x 20 foot plot and costs \$25 for the season. County provides tilling, compost and water. A lottery will be held to award the spaces to citizens. Bud’s NA is giving out “scholarships” to those who cannot afford the \$25 fee.

Sue Lintz – East Minnehaha – Sue gave Oxford House a big thank you for all they did to help clean up the graffiti in their area on the May 2nd cleanup day event. Bud Van Cleve suggested that NA who have Oxford House in their boundaries invite them to their meetings.

Neil Chambers – Andresen/St. Johns also thanked Oxford House and said that lots more people are now aware of the neighborhood association because of the clean-up day.

Art Stubbs – Green Meadows – Commissioner Mielke attended the last Clean Water Commission meeting and stated that there is no more funding available. The county needs to send out verification that the NPDES permit requirements have been met for the Clean Water Act.

Dennis Johnson – Fairgrounds – Dennis announced that the Amphitheater is now going to send a representative to their meetings. The new community park will have walking trails, picnicking, etc. but no skate park. The Salmon Creek Wal-Mart is still up in the air. The NA meeting is next Thursday with Commissioner Mielke as the guest speaker.

Milada Allen – Felida – Commissioner Mielke attended their annual meeting and the discussion centered around transportation circulation problems, concurrency, and proportionality issues. Milada announced the Lewis and Clark presentation on May 30 is now open to the public with a few slots available. It is to be at the Public Service Building, 6th floor, from 1-4:30 p.m. and is free of charge.

Susan Gilbert – Enterprise/Paradise Point – Susan encouraged everyone to attend the 10th Anniversary of Clark County’s Drug Court to be held on Friday, May 15 at Esther Short Park from noon to 2 p.m. CC Drug Court has seen some wonderful successes. She also would like to see included in the Unified Development Code under cell towers a provision that says that cell towers that provide service to cities should be located in the cities or within the cities’ urban growth areas, but not in unincorporated county locations. Urban services should be located within the urban areas.

Robin Kim – Greater Brush Prairie – They will be holding a NA meeting to start discussion about Brush Prairie becoming a city. They will hold their parade the third weekend in September.

Ila Stanek – West Hazel Dell – May 20-23, Ila, Bud, and Doug will be attending the NUSA conference in Spokane. Their next meeting will host the arts council and Mike McCabe. The Hazel Dell Parade of Bands is this Saturday from 10-2. The Lions’ Breakfast is 7-9 at 8800 NE Hazel Dell Ave. June 6 from noon to 4 p.m. is the Fire District 6 open house.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Gilbert, Secretary

Reviewed and Approved by Doug Ballou, May 28, 2009