

Neighborhood Associations Council of Clark County

Meeting notes: 9/14/09

In attendance: Doug Ballou, NACCC Chair; Bud Van Cleve, NE Hazel Dell N/A; John Allen, CC Railroad Advisory Board.; Ila Stanek, West Hazel Dell N/A; Milada Allen, Felida N/A; Barbara Anderson, N Salmon Creek N/A; George Vartanian, Fairgrounds N/A; Art Stubbs, NACCC Vice Chair; Pete Mayer, Vancouver-Clark Parks; Holly Gaya, Clark County PIO; Commander Mike Cooke, Clark County Sheriff's Office; Earl Rowell, Clark County Clean Water; Gordy Euler, Clark County Community Planning; Neil Chambers, Andresen-St. John N/A; Andrew Ness, Port of Vancouver; Sandra Bennett, East Fork Frontier N/A

Introductions

Announcements

- Reminder about NACCC policy for meeting conduct and the conflict resolution team.
- NACCC continues to be a Neighborhoods USA Affiliate Member. However, NACCC is not listed in the latest NUSA publication due to an administrative oversight. NACCC's application was submitted to NUSA but the paperwork was misplaced. Doug has provided copies of the original e-mail and membership application. Doug also advised the conference was not well attended last year.
- Public Safety Complex Open House, Saturday, September 19, 2009 from 12-4 PM at 505 NW 179th St., Ridgefield, WA 98642
- 78th Street Farm Hayride Tour, Saturday, September 19, 2009, 10 AM – 3 PM, 1919 NE 78th St., Vancouver, WA
- 501©(3) Class hosted by Felida Neighborhood Assoc., September 26, 2009 3-4:30 PM, at Legacy Hospital, Salmon Creek. Contact: Jamie Allen or Milada Allen, (360) 573-4030
- Felida Neighborhood Association Special Recognition Event, Friday, October 9, 2009, 7 PM, Clark County Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin St., 6th Floor, Vancouver WA.

Update on 78th Street Property

Bud Van Cleve, Ila Stanek and Doug Ballou have been serving on the 78th Street/WSU Property sounding board for about two years. Last April there was a well-attended community open house to solicit input from neighbors and more clearly define concept and development of the site. Currently, there are three draft concept plans.

The county is preparing to move from the concept plan to a master plan for the property.

This Saturday, September 19, 2009, from 10 AM to 3 PM, Commissioner Boldt will be driving the tractor for the hay wagon tours of the property. Everyone is invited for a free hayride and tour and information. If you have questions or comments about the 78th Street property, contact: Laura Pedersen, General Services, (360) 397-2323 ext 4003 or visit the Clark County Web at: <http://www.clark.wa.gov/78wsu/index.html>

Clean Water Program

Earl Rowell and Art Stubbs described the Clark County Clean Water Program. The program strives to safeguard the quality of our water and comply with the federal Clean Water Act.

The program's primary activities include storm water capital improvements, water quality monitoring, public education and outreach, regulations and enforcement, and storm water maintenance. As the county's population continues to increase, Water Resources is committed to keeping our waterways clean for people, fish, and wildlife.

Art explained that the current Clean Water annual fee is not enough to maintain the mission of the program and needs to be increased.

For more information about the Clean Water Program, contact Earl Rowell, (360) 397-6118 ext 4580 or on the Web at: <http://www.clark.wa.gov/water-resources/index.html>.

Urban Livestock Ordinance

Gordy Euler presented a draft of the Urban Livestock Ordinance for NACCC review.

Background: In response to a complaint about horses on small acreage in the Vancouver UGA and resulting concern from some that the County was going to restrict the keeping of horses on smaller parcels, the Board of Clark County Commissioners (BOCC) appointed a task force on urban livestock.

A Planning Commission hearing was held on June 18, 2009. The Planning Commission recommendation includes draft code language that, if adopted, would become a new part of the "special uses" section of the Clark County Code (Section 40.260.235).

The Urban Livestock Task Force was asked to make recommendations to the Board on the following specific issues:

1. The conditions (e.g. minimum lot sizes, setbacks, numbers and types of animals, manure management) under which livestock within urban growth areas may be kept;
2. The types of facilities (e.g. stables, horse boarding facilities, agricultural buildings) that should be allowed in conjunction with urban livestock, and under what conditions; and
3. County policy with regard to urban livestock, including but not limited to the definition of "stable", "agriculture" (with specific focus on animal husbandry), "riding stable", "horse boarding facility" (i.e.; inclusion or exclusion of pasture rental without barn or stable facilities), and "large animals".

The Board of County Commissioners' Hearing on the Urban Livestock Ordinance is scheduled for October 6, 2009, 10 AM at the Board of Clark County Commissioners' Hearing Room, 6th Floor, 1300 Franklin Street, Vancouver, WA.

A copy of the draft ordinance is on the county's Web site at:

<http://www.clark.wa.gov/longrangeplan/projects/urban-livestock-review.html>

If you have questions, contact Gordy Euler, at Gordy Euler, Clark County Community Planning (360) 397-2280 ext. 4968. gordon.euler@clark.wa.gov

The next Neighborhood Associations Council of Clark County will be on October 12, 2009.