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Greetings neighbors,

DISCOVERY CORRIDOR ROUNDTABLE. At our last meeting about 3 dozen FGNA members gathered to talk about Discovery Corridor related topics. (The conversation will continue at our September 8 meeting.)

We started out listing goals. #1 was to fix traffic problems (no surprise). #2 was a BFO (Blinding Flash of the Obvious): Start with a Strategic Plan! My cryptic meeting notes are elsewhere in this newsletter.

As residents, we are among dozens of Discovery Corridor stakeholders. Recently I made lots of phone calls to learn that these organizations are not working together to plan this complex development.

We have figured it out! (See #2 Strategic Plan, above.) Don't you love irony?

So these stakeholders have accepted our invitation to participate in a Discovery Corridor roundtable. It will be held on Tuesday, September 27 at 4 pm. The Clark County Fairgrounds has generously offered to host the meeting in Exhibition Hall Room B. We have invited our local, county and regional elected officials, as well as business leaders to come listen. Our Press Release is included in this newsletter. Plan to join us on 9/27!

FYI: There are a half dozen neighborhood associations within the Discovery Corridor. Doug Ballou, Chair of the Neighborhood Associations Council of Clark County (NACCC) will represent residents at this roundtable.

SEPTEMBER 8 FGNA MEETING. That brings us to our next meeting. Our July discussion about the Discovery Corridor was awesome! We outlined our most important concerns. Now it's time to prioritize them. In other words, create an FGNA Strategic Plan for the Discovery Corridor. Survey Monkey will make the process easy to form a consensus. But first we need to start with the right questions.

Like it or not, we live at ground zero for the Discovery Corridor. Let's work together to avoid, as much as possible, having to pay for our own misery for the next 20 years. Please come and help us with the discussion about Survey Monkey at our September 8 meeting. See the calendar in this newsletter for details.

CANDIDATE FORUMS. As in years past, I organize candidate forums for NACCC. The invitations were sent out on June 23 with the expectation that no one's calendar will have a previous commitment that far out. The candidates will all be asked the same questions. At this time there are no plans to provide those questions in advance. Often the abundance (or lack of) knowledge on a particular topic is a good measure of a candidate's qualifications. Our Press Release has all the details and is included in this newsletter.

FAIRGROUNDS PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX OPEN HOUSE. The first Open House for our brand new Fairgrounds Public Safety complex sure packed an emotional wallop. That's because it was held a couple of days after 9/11. Thousands of neighbors turned out to thank our first responders for their service. Let's continue the tradition on Saturday, September 24. See the calendar in this newsletter for details.

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For the Executive Board

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DISCOVERY CORRIDOR DISCUSSION

At our July FGNA meeting, about 3 dozen members discussed the Discovery Corridor economic development project. We talked about the Discovery Corridor and the impacts on our quality of life. What road improvement projects are being planned? And when? What kind of jobs will be created? Low wage retail or family wage jobs? Thousands of new residents will move here. Will our schools and public safety agencies be ready?

These meeting notes include the major topics we defined and prioritized within each category.

GOALS: first fix existing traffic problems, start with a long range strategic plan, preserve greenspace parks and rec, make sure schools and public services are adequate, complete upgrade of NE 179th Street out to 50th Avenue (WSU back door), provide adequate public safety (especially Sheriff), include multi-modal transportation options, assess road easement requirements (i.e. for port projects and corridors), make positive impacts on quality of life.

JOBS: pay living wages, require advanced degrees, high quality jobs, professional trades, high tech industry, medical degrees.

BUSINESSES: nonpolluting manufacturing, exports, software, advanced composite, advanced manufacturing, higher education, high tech, medical, distribution, successive projects.

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS: maintain functional accessibility at 179th Street and I-5 interchange at all times, complete connection of road network (corridors), especially 179th to 134th via Delfel Road and NE 10th Avenue, complete corridor connections.

ROAD PROJECT PRIORITIES: First, complete both Delfel Road and 10th Avenue segments through to 149th Street. Second, construct 179th Street and I-5 projects simultaneously. De-emphasize road projects that are dedicated to commercial projects (low wage, part time, no benefit retail and service jobs) in favor of transportation to family wage job businesses.

DEVELOPER AGREEMENTS: No favoritism for commercial development or low wage jobs. Specific objections stated to 7-11, Home Depot, and Wal Mart.

Meet with us in September to help clearly define our priorities, issues and concerns. Our goal is to formulate a strategic plan to support the Discovery Corridor and mitigate impacts on our quality of life.



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DISCOVERY CORRIDOR ROUNDTABLE

**Thursday, September 27 from 4 to 6 pm
CLARK COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS EXHIBITION HALL B**

The Discovery Corridor is widely described as the economic engine that will drive growth in north Clark County for the next 20 years. The concept has been discussed around Clark County for more than a decade.

Large tracts of land are available, but there is very little infrastructure in place. The development of the Discovery Corridor will require an enormous public and private investment. How do we proceed?

Dozens of stakeholders and service providers will hold a roundtable to discuss their vision of the potential for businesses, jobs, homes and schools in the Discovery Corridor. Participants include public safety and public utility providers, cities, schools, the port, business groups, farmers, a casino and more. These organizations took a survey that will be the basis for the discussion.

Based on those survey results, we'll be talking about:

- Our priorities;
- A strategic plan;
- The kind of businesses and jobs we want to attract;
- How the necessary infrastructure will be paid for;
- The kind of public/private partnerships that make sense;
- Our next step.

Julie Olson is the Clark County Councilor representing District 2, the Discovery Corridor area. Councilor Olson says:

"Development of the Discovery Corridor has been a decades long vision. Recent and future improvements such as the 179th interchange project are key to the continued and future economic development of the Discovery Corridor. The future of the area will be largely shaped by infrastructure improvements and development near them. Those interested in participating in the discussion and helping form an action plan for the Discovery Corridor's future, please join us for this forum on September 27th."

- Moderated by Chuck Green, Chair of the Middle Class Alliance
- Sponsored by the Fairgrounds Neighborhood Association
- Hosted by the Clark County Fairgrounds

PRESS RELEASE

CANDIDATE FORUMS

DATE : August 15, 2015
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County neighborhood association leaders are members of NACCC (Neighborhood Association Council of Clark County). We meet monthly to discuss neighborhood issues, share knowledge, and exchange ideas to enhance our community's quality of life.

In October we are hosting four candidate forums. NACCC does not take a position on political issues or politicians. Our purpose is to educate voters.

Last June all of these candidates were invited to participate. This is the schedule of candidate forums:

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 17

Position 1	Vicki Kraft, prefers R	Sam Kim, prefers I D
Position 2	Paul Harris, prefers R	Martin Hash, prefers D
Senator	Tim Probst, prefers I D	Lynda Wilson, prefers R

DATE & LOCATION: Thursday, October 13 from 5:30 to 7:30 in the Community of Christ meeting room (400 NE 179th)

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 18

Position 1	Brandon Vick, prefers R	Justin Oberg, prefers D
Position 2	Liz Pike, prefers R	Kathy Gillespie, prefers I D
Senator	Eric Holt, prefers D	Ann Rivers, prefers R

DATE & LOCATION: Wednesday, October 12 from 5:30 to 7:30 at the Camas Library

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 49

Position 1	Sharon Wylie, prefers D	Kaitlyn Beck, prefers D
Position 2	Monica Stonier, prefers D	Alishia Topper, prefers D
Senator	Annette Cleveland, prefers D	Lewis Gerhardt, prefers R

DATE & LOCATION: Thursday, October 20 from 5:30 to 7:30 at the Fort Vancouver Community Library

CLARK COUNTY COUNCIL & US REPRESENTATIVE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT #3

County Position 3	Tanisha Harris, prefers D	John Blom, prefers R
County Position 4	Eileen Quiring, prefers R	Roman Battan, prefers D
US Rep District 3	Jim Moeller, prefers D	Jaime Herrera-Beutler, prefers R

DATE & LOCATION: Wednesday, October 5 from 5:30 to 7:30 at the Camas Library

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

SEPTEMBER 8, 2016 FGNA MEETING

7 pm in the meeting room at the Community of Christ Church, 400 NE 179th Street

We'll continue talking about the Discovery Corridor economic development project. Join us to help clearly define our priorities, issues and goals. Do we need a strategic plan? How do we support the benefits of the project and mitigate negative impacts on our quality of life?

SEPTEMBER 24, 2016 FGNA MEETING

Noon to 4 pm at the Fairgrounds Public Safety complex

What's your favorite part of this annual event? The first responders and the equipment they show? The public service agency information displays? Activities for kids of all ages? Life flight's landing? Hot dogs? Or police dogs? Visiting with your neighbors? How about all of the above? See you there!

SEPTEMBER 27, 2016 DISCOVERY CORRIDOR ROUDTABLE

4 pm in Exhibit Hall Room B at the Clark County Fairgrounds

Discovery Corridor stakeholders will hold a roundtable. Each organization will present their "top of mind" concerns. We invited city, county and state elected officials, and businesses to hear from service providers, and stakeholders. Join us!

OCTOBER 5, 2016 CANDIDATE FORUM

5:30 pm at the Camas Library/

The 4 candidates for Clark County Councilor District 3 and District 4 positions, as well as the 2 candidates for US Representative, are invited to participate in this candidate forum. Doug Ballou, Chair of the Neighborhood Associations Council of Clark County will moderate.

OCTOBER 13, 2016 CANDIDATE FORUM

5:30 PM at the Camas Library

The Legislative district 18 candidates are invited to participate in this candidate forum. There will be 2 candidates for the state legislature Position 1; 2 candidates for the state legislature Position 2; and 2 candidates for state Senator. Doug Ballou, Chair of the Neighborhood Associations Council of Clark County will moderate.

OCTOBER 14, 2016 FGNA MONTHLY MEETING / CANDIDATE FORUM

5:30 pm in the meeting room at Community of Christ Church 400 NE 179th Street

NOTE THE EARLIER START TIME IS 5:30

The Legislative district 17 candidates are invited to participate in this candidate forum. There will be 2 candidates for the state legislature Position 1; 2 candidates for the state legislature Position 2; and 2 candidates for state Senator. Doug Ballou, Chair of the Neighborhood Associations Council of Clark County, will moderate.

OCTOBER 20, 2016 CANDIDATE FORUM

5:30 PM at the Fort Vancouver downtown library

The Legislative district 49 candidates are invited to participate in this candidate forum. There will be 2 candidates for the state legislature Position 1; 2 candidates for the state legislature Position 2; and 2 candidates for state Senator. Doug Ballou, Chair of the Neighborhood Associations Council of Clark County will moderate.

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FYI: The Community Development department emails out a development review status report every Friday. If you want to know what's in process or submit comments on a development review proposal, ask to be added to the mailing list. Advise Jodi.creamer@clark.wa.gov. *It's too late when they start unloading the dozers next to your property!* If you have concerns about proposed developments that we need to address call Bridget at 360.573.5873.

MONTHLY MEETINGS:

WE MEET at 7 PM ON SECOND THURSDAYS AT THE COMMUNITY of CHRIST MEETING ROOM
400 NE 179TH STREET, 1/2 MILE WEST OF I-5

OUR BOUNDARIES :

NORTH, 219TH STREET

WEST, LAKE RIVER

EAST, NE 72ND AVENUE

SOUTH – WEST OF I-5, NW 151ST STREET TO NW 41ST AVENUE TO NW / NE 164TH STREET;
SOUTH - EAST OF I-5, NE KLINELINE RD TO NE 119TH ST TO SALMON CREEK TO NE 50TH AVE
TO NE 149TH ST TO NE 72ND AVE

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