

FAIRGROUNDS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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Greetings neighbors,

In February we began a series of meetings with Clark County staff. They are coming to talk to us about how development is handled in unincorporated Clark County.

Under the 2016 Comprehensive Growth Management plan we will see a lot of it in our neighborhood!

In **February** Community Planning started us off at the beginning. Zoning. We learned about:

- The huge chunk of our neighborhood in the Vancouver Urban Growth Boundary.
- More huge chunks of our neighborhood that are zoned Urban Reserve and Urban Holding.
- What conditions must be met to allow the opening of these lands for development.

In **March** Community Planning described Developer Agreements that enable their projects to move forward under special circumstances. (The county is negotiating a Developer Agreement on over 100 acres of commercial zoned property east of the 179th Street freeway interchange.)

In **April** Public Works described the sources for county road funds and how they are spent. They also described the TIP (Transportation Improvement Projects) with emphasis on the status of the road projects in our area. Now we can compare the areas scheduled for development with the areas scheduled for road improvements and see where things stand.

In **May** the Community Development department described how the development review process works. What are those blue signs? When are traffic counts required? How do you find out about development applications? How do we have input in the approval process?

FGNA MONTHLY MEETINGS

Held on 2nd Thursdays at 7 pm

Next meetings will be held on June 8 and July 13

Community of Christ meeting room – 400 NE 179th Street

We have invited county and public safety officials to discuss amphitheater operations with us in June.

DISCOVERY CORRIDOR. The county is negotiating a Developer Agreement in the Discovery Corridor with 2 big downtown developers. The agreement would include 100+ acres of shopping on 179th Street just east of I-5 and 700 homes farther east along 179th Street at NE 50th Avenue.

Take our survey (enclosed) and return it to us. We want to hear your thoughts about the best use of county road funds to support your vision of Discovery Corridor development.

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For the Executive Board

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?? NEXTDOOR FAIRGROUNDS ??

As a result of a mass mailing, I am getting a lot of inquiries about Nextdoor Fairgrounds. I got one too, and the confusion about this group is understandable - but could easily have been avoided. Here's a comparison:

Fairgrounds Neighborhood Association

Established December 1999
Nonprofit recognized by Clark County government
Free public resources
Membership – everyone within our borders
Contact - listed on county website and newsletters
Interests – county government, development, etc.
Database – your name and email address
Newsletter – monthly and Heads Up as necessary
Affiliates – Neighborhood Associations Council of Clark County, Vancouver Neighborhood Assoc.
Meetings – monthly 2nd Thursday at 7 PM

Nextdoor Fairgrounds

Established about 2015
Private for profit business
Free private online network
Membership – by request, requires street address
Contact - partial address from a XXXXX zip code
Interests – classifieds (free, lost pets, etc.)
Database - name, address and personal info
Newsletter – daily, sometimes more
Affiliates – 29 other local Nextdoor groups, national network
Meetings - calendar of community events

NEXTDOOR FAIRGROUNDS

To find out about the Nextdoor Fairgrounds group I had to sign up. To sign up I had to provide my home address. I ignored the request for any personal information. I advise caution on your part likewise.

The Nextdoor Fairgrounds claim to 2600 members is misleading. That number is actually the total for ALL 29 local groups. There are only 234 members from the Nextdoor Fairgrounds neighborhood.

Some Nextdoor groups are as small as a residential subdivision. That seems reasonable for what they describe as their purpose. "On this website, we share service provider recommendations, items for sale/free, safety concerns, local events and much more."

Nextdoor is building a nationwide contact database. They want to gather as much personal information from you as possible. Nextdoor contacts are advertising targets for the "service provider recommendations" referenced above. Nextdoor already has national advertisers that post ads on each group's network.

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Our Neighborhood Association boundaries are centered around the 179th Street freeway interchange. Our interests are centered around impacts on our quality of life.

We print a monthly newsletter and distribute it via email. We meet monthly (well, Mother Nature can cancel our plans). We form special interest groups to address major issues (comp plans, road projects, development, etc.) What you will not see from FGNA are advertisements or politics. But we do use our contacts and monthly meetings to educate our members about local candidates and ballot measures.

It's easy to receive our monthly newsletter and meeting notices. Send your name and email address to bridget@bridge-i-t.com or FGNA at P.O. Box 516, Ridgefield WA 98642.

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DISCOVERY CORRIDOR SURVEY (Page 1 of 2)

Please return this survey to us by Friday, June 2 via email (bridget@bridge-i-t.com) or mail (P.O. Box 516, Ridgefield WA 98642). Thanks!

The Discovery Corridor is described as the economic development engine that will drive growth in jobs and houses in north Clark County for the next 20 years. The Discovery Corridor has many large undeveloped parcels and very little infrastructure. The Discovery Corridor cuts right through our neighborhood.

The purpose of this survey is to gather your feedback about the project. This survey will only take a few minutes to complete. If you want us to send you the results we need your contact information (question #10).

1. The Discovery Corridor straddles I-5 from 134th Street north to the Clark County line. Do you live in the Discovery Corridor?
____ YES ____ NO ____ NOT SURE ____ How many years?

2. Again, the Discovery Corridor straddles I-5 from 134th Street north to the Clark County line. Do you work in the Discovery Corridor?
____ YES ____ NO ____ NOT SURE ____ How many years?

3. These are land uses (zoning) within the Discovery Corridor. Which best describes your vision for the development of Discovery Corridor businesses? Please rank 1, 2, 3, etc.
____ BUSINESS PARK (business and professional services, corporate offices, research, etc.);
____ COMMERCIAL (retail, restaurants, other services);
____ LIGHT INDUSTRY (minimal light, noise or odor pollution);
____ MIXED USE (housing, offices, retail, entertainment, etc.)
____ PARKS/OPEN (neighborhood, community and regional parks, sports fields, open spaces);
____ PUBLIC FACILITY (public utilities, schools, public safety, etc.);
____ RESIDENTIAL (low, medium, high density and multi-family).

4. Many believe that development of transportation infrastructure is the number one investment priority for the Discovery Corridor. Do you agree?

____ YES ____ NO

WHY? _____

5. The Discovery Corridor will require a tremendous public and private investment. Should stakeholders and service providers work together to create a Strategic Plan to guide development priorities?

____ YES ____ NO ____ NOT SURE

WHY? _____

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DISCOVERY CORRIDOR SURVEY (Page 2 of 2)

6. Today there are only 4 road projects in the Discovery Corridor that are funded. (Indicated with an *.) How would you prioritize the needs? Rank 1, 2, 3, etc.
- * increase I-5 capacity;
 - * upgrade I-5 interchange at 179th Street;
 - * upgrade 179th Street at I-5 interchange;
 - * complete the connector from 179th Street south to 154th Street (an I-5 alternative);
 - complete the connector from 154th Street south to 149th Street (an I-5 alternative);
 - complete other corridors to create grids;
 - provide alternative modes of travel;
 - demand/transportation management (i.e. staggered work shifts, car pools, etc.);
 - maintenance and preservation;
 - safety.
7. Traffic improvements on the I-5 interchange at 179th street and on 179th Street near the I-5 interchange will take years to construct. How do you see these projects going forward? Check all that are important.
- do I-5 freeway and 179th Street projects at the same time;
 - do not begin either project until the alternative route to the south is complete;
 - maintain interchange and 179th Street functionality at all times;
 - start each project as soon as funds are available;
 - other _____
8. Urban services (roads, water, sewer, etc.) are not currently available throughout much of the Discovery Corridor. Elsewhere, Developer Agreements have been used to provide these urban services sooner rather than later. Should a Discovery Corridor Strategic Plan be used as a criterion for Development Agreement approval?
- YES NO NOT SURE
- WHY? _____
9. Sizeable areas of our neighborhood are zoned Urban Growth, Urban Holding and Urban Reserve. Developer Agreements and development approvals are being negotiated today that may mandate future annexation to the city of Vancouver (current timeline 10-20 years). Should that decision be reserved for the future business and homeowners instead?
- YES NO NOT SURE
- WHY _____
10. Who are you? (Required if you want us to send you survey results.)
- NAME: _____
- EMAIL: _____
- ADD TO FGNA CONTACT LIST YES NO
- ADD TO DISCOVERY CORRIDOR CONTACT LIST YES NO

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AMPHITHEATER OPERATIONS

Clark County owns the amphitheater. Quincunx operates the facility under terms of a lease with the county.

A 3" Neighborhood Guidebook binder documents the *Lease, Easement, and Management Agreement*. It includes the Hearing's Examiner Final Decision, called a Conditional Use Permit (CUP). It also includes:

Noise Monitoring Plan

Traffic Management and Compliance Monitoring Plan

Alcohol Policies and Procedures Plan

Integration with Sheriff's Office

Emergency Response and Evacuation Plan

Emergency Medical Plan

Event Restrictions

But most important for us is the Neighborhood Outreach Plan. It's only a page long. BUT here's the most important information. "Quincunx of Washington LLC will establish a telephone hotline to handle sound complaints during events.... Complaints will be recorded on a standard form."

The Neighborhood Outreach Plan was written with the anticipation that problems would be identified and resolved. Serious traffic and noise problems with amphitheater operations have created the need to get the telephone hotline running again. So when you encounter problems related to an amphitheater event call the hotline. Describe your complaint. MOST IMPORTANT be sure to get a Report Number so we can follow up.

AMPHITHEATER COMPLAINT LINE 360-816-7000

Do you have an amphitheater horror story? Or an awesome experience?

Share it with us (bridget@bridge-i-t.com).

Your neighborhood association is tracking information to make sure that the terms of the operating agreements are followed by the landlord (Clark County) and facility operator (Quincunx). Please share any feedback.

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•Recognized Neighborhood Association of Clark County, WA
•Member of Neighborhood Associations Council of Clark County (NACCC)
•Supporting Clark County Sheriff's Office Neighbors on Watch (NOW)

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 EXIT 9

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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