

## Neighborhood Associations Council of Clark County

May 11, 2015

6 to 8:30 PM

Salmon Creek Roundtable Pizza

13009 NE Highway 99, Vancouver, WA

### Meeting notes

#### Welcome and introductions: Doug Ballou, Chair

**In attendance:** Doug Ballou, NACCC; Holly Gaya, CCPIO; Marilee McCall, CCPIO; Art Stubbs, Green Meadows; Neil Chambers, Andresen-St John's; Cheryl Burkey, Truman; Barb Cabe, Truman; Dan Enright, CCSO NOW; Judy Bumbarger-Enright, Sunnyside; Commander KC Kasberg, Central Precinct Commander; Lynda Maguire, East Minnehaha; Mitch Canton, Salmon Creek Live and Clark County Live; Stephan Abramson, Pleasant Highlands; Sue Lintz, East Minnehaha; Christie Brown-Silva, Sifton and Heritage; Bridget Schwarz, Fairgrounds; Allan Jones, NE Hazel Dell and NOW; Alex Schoening, CCSO; Roger Entrekin, Meadow Glade; Vicki Fitzsimmons, Sherwood, NE Hazel Dell and Fairgrounds; Ty Stober, Hough

#### Announcements:

- Doug talked about a Neighborhood Playbook that was created by both Clark County and Vancouver neighborhood leaders in 2007. After a contingent of neighborhood representatives returned from a Neighborhoods USA (NUSA) Conference, they decided to host a local neighborhood leaders' conference on Nov. 17, 2007 with a football theme. Local leaders created the playbook which includes information they brought back from NUSA. It is a useful tool and was designed to assist neighborhood association leadership. Doug will distribute the booklet by email to all neighborhood leaders.
- Holly introduced Marilee McCall who is the new PIO Administrative Assistant. Joni has been promoted but she will remain in the PIO Office. Many of you may recognize Marilee's name because she has been with Clark County for 11 years and distributed Community Planning information to all of us. As we did before, please always copy Marilee when submitting newsletters for printing and/or mailing. It's a safeguard in the event one of us isn't at our desk the other person will receive the newsletter. Marilee's email is: [Marilee.McCall@clark.wa.gov](mailto:Marilee.McCall@clark.wa.gov) and her phone number is (360) 397-6012 ext. 1.
- An updated Clark County Neighborhood Association roster was distributed. The roster is also available here: <http://www.clark.wa.gov/neighborhoods/documents/NeighborhoodAssociationRosterMASTER5112015.pdf>
- Breaking news: Neil Chambers is the newest member of the Clark County Railroad Advisory Board. Congratulations and thank you Neil! Doug also encouraged everyone to consider applying for upcoming vacancies on advisory boards, task forces and commissions.
- Bonneville Power has recently sent an update regarding the I-5 Corridor Reinforcement Project. Doug said that there is additional information here: <http://www.bpa.gov/Projects/Projects/I-5/Pages/default.aspx>. Commander Kasberg commented that there is some unrest in North County about the preferred option.

- The Wild, Wild West will be rolling through Hazel Dell for the 51st anniversary of the Parade of Bands on Saturday, May 16th, 2015 beginning at 10:30am. The parade will be led by Grand Marshal Retired Clark County Sheriff Garry Lucas.

Start the day off early with a trip to Station 61 in Hazel Dell, for the [Lion's Club](#) annual Pancake Breakfast. Tickets are available at the event, \$6.50 for adults, \$5.50 for seniors and children (under 5 are free). Breakfast will be served from 7 to 10am. For more information visit Clark County Live: <http://clarkcountylive.com/hazel-dells-51st-anniversary-of-the-parade-of-bands/>

- The Clark County Fire District 6 Annual Open House is scheduled for Saturday, June 2, 2012 at the Hazel Dell Fire Station (8800 NE Hazel Dell Avenue) between noon and 4 pm. CCFD6 hosts this Open House/Family Fun Day as a way to say thank you to the community for their ongoing support of the men and women who provide fire and emergency medical services. For more information visit Clark County Live: <http://clarkcountylive.com/clark-county-fire-district-6-open-house/>
- The 2016 Growth Management Plan Update is progressing and Doug encouraged everyone to stay informed. More information: <http://www.clark.wa.gov/planning/2016update/index.html>.
- Summer is coming and road work will increase. Doug said I-5 will undergo substantial repaving and signage work this summer. Information from ODOT is available here: <http://i5pavingandsigns.org/>

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- Sgt. Alex Schoening said:
  - ✓ There is a serious uptick in graffiti in our community. He noted the area near St. Johns, 54<sup>th</sup> Ave and 503. Truman Neighborhood has been actively combating the problem and a painting contractor has been helping when he sees graffiti on his way to work. Subsequently, Alex is considering forming a rapid response graffiti abatement team. This would afford immediate removal rather than gathering work parties once or twice a year. In the past, the Sheriff's Office has used grants to purchase paint and cleaning supplies but now we must depend on donations of materials and labor. If you want to discuss ideas or offer assistance, please give Alex a call at: (360) 397-6079 or email him at: [Alex.Schoening@clark.wa.gov](mailto:Alex.Schoening@clark.wa.gov).
  - ✓ Alex said Dan Enright is working on a Clark County Sheriff's Office training program for Neighbors On Watch (NOW) volunteers. Currently, all NOW volunteers are receiving their training from Vancouver Police Dept. Alex and Dan feel that with CCSO providing training as well as Vancouver Police, it will greatly increase NOW presence in our communities. Alex thanked Dan for his dedication and hard work. For more information contact Sgt. Schoening [Alex.Schoening@clark.wa.gov](mailto:Alex.Schoening@clark.wa.gov) or Dan Enright. Dan's email is: [danlesfc@comcast.net](mailto:danlesfc@comcast.net).
  - ✓ National Night out is an annual event celebrated by communities in a variety of ways. The cities of Yacolt, Ridgefield and La Center celebrate by closing streets and providing educational and fun displays every year. Neighborhood associations and neighborhoods throughout the county have participated for several years as well. And, CCSO has acknowledged their events with visits from liaison or patrol officers stopping by for a bite to eat and a short visit. Christie Brown-Silva and Barb Cabe said their neighborhood associations are celebrating with 'dinner in the driveway' events or having an ice cream social in the front yard. Bridget Schwarz said that

National Night Out frequently falls during the Clark County Fair which makes it impossible for the Fairgrounds Neighborhood Association and the Sheriff's Office to participate. But this year, National Night Out is August 4. Although CCSO will be stretched thin between the Washougal Motocross and the Clark County Fair, it may afford an opportunity for CCSO to stop in at a few dinners in the driveway and enjoy an ice cream sundae if they are in the area.

- ✓ The [Clark County Sheriff's Office](#), along with local law enforcement agencies, invites the community to attend the annual Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremony this Thursday, May 14 at 11 a.m., in the courtyard of the Clark County Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin St. in downtown Vancouver.

All regional law enforcement agencies will be represented. The memorial ceremony will include the posting of the colors and a 21 gun salute. Washington State Representative Lynda Wilson will provide an address to those assembled. A Portland Police Highland Guard Bagpiper will perform. The ceremony is expected to be completed near the noon hour.

- Commander KC Kasberg said:
  - ✓ County Manager Mark McCauley and Councilor David Madore toured Central Precinct and understand the urgency in addressing housing the precinct in an appropriate building and location.
  - ✓ Bonneville I-5 Corridor Reinforcement Project continues to upset neighbors that will be impacted by the new transmission line. People are frustrated, passionate and a few are prone to act out in inappropriate ways. KC urged neighborhood leaders to calm people. More information about the project is available here:  
<http://www.bpa.gov/Projects/Projects/I-5/Pages/default.aspx>.
  - ✓ KC and Alex also reported that CCSO has a new evidence processing truck. It was paid for by Drug Task Force seizures. Bet you can't help but smile about that.
- Vicki Fitzsimmons is the President of the Sherwood Hills Neighborhood Association and works with the NE Hazel Dell Neighborhood Association annual Children's Holiday Party and the Fairground Neighborhood Association. She said all is quiet in Sherwood Hills, she produces newsletters, the association meetings are held at the new Chuck's Produce and the average attendance is about 40 people. Deputy Bob Carder is the neighborhood's liaison. Vicki also presented the NACCC Employee of the Year Award to Bill Bjerke at the State of the County this year.
- Roger Entekin with Meadow Glade asked for suggestions to get people involved in the neighborhood association. He said that Meadow Glade is using social media, email, publishing two newsletters a year and having two meetings each year. Art Stubbs also talked about the difference between a neighborhood association and a homeowners association with an emphasis on the benefits of everyone working together. Roger also acknowledged the value of the weekly update page and said Meadow Glade leadership regularly sends out information from the page to the neighborhood.
- Stephan Abramson with Pleasant Highlands Neighborhood Association started by saying:

- ✓ The newsletter announcing their last meeting said there would be elections for neighborhood leadership. Subsequently, there was a low turnout and Stephan remains president. Thank you Stephan! Additionally, Cheri Larson, Interim Parks Volunteer Coordinator, attended the meeting to let people know about volunteer opportunities. Robin Washington with Clark County Public Works explained the road widening project on 119<sup>th</sup> St. east of 72<sup>nd</sup> Ave. Stephan said Robin is always very knowledgeable and brings great maps. She's a favorite along with Matt Hall who contributed valuable insight.
  - ✓ Stephan said their only business in the area is Heathen Brewing who is looking to establish on Ne 72<sup>nd</sup> Ave.
  - ✓ Many neighbors are upset about proposed housing development. One project is on NE 124<sup>th</sup> Ave. and there are others close by.
  - ✓ Stephan is thoughtful about meeting attendance and ways to increase participation. He crafts interesting agendas with informed speakers who can address topics of interest and provide good information.
- Sue Lintz, with East Minnehaha Neighborhood Association provided an update on the Yellow Dot Program championed by Rep. Jim Moeller. The Yellow Dot Program is voluntary with the idea being to make sure emergency responders are alerted about any medical conditions and related issues for motorists and passengers.  
The yellow dot, a decal, would be placed on the lower part of the driver's side of the vehicle's rear window. Medical responders and law enforcement folks would then know to search the vehicle's glove compartment for an envelope containing important and appropriate medical information for the driver or passenger. Sue said that the legislation is moving forward due to tenacity of Rep. Moeller. Here is the link to Yellow Dot: <http://wayellowdot.com/>
  - Christie Brown-Silva with the Heritage and Sifton Neighborhood Associations talked about the imposter neighborhood association posing as the Sifton Association. The group is establishing membership and representing itself as a recognized county neighborhood association with the same name, boundaries and benefits. Christie is addressing the problem head on and is currently preparing to publish a newsletter that will clarify any confusion. Christie feels that in some ways it is a compliment and it's a shame they aren't focusing their energy to contributing to the community goals of the long-standing Sifton Neighborhood Association.
  - Mitch Canton addressed Christie's concerns about validating the authenticity of neighborhood associations. The Neighborly platform will provide so much information that an imposter association couldn't possibly keep up. Neighborly will be validate ownership and provide membership for the entire association with the capability of forming subgroups within the neighborhood association while clearly identifying who manages the content of the site. It will be secure and a trusted source for neighborhood association communication along with community events, concerns and other important and timely information. For more information about Neighborly, contact Mitch at Clark County Live: [Mitch@clarkcountylive.com](mailto:Mitch@clarkcountylive.com)
  - Bridget Schwarz with the Fairgrounds Neighborhood Association reminded everyone that Dozer Days are coming. It's a dream come true for kids of all ages (and parents too!) because Dozer Day provides

children the opportunity to hop in the driver's seat and actually drive big yellow Dozers, dump trucks, and other heavy equipment with a professional operator at their side. Not only is Dozer Day fun for the entire family. It is also a fundraiser benefiting local charities through the Nutter Foundation.

Tickets can be purchased ahead of time online, at Riverview Community Banks, iQ Credit Unions, and OnPoint Community Credit Unions. Cost is \$7 for adults, \$5 for kids (ages 2 to 12) and seniors (60+), and free for kids under 2. Tickets will be available at the event, but will be an additional \$3 each. Most activities inside the event are free, including the equipment rides. Tickets are good for one day. For more information go to Clark County Live: <http://clarkcountylive.com/dozer-days-kids-drive/>

*Where:* Clark County Fairgrounds, 17402 Delfel Rd., Ridgefield, WA

*When:* Sat. May 16 and Sun. May 17 from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

- Dan Enright, Neighbors On Watch (NOW) Coordinator, said Sgt. Schoening had pretty much covered everything. However, he did mention that there seems to be a shift in community perception of the NOW volunteers. He said that just in recent weeks, the volunteers have noticed the community acknowledging the NOW presence and expressing appreciation. Dan said it is nice to be acknowledged in a kind way.
- Judy Bumbarger-Enright, President of Sunnyside Neighborhood Assoc. said the newly reorganized Sunnyside Neighborhood Association is now eight months old and they have achieved a lot in eight months. Judy said she has established an email list of over one hundred names, the association meets every month, they have recently adopted Orchards Highlands Park and have facilitated three clean ups. Judy said she is seeing new faces and has learned that some people don't attend meetings or admit to reading emails but they do attend park cleanup events. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 13 and Cheri Larson, Interim Parks Volunteer Coordinator will explain how to adopt a park.
- Barb Cabe with the Truman Neighborhood Association said Councilor Jeanne E. Stewart will be their guest on May 28. Barb said it is important to have interesting speakers who address community concerns and interests. A typical meeting has 50-65 people attending. Barb also said she is a bit disappointed with the content contributed by neighbors on the Nextdoor.com site. She would like to see more optimistic and upbeat messaging. She feels her email list is a very effective tool to contact active members of the association.
- Allan Jones, NE Hazel Dell Board Member – NOW Program. There is teamwork in the NE Hazel Dell Neighborhood Association. Dick Clairmont has taken the responsibility of reviewing the pre-app notices and Bill Drummond schedules the speakers and agendas months in advance. The next meeting is scheduled for May 19 from 7-9 p.m. in the Clark County Operations Center Community room at 4700 NE 78<sup>th</sup> St., Vancouver. Root beer floats, ice cream and cookies are on the June 16<sup>th</sup> agenda.
- Lynda Magurie, President of E. Minnehaha Neighborhood Association said their next meeting will be on May 21. Their guests will be representatives from Clark County Code Enforcement, Community Mediation Services, and the Clark County Sheriff's Office. Recently the association has purchased 12 new meeting announcement signs that will be strategically placed throughout the neighborhood prior to the meeting—preferably near homes that will keep an eye on them so they don't go missing.
- Art Stubbs, with Green Meadows Neighborhood Assoc. and NACCC vice-chair explained the value of producing one-page informational flyers with only enough information to clearly identify the what,

where, how, when and why of the matter. It should provide a way to contact a spokesperson and get additional information. Often times, long technical pieces do unread and are often tossed in the garbage. Keep the information concise and clear.

The meeting was adjourned and the next meeting is scheduled for June 8, 2015 from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Clark County Public Works Operations conference room, 4700 NE 78<sup>th</sup> St., Vancouver.