

Neighborhood Associations Council of Clark County
Nov. 9, 2015
Meeting notes

Welcome and introductions: Doug Ballou, Chair

In attendance: Doug Ballou, NE Hazel Dell & NACCC; Holly Gaya, CCPIO; Mitch Canton, North Salmon Creek and Clark County Live; Neil Chambers, Andresen-St John's; Ed Frankel, Pleasant Highlands; Stephan Abramson, Pleasant Valley; Christie Brown-Silva, Sifton and Heritage; Judy Bumbarger-Enright, Sunnyside; Dan Enright, CCSO NOW; Erin Nolan, CCSO. Sam Kim, Clark County Information Technology; Eileen Frimberger, Clark County Information Technology; Troy Uyan, Clark County Information Technology; Leigh Radford, Clark County Public Information and Outreach; Mary Keltz, Clark County Public Information and Outreach; Marilee McCall, Clark County Public Information and Outreach; Jeff Mize, Clark County Public Works; Maureen and Terry Smith, Meadow Glade; Greg Jackson, Meadow Glade; Roger Entrekin, Meadow Glade; Kelly and Ann Krohn; Sandra Bennett, East Fork- Frontier; Bridget Schwarz, Fairgrounds; Lynda Maguire, East Minnehaha; and Barb Cabe, Truman.

Announcements:

- **SALT Times:** Seniors and Law Enforcement Together is a monthly publication with topics of interest to seniors. It includes articles featuring scam and fraud prevention, senior events, health and wellness tips, news and volunteer opportunities. SALT meets the twice a month. The west side meetings are typically held at 40 et 8 Community Room, 7607 NE 26th Ave., Vancouver, WA 98665. To receive the free monthly S.A.L.T. Times newsletter or to get more information, call 397-2211 ext. 3380 or send an e-mail to: sheriffcommunityoutreach@clark.wa.gov.
- **Graffiti removal:** Doug distributed copies of the Graffiti Abatement brochure published by the Clark County Sheriff's Office. A copy of the document can be found here: <http://www.clark.wa.gov/neighborhoods/documents/graffitibrochure2014.pdf>. He also handed out a sample letter for property owners with property that has been vandalized. The letter is to educate them about the unexpected consequences of not removing graffiti quickly and resources available to assist them. If your property is a victim of graffiti and you need assistance removing it, please feel free to contact the Clark County Sheriff's Office Community Outreach Unit at (360) 397-2211 ext. 3380.
- **The Clark County Sheriff's Office is hosting an informational and recruiting meeting for the NOW (Neighbors on Watch) Citizen Volunteer program** on Wednesday, November 18 at 6:30 p.m. at the West Precinct (Public Safety Complex) located at 505 NW 179th St. Ridgefield, WA.

NOW volunteers receive specialized training and patrol in pairs throughout the county looking for suspicious activity such as car prowls and graffiti, attend community events and other assignments as needed.

Clark County residents interested in the safety of their neighborhoods are encouraged to attend the meeting to learn about the program, application process and the academy. *Attendance at the meeting is not required to apply for the program.* Applications are due by Dec. 1 to be considered for the January NOW Training Academy.

Applicants must be at least 21- years old, pass a background check and successfully complete the NOW training academy. Volunteer commitment is 4 hours per month. For the full list of volunteer qualifications visit <http://www.clark.wa.gov/sheriff/community/NOW.html>.

To request an application or additional information, contact the Clark County Sheriff's Office Outreach Unit at (360) 397-2211 ext. 3380 or email sheriffcommunityoutreach@clark.wa.gov.

- **Public meetings are scheduled to provide information and request citizen feedback on a newly revised proposal for the rural component of the next growth management plan.**

The open-house style meetings will be 5:30-7 p.m.

- Monday, Nov. 16: Hockinson High School, 16819 NE 159th St.
- Tuesday, Nov. 17: Ridgefield High School, 2630 S. Hillhurst Road

In addition, the Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19 to receive comments and develop a recommendation to the Board of County Councilors regarding the latest proposal for updating the growth plan. The hearing will be on the sixth floor of the Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin St., Vancouver.

Four alternatives are now under consideration as the Board prepares to select a “preferred alternative” as the basis for an environmental impact statement.

Alternative 4 was revised by the Board during a work session on Nov. 9. It is posted online at www.clark.wa.gov/thegrid/. Additional materials are available at www.clark.wa.gov/Planning/2016update/index.html.

New County Website

Clark County’s Technology Services Web Renovation Team unveiled the new county’s site. It offers efficient and better organized navigation and is designed to be easier to use and provide a service focus. For example, people needing to do business with Animal Control do not have to know it is part of Community Development.

Eileen Frimberger explained the objective of the update was to increase focus on what web customers are looking for and expecting to accomplish online.

Benefits of the proposed update include:

- Positions the county to improve online services
- Easier to maintain, lower software costs
- Compatible with phones, tablets, other mobile devices
- Improves service for those with disabilities, special needs

The website is scheduled to go live by the end of the year.

Troy Uyan, Application Services Web designer said the team worked to bring consistency site-wide and make information easy to read and find. And Leigh Radford, graphic designer for Public Information and Outreach demonstrated a more efficient, easy-to-use website designed to build good relationships with the community, including newcomers.

For more information about the Web site contact Troy Uyan at Troy.Uyan@clark.wa.gov and to request changes or offer suggestions to the Neighborhood Outreach Program site, contact Marilee McCall at Marilee.McCall@clark.wa.gov. The county’s Geographical Information Services team will demonstrate the site’s mapping and property information function at our January 2016 meeting.

Roundtable

- **2-1-1** – If you need assistance connecting to nonprofit and public services dial 2-1-1. Keeping people and communities healthy means more than access to medical care. *211 Info* will assist you with finding

a variety of resources such as: shelter, rent assistance, energy bill assistance, employment, food and health care. These are the ways you can connect with 211 Info:

- ✓ Dial 211 toll-free to speak with a resource specialist.
- ✓ Visit 211 Info.org to search thousands of services.
- ✓ Text your zip code to 898211 for quick resources.
- ✓ Email hel-@211info.org for guidance and information.

- **3-1-1** is the new nonemergency number at the Clark Regional Emergency Services Agency (CRESA). If you have a nonemergency situation, instead of dialing 9-1-1, call the new 3-1-1 number. However, if you need emergency response, call 9-1-1!
- Ila Stanek sent word that Ace Hardware at 809 NE Minnehaha St. will host a Ladies night 2015 on Nov. 12 from 7-9 p.m. There will be refreshments, prizes and games.
- Jeff Mize, Public Works Public Information encouraged everyone to never put leaves in the road and remove them as they accumulate as they block storm drains. You may download a leaf disposal coupon here: <http://www.clark.wa.gov/neighborhoods/documents/LeafCoupon2015.pdf>. The coupon is good through December 31, 2015 and can be used at a few disposal sites.
- Christie BrownSilva said they are hosting a joint Sifton and Heritage Neighborhoods meeting on Thursday, Nov. 12. They plan to have a children's meeting in conjunction with the regular meeting. Shane Gardner will address school safety and security and Rob Perkins, school board member will be at the meeting as well. She is expecting a large turnout as the agenda topic is one of interest to many people in the area.
- **For more information about community news, programs, events and opportunities to participate** visit the **Clark County Neighborhood Program Weekly Update:** <http://www.clark.wa.gov/neighborhoods/weeklyupdate.html> ~or~ **Clark County Live:** <http://clarkcountylive.com/> *All about the People, Places, Activities and Events* and the place you can join **Neighborly**, your own LOCAL, free, and private Neighborhood network to connect with your neighbors and public agencies about what's new in your neighborhood. The link is on the Clark County Live homepage.
- Bridget Schwarz announced a proposed psychiatric on NE 134th St. She attended a neighborhood meeting recently and there were people who were very concerned about the clinic being located near their homes. Bridget will work with NAMI and other social services to determine if they should host a community forum that will educate and help to calm the neighbor's anxiety. There was overwhelming support of the facility and acknowledgement that there is certainly a great need for this service.
- Stephan Abramson with Pleasant Highlands Neighborhood Association said their candidate's forum could have been better attended but it was still a huge success. It was interactive and very informative. He said he will definitely do it again!
- Lynda Maguire with East Minnehaha said their candidate's forum was very well attended and also worthwhile.
- Mary Keltz with the Clark County Public Information and Outreach Office summarized the Board work session on the Comprehensive Growth Plan and said there will be two public meetings next week. The meeting information is listed above.
- The Vancouver Neighborhood Alliance will meet on Nov. 11 from 7-^{*}30 p.m. at the Vancouver Police Department West Precinct, 2800 NE Stapleton Rd., Vancouver, WA 98661. The meeting will feature Dr. Cyndi Romine, founder of Called to Rescue and Clark County Prosecutor Tony Golik. They will discuss the difficult yet important topic of childhood sex trafficking and related crimes against children.

- North Salmon Creek Neighborhood is hosting a meeting on Tuesday, at 7 p.m. on Nov. 17 at the Riverview Community Bank, 800 Tenney Rd. (next to Fred Meyer). Their agenda includes an update by the Cowlitz Tribe spokesman on the casino project just north on Interstate 5 at the La Center exit.
- Mr. & Mrs. Krohn discussed a marijuana business operating near their home just east of La Center. Commander Nolan addressed their issues.
- *Team Meadow Glade* said they are planning for 2016.
- Barb Cabe with Truman Neighborhood Association said Sheriff Atkins and Community Outreach Sgt. Alex Schoening attended their last meeting. The Sheriff's Office goals were the topic of discussion. Barb also said the neighborhood is partnering with the school and accepting donations for coats, hats and gloves. Last year the association provided warm clothes for six children.
- Judy Bumbarger-Enright said they had a representative from the Safe Streets Task Force at their last meeting. And, the neighborhood association is dedicated to cleaning the parks they have adopted.

Meeting in December is cancelled.

Meeting Adjourned.

Next meeting will be Jan. 11, 2016
Clark County Public Service Center
4700 NE 78th St., Vancouver, WA