

Neighborhood Associations Council of Clark County

Jan. 11, 2016

Meeting notes

Welcome and introductions: Doug Ballou, Chair

**Guest Speakers: Dr. Steven Webb, Superintendent Vancouver Public Schools
Bob Pool, Clark County GIS**

In attendance:

Neighborhoods:		County Staff:	
Doug Ballou	NACCC, NE Hazel Dell	Mary Keltz	Clark County PIO
Art Stubbs	NACCC, Green Meadows	Marilee McCall	Clark County PIO
Neil Chambers	Andresen/St. Johns	KC Kasberg	CC Sheriff's Office
Sandra Bennett	East Fork-Frontier	Chris Clifford	Clark County DES
Lynda Maguire	East Minnehaha/Roads End	Bob Pool	Clark County GIS
Bridget Schwartz	Fairgrounds		
Milada Allen	Felida		
Andrew Loescher	Felida/Clark County DES		
Sam Kim	Greater Brush Prairie		
Christie Brown-Silva	Heritage & Sifton		
Roger Entrekin	Meadow Glade		
Dick Clairmont	NE Hazel Dell/RR Advisory Board		
Ed Frankel	Pleasant Highlands		
Stephan Abramson	Pleasant Valley		
Sandra Day	Ridgefield Junction		
Judy Bumbarger-Enright	Sunnyside		
Dan Enright	NOW program		
Barb Cabe	Truman		
Steve Webb	Guest/Vancouver Public Schools		

Announcements:

- **Holly Gaya's retirement was announced.** Holly's last day of work was Monday, December 28. A card was brought for NA members to sign. Mary Keltz assured that the neighborhood program support will continue on with current staffing. Contact Mary Keltz for program issues and continue to contact Marilee McCall for newsletter and website administrative needs. The Outreach Program Coordinator job will be posted on the 15th on the County's Human Resources department website. There was a request that there be at least one NA representative on the panel for the interview team. Mary is working with Mark McCauley, Acting County Manager, on the hiring process. Doug commented that Holly was the very first recognized Employee of the Year for her dedication to the Neighborhood Outreach program. We will miss Holly!
- **Notification that Twila Barbieri, print shop manager, is no longer working at the County.** Ericka Lytle will continue on with current staffing at the print shop for the time being. Until Twila's vacancy has been filled, please allow at least 7 business days for printing and postmark process on your neighborhood newsletter print jobs. Twila has been a recipient of the Employee of the Year award for her excellent service and she will also be missed.
- **hOur Impact Time Bank Presentations:** Doug distributed copies of a handout to learn more about how time banking works. The events are scheduled at local libraries. Dates and places below:
Tuesday, January 26 – Washougal Community Library, 1661 C Street
Thursday, February 4 – Three Creeks Library, 800 NE Tenney Rd, Vancouver
Monday, February 8 – Battle Ground Library, 1207 SE 8th Way
Wednesday, February 17 – Camas Public Library, 625 NE 4th Ave.
Thursday, February 18 – Cascade Park Library, 600 NE 136th Ave., Vancouver

Thursday, February 25 – Ridgefield Library, 210 N. Main Ave.

There is also a website that you can go to for more information on the program: www.hourimpact.org

- **Master Composter/Recycler Volunteer Training:** Notice distributed for information on opportunity to learn how to volunteer for this program. Training will be on Thursdays, 6-8:30 p.m. January 28 – April 14, 2016. Information and applications are available at www.columbiasprings.org/mcr or call 360.882.0936 ext. 224.

Vancouver School District levy presentation – Dr. Steve Webb

Dr. Webb presented a 3-minute video after a short introduction. He said one of the most impressive accomplishments they have made is their increased percentage of on-time graduations from 64% to 80%. He stated that high school graduates will earn more than \$350,000 more in their lifetimes than non-graduates.

The Vancouver levy has passed every year it has been taken to voters since 1964. That is 51 years of continuous support.

The levy is a Maintenance and Operations (M&O) levy and supports current level of educational programs and services. It is a replacement level and will not fund much needed capital facility improvements. There might be a capital facilities bond measure request coming to voters in 2017 to respond to facility needs at Truman, Peter S. Ogden, King elementary and other south-end schools.

If the M&O levy does not pass, \$45.2M out of a \$250M budget will be lost – impacting possibly 100 teachers and significant reductions in programs.

Dr. Webb presented a fact pamphlet that was handed out to everyone. He gave an explanation of the built-in inflationary amount. They are also increasing their Ending Fund Balance from 4% to be able to respond to emergent needs and unfunded mandates. The school district has grown about 1% annually over the past 3 years.

One of the challenges they face is a state mandate for class sizes in K-3 lowering from a ratio of 24 to 1 to 20-21 to 1. That number is even lower for poverty-impacted schools at 18-19 to 1. Currently, 15 out of 21 elementary schools meet 18-19 to 1 ratio.

Some more interesting facts:

- Number of languages spoken in Vancouver schools: More than 80!
- English is a second language for 12.5% of students
- 20% of the students have a language other than English as their main communication in their home
- 57% of the students receive free or reduced cost meals

For more information, see the website at www.vansd.org or call Dr. Weber at the school at 360-313-3000.

Clark County GIS presentation – Bob Pool

Bob went through a PowerPoint presentation on the history of the Clark County's GIS department:

- 1804 – Lewis & Clark Expedition
- 1849 – Donation Land Claims
- 1894 – Map of Clarke County created – copy in hearing room on 6th floor of PSC building
- 1990 – GIS replaced traditional mapping in Clark County
- 2015 – GIS moved to office of CIO (Chief Information Officer)

GIS is a regional resource with many partners. Their ultimate goal is to have one single one-stop shopping source of mapping information to provide users what we know about a specific location or area. School sub-districts, garbage collection days, Clark Public Utilities lighting districts, septic inspections and even when the streets were last swept are included in available information. Roads and addressing of new construction projects are entered within a week of recording the plats.

Bob then presented a Maps Online system demonstration. He walked the group through a parks display, demonstrating the tools that are available in the system, focusing on the “layers” feature. A key point that he showed us is the “i” button – when it is clicked/activated, that will be the active layer shown on the map that you are viewing.

Aerial photography is renewed every 2 years and the photos are archived to show development. A newer feature is that the archived historical aerial layers are now available in Maps Online in the menu at the top right hand side. Building footprints are now shown and “shadowed” on current property. The future aerials will show any new building footprints in red.

The Assessors Office takes the photos of the buildings on the properties and these are typically updated on a six year cycle.

A question regarding floating homes (since they don’t own the property beneath them, but are a residence that pays taxes) was asked. Bob showed that they are registered in the system (as are condos and secondary mobile homes and “granny flats”). They show up as multiple tax accounts that all have individual detailed information.

There are 20 people in the GIS department:

- 5 Land Records
- 6 Programmers
- 5 Map Creators
- 4 Coordinators/Specialists

There is a GIS Day in November and our GIS department does outreach presentations at the local schools.

The annually updated County Road Atlas is now available at the Map Store on the 2nd floor of the PSC building. Cost is \$22.

If you have further questions, you can contact Bob directly at bob.pool@clark.wa.gov or visit at the Map Store on the 2nd floor of the PSC building.

Roundtable/Announcements

- **Nominations for Clark County Employee of the Year are open.** Send email nominations to Doug at dougballou@comcast.net. The vote will occur next month at the February meeting. There is not yet a scheduled date for the State of the County when the award will be presented.
- **Councilors Boldt and Olson will be at our March NACCC meeting.** Doug encouraged outreach to all of the councilors with any questions or concerns. The March NACCC meeting will be on March 14.
- **Vancouver Neighborhood Alliance** is meeting at West Precinct on Wednesday night (01/13/2016).
- **NE Hazel Dell NA** meeting next week.
- **Bridget Schwarz:** For 2016 MLK day of service Kaiser Permanente will be at the free clinic for a whole day. This will be Wednesday 1/20 from 8:30-4:30 at the Free Clinic of SW WA. She urged all to share the information on social media to promote the services and maximize the day of service opportunity.
- **Judy Bumgarner-Enright:** There is a cell phone tower proposal near to homes in their area. She requested information regarding cell towers. Questions and discussion within the group on process, where they can be located, what they look like, and if the cities allow them. Information shared by PIO to ask County code questions of Gordy Euler 360.397.2280 ext. 4968; gordon.euler@clark.wa.gov or Terri Brooks at 360.397-2375 ext. 4885; terri.brooks@clark.wa.gov.
- **BOCC work session this Wednesday 1/13 on Comprehensive Plan at 9:00 a.m. There are a few more events coming up – Marilee will send out an update with the times/dates via email.**
 - **Comp Plan hearing with BOCC was rescheduled to February 16 at 10 a.m.**

- Art Stubbs gave a big thank you to all who helped with the Bud Van Cleve Christmas program at Sarah J. Anderson Elementary school in mid-December. It was very successful event with many volunteers and participants.
- Discussion on a bridge wash-out that was on private property in the La Center area. This is a private bridge leading to a HOA neighborhood. Questions on how they would be able to obtain assistance with the bridge restoration. With this being a private bridge on a private road, the property owners and HOA are responsible for maintenance and replacement. One of the neighborhood leaders referred them to Grayhawk, a large HOA that is well organized that may have information and resources for help with the path forward. Grayhawk's website with contact information is <http://greyhawkridgehoa.org/page12.html>.
- **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.

Meeting Adjourned.

Next meeting will be Feb. 8, 2016
 Clark County Public Service Center
 4700 NE 78th St., Vancouver, WA