

Neighborhood Associations Council of Clark County

Feb. 8, 2016

Meeting notes

Welcome and introductions: Doug Ballou, Chair

Guest Speakers: Scott Johnson, CRESA and Helen & Jay Elder/Janet Lui – CAMP – Villages Clark County

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	Commander KC Kasberg	CC Sheriff's Office, Central Precinct
Lynda Maguire	East Minnehaha/Roads End	Scott Johnson	CRESA
Bridget Schwarz	Fairgrounds	Ken Alexander	CRESA
Milada Allen	Felida		
Sam Kim	Greater Brush Prairie		
Larry & Cindy Knight	Greater Brush Prairie		
Roger Entrekin	Meadow Glade		
Dick Clairmont	NE Hazel Dell		
Julie Arenz	NE Hazel Dell		
Ed Frankel	Pleasant Highlands		
Stephan Abramson	Pleasant Valley		
Grunelle	Sherwood		
Judy Bumbarger-Enright	Sunnyside		
Dan Enright	NOW program		
Barb Cabe	Truman		
Ila Stanek	West Hazel Dell		
Barbara Anderson	Clark County Parks Advisory Board		
Jay & Helen Elders	CAMP Pacific NW		
Janet Lui	CAMP Pacific NW, Volunteer		

Announcements:

- **County Annual Report from the Acting County Manager:** Electronic copy was distributed via email to the neighborhood associations. Hard copies were brought to the meeting and made available for all those interested in picking up a paper copy of the report.
- **Port of Vancouver USA Tours:** A flyer with dates for eight upcoming public tours of the Port was distributed. Government-issued photo ID, such as a driver's license or passport, is required to attend. Please leave cameras at home; they are not allowed on marine terminals. Reservations are required and tours fill up quickly. People are encouraged to call the port at 360-693-3611 or email RSVP@portvanusa.com far in advance of their selected tour date. For more information about public tours at the Port of Vancouver USA, visit www.portvanusa.com/community/know-your-port.
2016 public tour dates:
Tuesday, April 19, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Wednesday, May 4, 5:30 to 7 p.m.
Saturday, May 21, 10 to 11:30 a.m.
Tuesday, June 7, 5:30 to 7 p.m.
Saturday, July 2, 10 to 11:30 a.m.
Tuesday, July 19, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Thursday, Aug. 18, 5:30 to 7 p.m.

- **hOur Impact Time Bank Presentations:** Doug re-distributed copies of a handout showing the remaining dates of presentations to learn more about how time banking works. The events are scheduled at local libraries. Dates and places below:
 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.
- **NE Hazel Dell Neighborhood Association newsletters** were available for anyone that wished to pick up a copy of their information.
- **Community Development Pre-app Reports:** Reminder that the reports are available via a link on the Neighborhood Outreach weekly update webpage. They are also sent directly to the neighborhood association presidents.
- **Neighborhoods USA (NUSA) Conference:** will be in Memphis, TN this year, the week of May 25. There may be an opportunity to send someone if budgeted, and there will be an application process. Bridget Schwarz was on the board of NUSA for 9 years. Julie has been to Little Rock, AR.

CRESA presentation – Scott Johnson

Presentation on the Clark County Hazard Mitigation Plan – What is it? And what is the neighborhood’s role in the plan?

There have been 7 presidential declarations of emergency since 1995. We have flooding, wind events, landslides in Clark County so we need to plan and mitigate the effects to lessen the effects of disaster.

Clark County has a plan that was written in 2004. This is important, because federal assistance grants go to those that have plans. An updated plan was started in Summer 2015 and should be complete in Fall 2016. CRESA is leading/facilitating the plan with 9 municipalities and 10 special purpose districts. A 15 member steering committee has met 6 times since August 2015. All of their meetings are open to the public. The next meeting is scheduled for February 17 at CRWWD from 10AM – noon.

Eight (8) Hazards of Concern Identified by the Steering Committee:

- Dam Failure
- Drought
- Earthquake
- Flood
- Landslide
- Severe Weather
- Volcano
- Wildfire

Risk Assessment maps are being prepared reviewing critical infrastructure.

Ways to reduce risks:

- Manipulate the hazard
- Reduce exposure
- Reduce vulnerability
- Increase capability

Natural disasters can become catastrophes if they aren't properly planned for.

Levels of the problem:

- Emergency
- Disaster
- Catastrophe

Annual progress report on meeting the objectives will be facilitated by CRESA to collaborate efforts between the cities.

Encourage sustainable action – builds strong resilient and self-sufficient communities.

After a disaster, the natural course of event is to make sure:

- YOU are okay
- YOUR FAMILY is okay
- YOUR NEIGHBORS are okay.

Establish eligibility for grant funds. \$\$

Public Involvement Strategy:

- Take the survey
- Visit the website
- Attend a Steering Committee meeting
- Attend public outreach events

Comments on the Draft Plan will be received between May and June this year.

Volume 1 of the plan: Overall County-wide plan

Volume 2 of the plan: Jurisdiction plans

There is a tool on the GIS website for hazard identification. You can type in your address and locate the Amplification # and Flooding Hazards for that property.

Funding and Assistance at higher levels:

- There must be an emergency declaration to qualify for Federal funds:
Process: First, Local/City declaration; next, County declaration; then State declaration; then Federal.
- After State declaration, State mutual aid and National Guard aid is available.
- Presidential/Federal declaration is required to be eligible for Federal assistance with costs and assistance with reimbursements.

Assessment of schools:

- Each jurisdiction is responsible within their school districts to assess earthquake resistance and safety.
- VSD did a study several years ago. Some of the buildings have been retrofitted and brought up to standards.

Skagit County HAM radio operators are a line of defense for communications. Every Tuesday AM, the county does a test at CRESA. There are regional tests every week and they are the first line of communication in event of emergency.

Milada Allen suggested that people might be interested in a tour of the CRESA EOC (Emergency Operations Center). There is also a CRESA open house on the second Saturday in September (with free hot dogs). Scott

invited all to contact him if they would like a tour prior to that time. If you would like to schedule a group tour, the maximum size of the group that can be scheduled at one time is 40 people.

Helen & Jay Elder/Janet Lui – CAMP – Villages Clark County

Helen and Jay Elder came to present Villages Clark County planning start-up.

What is Villages Clark County: A village is a group of like-minded boomers and senior in a geographic area who come together to figure out and develop the resources they will need to age comfortably in their own homes.

The purpose of villages is to enable people to age in place as well as they can for as long as they can for as little as they can. This is not a real estate development, it is a strategy to bring people together to help each other and work together in community.

Villages do this by providing the services and support people need to be able to age in place, but can no longer safely do themselves. Examples include: climbing on ladders to change a light bulb, doing yard work, driving at night, spring cleaning, simple home repairs, transportation to and assistance with grocery shopping. Rides and social activities are major components of villages.

Villages are started and run by members. The members decide what the village will be and do.

- Each village is about 5 square miles.
- Each planning group names their village and determines level of service.
- Each village needs to have an “office”.
- Dues would range from \$300 to \$700/year, costs determined by each individual village and based on the number of people and the scope of services.
- It takes about three years to get a village up and running.

Villages started in 2001 in Boston in the Beacon Hill area. Villages operates like a concierge service and facilitates five kinds of service:

- Social, cultural and wellness.
- Screened and trained volunteers.
- Connection to existing services.
- Referral to professional services.
- Referral to home health care.

Question as to whether this operates like a co-op? Answer was yes.

Question as to whether services could be pulled between neighborhoods and share resources between the neighborhoods. This would be determined by the rules set by each of the villages. Villages would be a separate entity from the Neighborhood Associations and boundaries for the villages would not have to be the same as the neighborhood boundaries.

Roundtable/Announcements

- **Barbara Anderson, Parks Advisory Board**, distributed a list of new members of the Parks Advisory Board. Brought up parks funding: Parks District 10. Concurrency dollars collected need to be expanded within 10 years. Parks District 6 will hit concurrency in 2016 as well. Those impact fee dollars must be expended on capital expenses by end of the year. The current Park Impact Fee (PIF) balances were distributed for review by the neighborhoods.
Surplus sale discussion of Legacy Lands/Open Space. Key property under review right now is Paradise Point. Staff recommendation not to sell property. Letters were sent in requesting to retain the property. Barbara is

asking for assistance in advocacy and asking all to take a look and add your voice if you agree that the County should retain this property and use for parks/trails as initially intended. If the land is sold, it must be replaced by “like” lands in another area, but this property was planned to be added to the Paradise Point parklands and developed as a trailhead. Milada Allen added that we all need to stand up to preserve these lands for future generations. Felida fought for Cougar Creek and you can make a difference for your communities. The floor was opened to accept a motion for NACCC to write a letter in support of retaining these Legacy Lands and sending to the County Councilors with copy to Legacy Lands program director, Pat Lee. Art Stubbs made a motion and Neil Chambers seconded. Unanimous vote to proceed with a letter. Doug Ballou will draft a letter after receiving supporting data from Barbara Anderson.

- **Roundtable question:** When did Fish First last visit and present at NACCC?
- **Sam Kim introduced new president of Greater Brush Prairie NA:** Larry Knight and his wife, Cindy. Welcome!
- **Alex Schoening, CCSO: Tour of CRESA is included in the Citizen’s Academy that will start on March 2nd run for 12 Wednesdays.** Meeting time is from 6:30-9:30 p.m. and they will meet at the West Precinct and various locations for tours. Included will be a tour of the Jail, Evidence, K9 and SWAT teams, and firing range. There are 30 slots and 22 are currently filled. Sign up with Val.
- **Thanks to Dan Enright!!** First class of 19 NOW graduates wraps up in a few weeks. This will more than double the current NOW roster of participants.
- **CCSO is implementing mid-and high-school Run-Hide-Fight training program.** This will train students specifically what to do in case of an event. Extensive training on how to safely exit, barricade or fight if they have to. There is a run-hide-fight 5-minute video on youtube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5VcSwejU2D0> if anyone would like to review the principles that are being taught. The parents are being invited to attend along with the kids.
- **STATE OF THE COUNTY date is on hold for now.** There won’t be a vote on choosing employee of the year this evening because there isn’t a set date for the event yet. Please continue to nominate and send the nominations to Doug. We will talk again at the March meeting when we have more information.
- **Council Chair Boldt 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. Julie Olson will join us for the April meeting on April 11.
- **BOCC work sessions and hearings continuing on the Comprehensive Plan. Please check the BOCC grid at <https://www.clark.wa.gov/the-grid> or the Comprehensive Plan update page at <https://www.clark.wa.gov/community-planning/meeting-information>**
- **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 Mar. 14, 2016
Clark County Public Service Center
4700 NE 78th St., Vancouver, WA