

Neighborhood Associations Council of Clark County
May 9, 2016
Meeting notes

Welcome and introductions: Doug Ballou, Chair

Guest speakers: Dean Boening, DES Clean Water Division; Jeremy Burnett, Marie LaManna and David McDevitt, Clean Water Commission; Mark Watson, DOGPAW

Attendance:

Neighborhoods:		County Staff and Guests:	
Doug Ballou	NACCC, NE Hazel Dell	Barbara Anderson	Parks Advisory Board
Art Stubbs	NACCC, Green Meadows	Sean Boyle	CCSO K-9 Unit
Neil Chambers	Andresen/St. Johns	Scott Clemans	PIO
Lynda Maguire	East Minnehaha/Roads End	Mark Watson	DOGPAW
Bridget Schwarz	Fairgrounds	Dean Boening	DES
Milada Allen	Felida	Jeremy Burnett	Clean Water Comm.
Christie BrownSilva	Heritage/Sifton	Marie LaManna	Clean Water Comm.
Roger Entrekin	Meadow Glade	David McDevitt	Clean Water Comm.
Judy Bumbarger-Enright	Sunnyside		
Barbara Cabe	Truman		

Storm water presentation – Dean Boening, Clean Water Division/Commission Members:

Clark County must adhere to federally-mandated storm water permit conditions. We will be promoting low-impact development, where feasible, on future development activities.

The Clean Water Division needs help with the necessary outreach activities to reach more people and improve understanding of Low Impact Development (LID) features available, and their respective maintenance. We want to identify and reach out to organizations (e.g., HOAs, realtors) that need this information.

The Clean Water Commission is composed of 9 members serving rotating 3-year terms. We meet the first Wednesday of every other month. Our next meeting is July.

We are particularly concerned about runoff from impervious surfaces, which has increased due to development. Excessive runoff leads to erosion and carries pollution into streams and rivers. Improved management of runoff can protect wildlife habitat, recreation and other quality of life factors.

We offer a variety of educational programs and messages. Visit <http://tinyurl.com/CleanWaterPrograms>

Clark County has implemented its recently approved storm water manual and code in 2016 to help incentivize low-impact development features, including:

- Native vegetation
- Pervious driveways and roads
- Downspout diversion
- Bio-retention features
- More natural storm water facilities (e.g., rain gardens)



The goal is to more closely mimic the natural environment. A LID demonstration area will soon be under construction at Heritage Farm this summer. This project will be complete in early fall, when demonstrations will be made available to the public.

A variety of LID techniques are explained in detail at <http://www.stormwaterpartners.com/LID/Techniques/index.html>

Clark County is fortunate to have several local businesses that offer these types of products and services.

Suggestions: Members of the group suggested several venues/organizations at/to which DES could conduct outreach.

Question: Why/how do City of Vancouver regulations differ?

Answer: Much of it has to do with our storm water permit; we have incentives they don't.

Suggestions: DES and PIO should develop short articles on LID features and bio swale code and maintenance and for homeowner and neighborhood association newsletters.

Officer/K-9 Memorial Park Presentation – Mark Watson, DOGPAW:

DOGPAW is an all-volunteer non-profit organization. We run five off-leash dog parks in Clark County, each named for a fallen police dog.

Clark County Sheriff's Deputy Rick Osborne originally approached us about creating a memorial for police dog Kane after he was killed in the line of duty. Over time, the scope of the project increased, and we're now a statewide project honoring all fallen law enforcement dogs and officers.

Features of the proposed memorial include:

- A 20-foot high cauldron with eternal flame and cascading water
- Life-sized statues of each fallen dog in a variety of media
- A wall with names of fallen officers
- An outdoor touch-screen kiosk with information about each dog and officer

The memorial will be located on .25 acre on the Heritage Farm site.

DOGPAW is raising money for the design, construction and maintenance of the memorial. We're estimating our total financial need at \$2.3 million.

Suggestion: DOGPAW and PIO should develop a short article on this topic for neighborhood association newsletters.

Questions: Many questions to the CCSO staff attending about K-9 operations, and current staffing levels, issues and potential solutions.

Announcements/Roundtable:

Candidate Forums: Bridget said Fairgrounds Neighborhood Association is planning to contact candidates after signups conclude to schedule candidate forums for those advancing to the general election, and asked if other neighborhood associations and/or NACCC wanted to collaborate to host these forums. The group discussed number of events, number of candidates per event, potential attendance and venues, etc. *A motion was made, seconded and passed for NACCC to plan and conduct these forums collectively.*

Railroad Advisory Board: Neil reported that the board's coordinator has left, and Port of Vancouver CEO and board chair Todd Coleman is also leaving. There has been discussion of the port acquiring the railroad from the county; Neil is drafting a letter of support for this action to the county, and will circulate it to the group.

County Employee Awards: Doug said NACCC has awards to present to two county employees, but in the absence of a State of the County event, there is no obvious event/venue for presenting them. The group asked PIO Scott Clemans to check for the date of the next county employee recognition event. If that is not feasible, NACCC may ask for the award presentations to be placed on the agenda of an upcoming County Council meeting, or perhaps present the awards to the employees at an upcoming NACCC meeting.

Neighborhoods, USA Conference: Christie suggested that PIO develop a news release and/or other publicity about East Minnehaha Neighborhood Association leaders going to the NUSA conference, and their newsletter being nominated for the Neighborhood Newsletter Competition.

Upcoming Events:

May 20: Truman Bike Safety Fun Fair

May 21: Hazel Dell Parade of Bands

May 21-22: Dozer Days at Clark County Fairgrounds

June 4: Clark County Fire District 6 Open House

Next meeting:

June 13, 2016

Old Spaghetti Factory

730 SE 160th Avenue, Vancouver

Dinner at 6 p.m.; each attendee can order/pay individually

Lynda, Sue and Scott share lessons learned from the NUSA conference starting at 7 p.m.