

## Neighborhood Associations Council of Clark County

Oct. 10, 2016

### Meeting notes

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

**Guest Speakers:** Parks funding: Parks Impact Fees (PIF) and Bonneville Power Administration update.

### In attendance:

Neighborhoods:		County Staff and Guests:	
Doug Ballou	NACCC, NE Hazel Dell	Marilee McCall	PIO
Art Stubbs	NACCC, Green Meadows	Jeff Mize	PW
Neil Chambers	Andresen/St. John	Bill Bjerke	PW
Lynda Maguire	E. Minnehaha/Roads End	Laurie Lebowsky	Community Planning
Sue Lintz	E. Minnehaha/Roads End	Brandon Kint	Bonneville Power Administration
Christy Finnie	Enterprise/Paradise Point	Maryam Asgharian	Bonneville Power Administration
Dennis Johnson	Fairgrounds		
Milada Allen	Felida		
Rebecca Lillie	Felida		
Roger Entrekin	Meadowglade		
Dick Clairmont	NE Hazel Dell		
Christie Brown-Silva	Heritage/Sifton		
Stephan Abramson	Pleasant Highlands		
Judy Bumbarger-Enright	Sunnyside		
Dan Enright	Sunnyside		
Barb Cabe	Truman		
Candy Plaster	Truman		
Barbara Anderson	Parks Advisory Board		

### Announcements/Roundtable:

- **Welcome from Doug Ballou:** Doug opened the meeting and there were introductions around the table.
- **Newsletter update:** Marilee has received 10 responses on the Doodle poll. Scheduling is going well so far in being able to get a relatively quick turnaround on the newsletters.
- **Candidate forums:** Upcoming on 10/12, 10/13, and 10/20. Councilors and US Reps were last week at Camas. Bridget is in need of timekeeper for the events.
- **Make a Difference Day** – Saturday, October 22. Volunteer opportunities available:
  - Clark County Parks – litter hero – at Luke Jensen Sports Park 9am-12pm
  - Friends of the Carpenter – auction helpers – 4 hour shifts available between 10am to 10pm - call John Ryan 360.750.4752
  - NatureScaping of SW WA – general garden helpers – 10am – 1pm or 1pm – 4pm - call Marlene Dellsy 360.737-1160
  - City of Vancouver – various assignments/shifts 9am-12pm – call Hailey Heath 360.487.8316
- **Outdated Medication Drop off/Disposal on October 22:** 10am – 2pm at three locations - PeaceHealth Memorial Health Center, 33<sup>rd</sup> & Main; Kaiser Permanente Cascade Park, 12607 SE Mill Plain Blvd.; and Battle Ground Police Department, 507 SW 1<sup>st</sup> St.
- **Community Mediation classes are coming up** – starting on October 14. Part I: Communication and Conflict Management, October 14-15. Part II: Professional Mediation Skills: October 28-30. There are a few spaces available for FREE training to neighborhood leaders. Need to call Marilee by the end of the day tomorrow if you'd like to sign up for this great training.

- **Vancouver Annexation Information:**
  - BOCC work session for 10/5 was canceled. Next meeting will be a Vancouver City Council work session on Monday, November 28 at 5 p.m. at City Hall.
  - County neighborhood “what’s new” page has been updated with latest information and link to the city’s pages for ease of locating the information.
  - There is also a sign up for email notification on the City’s website. Is there interest in starting a County list for county notifications?
- **Information available in handouts from Clark College about the adult education programs and new opportunities.** Tyler Bieber, Student Recruitment Specialist is the contact person if you have any questions about the programs. He can be reached at the Clark College Welcome Center, Gaiser Hall 127C. Phone: 360.992.2560. Email: [tbieber@clark.edu](mailto:tbieber@clark.edu).

### Discussion on Elections/Nominations

Last meeting, Doug mentioned stepping down from NACCC and that he was seeking volunteers for Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary/Treasurer. He opened up the floor for nominations this evening.

Barb wanted to confirm that Doug will remain active in NACCC so that we don’t lose leadership guidance. Doug confirmed that he will remain active and help with mentorship. The Action Plan for the group will be developed over the next few months and it’s an opportunity to move forward.

Chair nominations:

- Milada Allen, Felida
- Christy BrownSilva, Heritage/Sifton

Vice Chair nominations:

- Stephan Abramson, Pleasant Highlands
- Becky Lilly, Felida
- Lynda Maguire, East Minnehaha

Secretary/Treasurer nomination:

- Sue Lintz, East Minnehaha

The November meeting will have elections – each nominee will have 5 minutes to speak.

### Parks Presentation

Background: Clark and Vancouver split in 2014. Master Plan for Clark was adopted 2015 and the plan includes a Capital Facilities Plan (CFP). The County Comprehensive Plan adopted this year includes the Parks plan. They are working on identifying funding for Parks.

Cost of six-year CFP: \$52,300,000 in the urban area. Park Impact Fee revenue: \$12,120,847. Estimated public share component: \$40,179,153.

Primary sources of funding are:

- General Fund – supports all rural unincorporated parks in Clark County. 13 regional parks totaling 2,242 acres and 22 campus landscapes totaling 187 acres.
- Metropolitan Parks District (MPD) Levy Fund – supports all urban unincorporated parks. 49 neighborhood and community parks plus 15 urban open spaces totaling 1,084 acres.

The City of Vancouver does not pay into either of these funds. Exception: Metro district annexed into city will have to continue to pay into fund, but County will develop those parks and maintain them. Kelly Meadows is one of these parks.

The General Fund parks are the 13 regional rural parks. If we do nothing on the Metropolitan Parks District, it will go negative in 2025. There were 6 options presented to the BOCC to remedy this situation.

1. Raise the MPD levy rate from the current 22 cents per thousand valuation to the maximum allowable rate of 27 cents per thousand valuation. (\$681,800 additional revenue per year)
2. Add community park shelters to the reservation list, increase existing shelter and special use reservations, or increase sports field rental rates.
3. Re-establish parking fees.
4. Move general fund parks out of MPD to provide \$1,465,000 in relief to the MPD balance.
5. Appropriate the use of Real Estate Excise Taxes (REET) funds for capital repairs/major maintenance of MPD parks. REET taxes are collected when real estate is sold.
6. Reduce maintenance service standards to reduce expenses.

The Parks Advisory Board has recommended raising the Parks Impact Fees (PIFs) in tiers: 2017 – 2018 – 2019. (See slides presentation.) PIF revenues can only be used to buy and develop properties, they cannot be used for parks maintenance. Only residential construction pays PIFs, commercial and industrial do not.

Note: Parks level of service for acquisition and development: Six acres per 1,000 people was adopted by the county as standard. This is only 60% of the national standard.

Next steps: Budget hearings coming up. More information will be available as the budget numbers are presented and reviewed.

For more information regarding parks: [www.clark.wa.gov/public-works/clark-county-parks](http://www.clark.wa.gov/public-works/clark-county-parks)

To contact your county councilors: <https://www.clark.wa.gov/councilors>

### **Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) Presentation/Update**

Brandon Kint and Maryam Asgharian presented an introduction and overview. Maps/footprint of dams were presented.

Hydro power is a major power source, although there is wind power east of the mountains.

BPA has about 1,000-1,200 employees in Clark County.

BPA is exploring options to address congestion. One option is a new transmission line between Castle Rock, WA and Troutdale, OR. Towers would go from 80 feet up to 150 feet for the power upgrade between CR and Troutdale. Proposal is above-ground for a number of reasons. Central alternative is still the preferred alternative at this time. Other options include using non-wire tools like demand response or peak reduction to manage the use. All options have financial and reliability options.

BPA received over 3,000 comments on the EIS and they recognize that the process is slow and frustrating. They started with more than 16 alternatives and are down to 4 primary alternatives with amendments, as well as a no-build action alternative. The EIS webpage with more information can be found here:

<https://www.bpa.gov/Projects/Projects/I-5/Pages/Getting-Involved.aspx>

Ross Maintenance HQ Construction: BPA broke ground for the new facility this summer. Construction scheduled to be complete by summer of 2017. Work on the project will periodically impact traffic on Minnehaha Street for the next two months; there will be lane closures at times. Notices have been mailed and there have been notices posted in the Columbian. There will be some minor traffic impacts in the NE Hazel Dell area. If you would like to receive email updates, you can go to the comment page and enter your information to sign up for updates: <https://www.bpa.gov/Projects/Projects/I-5/Pages/Contact-Us-ei.aspx>

BPA participated in Cascadia and Quake Up events to review and prepare considerations in the event of emergencies.

## NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDTABLE

Sunnyside NA now has a FB page, "Sunnyside, WA". It has just started up and they will build more information. Judy noted that Karen Llewellyn had thanked their group of 6-8 volunteers that assist with the Orchards Highland park clean-up on a regular basis.

Felida – Milada said to stay tuned, there's a lot of activity coming up in the next year.

East Minnehaha/Roads End & Andresen/St. John: Joint meeting scheduled for Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Walnut Grove church. Topic is aging and respecting choices; parks will report also. There are ongoing concerns regarding annexation but no new information until the city has their work session at the end of November.

Fairgrounds – Dennis reported on the Discovery Corridor conversation between stakeholders that was held recently at the county's fairgrounds convention center. The corridor is about a 10 mile stretch along I-5 starting at Salmon Creek and stretching north to La Center. This was the first meeting. Hoping for a coalition to get more infrastructure built. Julie Olson was present to represent council. There are some questions on who should be present at future discussions: county leadership and past planning staff? There were about 100-150 in attendance for the first meeting.

Truman – Barb reported on a situation that has been ongoing for a little over a month regarding a neighborhood resident. Thanks given to Marilee and Holley for above and beyond assistance with a situation of "vigilante watch" proposal from one of the neighbors. It appears to be resolved in Truman, but the resident is approaching another city of Vancouver neighborhood now. Judi Bailey in the neighborhoods office has been alerted.

Sifton/Heritage – Christie is connecting with Evergreen schools. NACCC/Art will attend. Working on a partnership between neighborhoods and schools.

Clark County PW – Jeff Mize reported that most of the road work is complete for the season. Regarding the two parks that are underway: Sorenson is almost done, Tower Crest is getting close. Cedar Creek bridge will be complete in December.

The Dakota off-leash park will be closed October 22-23 for fiber optic line installation. Signs are posted and a news release will be going out. Planning posting on website and NextDoor for broad notification, as this park is one of the most heavily used.

Meeting Adjourned.

**Next meeting will be Nov. 14, 2016 - Clark County Public Service Center - 4700 NE 78<sup>th</sup> St., Vancouver, WA**