

## Neighborhood Associations Council of Clark County

Apr. 11, 2016

Meeting notes

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

**Guest Speakers:** Jay Kellison, Springstone, Inc. and Julie Olson, Clark County Councilor

**In attendance:**

Neighborhoods:		County Staff and Guests:	
Doug Ballou	NACCC, NE Hazel Dell	Marilee McCall	Clark County PIO
Art Stubbs	NACCC, Green Meadows	Jeff Mize	Clark County PW
Neil Chambers	Andresen/St. Johns	Erin Nolan	CC Sheriff's Office, Central Precinct
Sandra Bennett	East Fork/Frontier	Julie Rawls	Port of Vancouver
Lynda Maguire	East Minnehaha/Roads End	Jay Kellison	Springstone, Inc.
Sue Lintz	East Minnehaha/Roads End	Curt Stonex	Olson Engineering
Susan Gilbert	Enterprise/Paradise Point	Julie Olson	County Councilor
Bridget Schwarz	Fairgrounds		
Milada Allen	Felida		
Roger Entrekin	Meadow Glade		
Dick Clairmont	NE Hazel Dell		
Ann Foster	North Salmon Creek		
Ed Frankel	Pleasant Highlands		
Stephan Abramson	Pleasant Valley		
Judy Bumbarger-Enright	Sunnyside		
Dan Enright	NOW program		
Barb Cabe	Truman		
Ila Stanek	West Hazel Dell		

### **Announcements/Roundtable:**

- **Welcome from Doug Ballou:** Introductions around the table.
- **Change in Agenda:** Clean Water presentation next month along with DOGPAW-K9 memorial.
- **NUSA:** Three people going to NUSA in Memphis, TN. Scott Clemans, Lynda Maguire, and Sue Lintz to report back at the June 13 meeting, site to be determined. This will be a more informal dinner meeting with a roundtable from all of the neighborhoods.  
NUSA membership and affiliate participation discussed. More to report at the next meeting with the new coordinator.  
Art commented that there is great city support for neighborhood leader attendees.
- **Lechner Landfill Open House:** 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, April 26, at the Vancouver Church of Christ, 9019 N.E. 86th St.
- **Transportation Improvement Program.** Plan available for comment at website:  
<https://www.clark.wa.gov/public-works/transportation-improvement-program>

### **Rainier Springs Hospital Presentation:**

Jay Kellison from Springstone, Inc. and Curt Stonex from Olson Engineering introduced to present information.

Certificate of Need for a 72-bed psychiatric hospital has been issued. Location is 134<sup>th</sup> Street exit off 205. Go left and is at the dead end behind the Chevron station. The certificate of need comes with the location and is limited to 28 beds per 100,000 residents. Hearing Examiner on Thursday to obtain Conditional Use Permit (CUP).

A neighborhood meeting has already been held and there is some opposition from Goddard School.

\$27M to build the facility. It will employ about 150 people: doctors, housekeepers, nurses, administration, pharmacists, etc. There will be some locked and secured areas for the hospital.

Currently, there are 500 psychiatric hospitals in the USA. In Washington, there is only one free-standing hospital in Kirkland.

Statistics from ERs at Legacy and SW, surveyed to find out what the hospitals had to say. Community providers have said that there is a definite need.

The new hospital will take referrals and walk-ins. Three 24-bed units will open, one at a time. There will be a "slow opening" to assure quality of care. They will deal with some addiction problems but underlying issue must be mental illness as the primary need for care.

Site specific issues: Some issues with drainage, but only need half of the available property, so this should not be an issue. There is plenty of parking available on the site plan.

Care will be paid for by health plans, Medicare, Medicaid, and funded by various insurances. Care will not be free to patients, although there will be a few zero-cost patients.

Typical stay will be 5-7 days. The patients will be there for short-term acute care. Long-term care will be assessed and a discharge plan made for residential treatment. Some patients will be referred to outpatient treatment as well as long-term care.

There are no plans for enlarging the facility at this time, and haven't thought about any additions at that time. This facility is planned to accommodate the number of patients estimated in the next 5-7 years.

Springstone, Inc. is a company that is 5 years old and has built a few facilities every year they have been in business.

### **Meet the Council! Introducing Julie Olson**

Julie Olson was introduced to the group by Doug Ballou.

Julie Olson: Tomorrow there is a hearing for Budget Spring Supplemental through 15-16 biennium. They have approved a different funding mechanism for the Sheriff's department. There is budget capacity to hire, but it is hard to fill positions; there is a lot of competition for candidates. The BOCC has authorized overhire of 8 plus 3 more. The salary and expenses will be rolled into next budget. The new process is allowing a stable long-term consistent funding for the hiring process.

Erin Nolan, Sheriff's office, stated all the organizations are competing for a very limited pool of candidates. Vancouver wants 42 new officers in the next year. Rate of pay is higher in King County area. Fewer younger people are choosing law enforcement as a career. The academy slots are also in high demand. There is also a large percentage – 50% - that could retire at any time. Thirteen (13) people retired last year.

Budget update from Julie: 2017-2018 Biennium is starting up. They are checking efficiencies first, so working on a new process of a modified baseline budget. Departments are listing their programs to be reviewed and assessed.

Concern from Lynda Maguire regarding annexations: \$1.5M sales tax revenue and also loss of \$1M Clean Water program and loss of property taxes.

Records system: Vancouver and Clark. Ideally, new Clark jail records system to integrate with other records system. Vancouver is set on their own system.

Art Stubbs concerns: \$25M reserves? \$23M is minimum reserves. They must intervene to save those funds. \$10M is borrowed and \$6M is tax reserves. This equates to approximately 52-62 days of coverage. Clean Water just raised fees to pay for DES.

2017-2018 will be challenging but good news, we'll not be looking at \$5-\$6M Oracle system. Found a third party that will assist in integration for ½ price of current \$400,000 cost – down to \$200,000.

Dan Enright: Annexation questions, impact to neighborhoods. Urbanization will have budget impacts. Need a long-range plan for the impact to county funding. He would like to see a longer term plan going all the way out to 2022 regarding funds and services.

Julie Olson: Comp Plan and Capital Facilities Plan (CFP) – we need to show that we can pay for the infrastructure related to the growth. UGB: awareness that Vancouver will annex across those lines.

Erin Nolan: Van Mall annexation – transition agreements will be coming. There are transition agreements built into all of the transfers. If done well and correctly there are some opportunities.

Art Stubbs: How do you like the job?

Julie Olson: Enjoying questions and learnings. There are so many things that the County does.

Lynda Maguire: The councilor position is considered to be a part-time now. Do you feel it's a part-time job?

Julie Olson: Still transitioning. Current assignments are for 13 boards and commissions. There is a lot to do, but it's very intellectually stimulating. Just reviewed the Rural Industrial Land Bank (RILB) proposal. The process and product was very well done.

Bridget Schwarz: Can you update us on the Comp Plan process?

Julie Olson: Joint PC/BOCC meeting coming up in the next few weeks. Just received four new chapters of the Comp Plan. Community Planning is working non-stop to hit deadlines. They are finishing up on the Capital Facilities Financial Plan (CFFP), which is the document that details how we are paying for the CFP. We are statutorily obligated by the state to show that we can pay for the growth that we propose in the Comp Plan.

Judy Bumbarger-Enright asked if there would be any review of the impact fees.

Julie Olson: Reviewing fee waivers – delayed worksession for a few weeks and will dig into the data to determine if we leave it the same or change it. There are questions as to why the residential costs were raised to pay for commercial development. We are collecting the information and getting clear data to review. Haven't really ground-truthed the applications data.

Ila Stanek: The Hwy 99 overlay plan looks great and very pleased with the new development that is happening.

Julie Olson: Developers are asking: are the standards too high on the Hwy 99 plan?

Ila Stanek: Need pedestrian revitalization and reclaim easement. They do not want BRT on Hwy 99 down the center of the highway.

Erin Nolan: Highest pedestrian fatalities are at 63<sup>rd</sup> and 99<sup>th</sup> Street on Hwy 99. There are large portions of land in that area that need to be revitalized.

Ila Stanek: Team 99 is willing to meet with developers.

Dick Clairmont: has been going to pre-app meetings and not having any complaints over design standards. About 500 apartment units are going in.

Erin Nolan: Hwy 99 constructed of 6' to 10' deep concrete, so there are issues in trying to move and bury the telephone and power lines.

Ila Stanek: Very exciting, the improvements that are happening on Hwy 99. More green and more pedestrian friendly.

Doug Ballou: Historic buildings and some places getting historic signage.

Milada Allen: Asked what has happened to Three Creeks Planning Area. Ila responded that it was disbanded after Mielke came on the council. Julie Olson asked if there was interest in reviving the Three Creeks group.

Art Stubbs: Kudos given to staff in getting planning information and also for the work of the planning commission. He is optimistic that things are getting better. Ila commented that the 5-member board is so much better.

Julie Olson commented that the community and county has so many great things going on and she is thankful for so much expertise to tap into.

Cowlitz Casino project: Case has been heard in DC, ruling to be issued later this summer. Julie's personal view: we need to be at the table for discussion and the county needs to be part of the process. County is waiting for the ruling. She is aware of concerns about injection sewer, some are against La Center sewer line extension. There is a piece of road abutting La Center that is related to the interchange. Julie will challenge this – it's a regional project and in her opinion it doesn't make sense to block the road permit from La Center.

Milada Allen asked if there were more interagency agreements in the works: road and infrastructure, EMS, Police. Erin Nolan answered for the Sheriff: they have agreed to a payment in lieu but county pulled out of that agreement. Issues with ability to arrest tribal members, they are required to call the FBI after stabilization of situation. As far as they're aware, the casino doesn't intend to have their own police force.

Julie Olson stated that the 179<sup>th</sup> Street interchange is a big upcoming project.

Art Stubbs asked about an East Side precinct replacement. Julie said that time and lack of money are preventing moving ahead with that project. Jail expansion is probably a higher priority. Art commented that at the budget hearing he heard a lot about "waste in government" but he did not believe there was much "waste" available to cut. Julie stated that she has talked to most of the department heads. There are performance measures in almost all departments. Public Works and Community Development are using LEAN processes. They are continually asking "How can we do more with less so we can do more?"

Big thanks from all of the neighborhood association leaders for Julie's service! Julie said to invite her back whenever – she is happy to be here!

HAZEL DELL PARADE: Erin Nolan reminded everyone of the Hazel Dell parade coming up on May 21. There are some changes. Disband area will be different this year. Need to check in re: 78<sup>th</sup> and 99 parking complex, it will NOT be a functional parking area this year. You will not be able to stop there this year so that traffic can keep moving. East side of parking will be stacked with horse trailers. If you have walkers, when turning onto 78<sup>th</sup> St., can walk or ride to parade float but no parking in disband area. You be stuck there if you do. 78<sup>th</sup> & Hwy 99, the exchange-access will be COMPLETELY BLOCKED and barricaded. There was a request for maps for the neighborhood page.

- **Reminder of dates for 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](mailto: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](http://www.portvanusa.com/community/know-your-port).  
2016 public tour dates for the Port of Vancouver:  
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.

Meeting Adjourned.

Next meeting will be May 9, 2016  
Clark County Public Service Center  
4700 NE 78<sup>th</sup> St., Vancouver, WA