

**Neighborhood Associations Council of Clark County
July 11, 2016
Meeting notes**

Welcome and introductions: Doug Ballou - Chair

Guest speakers: Teresa Brum, Bryan Monroe and Judi Bailey - City of Vancouver annexation team

Attendance:

Neighborhoods:		County Staff and Guests:	
Doug Ballou	NACCC, NE Hazel Dell	Marc Boldt	Council Chair
Art Stubbs	NACCC, Green Meadows	Julie Olson	Councilor District 2
Neil Chambers	Andresen/St. Johns	Mark McCauley	County Manager
Lynda Maguire	East Minnehaha/Roads End	Heath Henderson	Public Works
Sue Lintz	East Minnehaha/Roads End	Jeff Mize	Public Works
Christy Finnie	Enterprise/Paradise Point	Percy Flora	Public Works
Bridget Schwarz	Fairgrounds	Bill Bjerke	Parks
Milada Allen	Felida	Pat Lee	Legacy Lands
AJ Sallee	Felida	Oliver Orjiako	Community Planning
Jamie Allen	Felida	Holley Gilbert	PIO
Terry Allen	Felida	Scott Clemans	PIO
Christie BrownSilva	Heritage/Sifton	Barbara Anderson	Parks Advisory Board
Terry Smith	Meadow Glade	Julie Rawls	Port of Vancouver
Stephan Abramson	Pleasant Highlands	Connie Moore	
Ed Frankel	Pleasant Highlands		
Judy Bumbarger-Enright	Sunnyside	And many more	unsigned ...
Dan Enright	Sunnyside		
Candy Plaster	Truman		
Ila Stanek	West Hazel Dell		

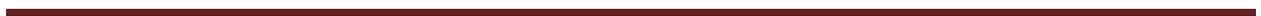
County Employees of the Year Awards:

The council presented its annual awards to Director of Community Planning Oliver Orjiako, and Legacy Lands Program Manager Pat Lee.

City of Vancouver Annexation:

Teresa Brum provided an overview of the concept of annexation, stating that the ultimate goal is providing the best service to citizens.

Bryan Monroe provided background on the state, county and city laws and policies that provide guidance for annexation.



Q1: Is the city revisiting the Annexation Blueprint?

A1: City council direction for 2016 is to define annexation areas, develop criteria for evaluating current and future service needs, and then revisit the blueprint. The council's direction regarding defining areas was to start where annexation efforts last left off – with the Vancouver Mall North area.

Judi Bailey provided an overview of the city's outreach efforts to date. They have developed a comprehensive website at <http://www.cityofvancouver.us/ced/page/annexation>, held meetings with potentially affected neighborhoods' leaders, and scheduled an open house for late August.

Q2: Why are the proposed Vancouver Mall North boundaries so skewed?

A2: The city needs to include Costco and Home Depot to increase revenue to cover the cost of service to the larger area.

Q3: Are Costco and Home Depot in favor of annexation?

A3: They're already receiving city services, so have accepted eventual annexation by covenant.

Q4: Reduction in county revenue will affect the level of service they provide to unincorporated areas.

A4: The city's and county's budget teams are meeting regularly to assess potential impacts. Generally, it is expected that reduced need for county services will compensate for loss of revenue.

Q5: Will the city be able to ramp up law enforcement and road maintenance to meet expectations?

A5: Those subjects are included in our ongoing evaluation of current and future service needs.

Q6: What about maintenance of parks?

A6: Most in the annexation area are already under city control. The taxation mechanism may change, but the taxing district itself for those parks won't.

Q7: Is it the city's job or in its best interest to grow?

A7: It's the city's job to grow according to state, county and city laws and plans. It's in our best interest to do so when we can provide better service to citizens.

Q8: If this annexation is going to happen – period – why are you doing all this outreach to sell it?

A8: We want to make citizens aware of the benefits and costs of being a city resident.

Q9: What will the city do with existing county neighborhood associations that are annexed?

A9: We will work with each association 1-on-1 to identify what makes the most sense.

Q10: What are some of the differences between the city neighborhood ordinance and the county guidelines?

A10: The ordinance lays out the relationship and some expectations between the neighborhoods and city.

Judi Bailey provided an overview of some of the benefits of the city's neighborhoods program. They are listed at <http://www.cityofvancouver.us/cmo/page/office-neighborhoods>.

Q11: How does the size of city neighborhoods compare to those of the county?

A11: We don't dictate size. Neighborhoods range from a few hundred to many thousands of homes.

Q12: What are neighborhood action plans?

A12: They are long-range plans written by the neighborhood to prioritize improvements. It's a 6-12 month process that includes city staff and council review. As with all such plans, the best ones focus on improvements the neighborhood can make itself.

Q13: What annexation method is being used?

A13: Direct petition.

Q14: Explain utility covenants.

A14: When you accept utility services from the city, you agree to not oppose eventual annexation.

Q15: Aren't such covenants time-based?

A15: The original developer usually covenants the entire development. Subsequent homeowners are bound to it. Homes built prior to these covenants are not bound; however, a large majority of the area currently being studied has agreed by covenant to annexation.

Q16: What about other neighborhoods? When will they be annexed?

A16: One annexation at a time, please.

Q17: Will you be able to provide the infrastructure required by law in the time frame required by law?

A17: That's what our assessment of current and future service needs will help answer.

Announcements:

Bill Bjerke reminded everyone of the PAB Picnic in the Park – July 23 at 12 noon at Salmon Creek/Klineline Regional Park. Please RSVP via EventBrite.

Julie Rawls announced there are still a few vacancies for Port of Vancouver tours in August.

Sue Lintz recommended subscribing to the City of Vancouver's Neighborhoods Weekly Update:
<https://app.e2ma.net/app2/audience/signup/1757657/1731530.19772362/>

Next meeting:

August 8, 2016, 7 p.m.

Clark County Public Works Operations Center Conference Room

4700 NE 78th St., Vancouver

Agenda TBD