

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS COUNCIL OF CLARK COUNTY

May 8, 2017

Meeting notes

In attendance:

Neighborhoods:			Neighborhoods		
X	Christie BrownSilva	NACCC/Sifton/Heritage		Vicki Fitzsimmons	Sherwood Hills
X	Stephan Abramson	NACCC/Pleasant Highlands		Judy Bumbarger-Enright	Sunnyside
	Sue Lintz	NACCC/E. Minnehaha		Dan Enright	Sunnyside/NOW
X	Neil Chambers	Andresen/St. Johns	X	Barb Cabe	Truman
	Bob Butler	E. Minnehaha/Roads End	X	Cherryl Burkey	Truman
	Lynda Maguire	E. Minnehaha/RoadsEnd	X	David Benedicktus	Truman
	Christy Finnie	Enterprise/ParadisePoint	X	Ila Stanek	W. Hazel Dell
	Bridget Schwarz	Fairgrounds			
	Milada Allen	Felida			
X	Art Stubbs	Green Meadows	County Employees and Guest Speakers		
X	Terry & Maureen Smith	Meadow Glade	X	Marilee McCall	Neighborhood Outreach
	Roger Entrekin	Meadow Glade			
X	Doug Ballou	NE Hazel Dell			
X	Dick Clairmont	N Hazel Dell			
	Mark Krsul	Ridgefield Junction			
	Barbara Murray	Roads End			

Announcements/Roundtable:

- **Welcome from Christie BrownSilva, Chair – Meeting opened at 7:00 p.m.**
- **Speaker Susan Wilson from Public Works cancelled today. Presentation on Traffic Improvement Program/Ranking system will be rescheduled to another meeting date and time.**

Request for suggestions for future speakers:

- CRESA/Emergency Preparations
- Collective neighborhood liability insurance: City NA’s pay \$100/year for a group policy, according to Judi Bailey, Neighborhood Coordinator for Vancouver. Question as to whether this could be available for county neighborhoods. Request for Risk Management to speak at NACCC meeting or provide information for distribution. Marilee to check with the city and with Mark Wilsdon on how this is done.

Roundtable:

Ila Stanek, West Hazel Dell, was informed that newsletter had not yet been mailed and it might not be out in time for their meeting. Discussion followed on newsletters, mailings, and potential options:

- Marilee presented option for postcards and discussion on possibility that it could add one more mailing per year, since they are less expensive.
- Tracking is showing that Bulk Mail postcards are delivered more quickly than the full newsletters.
- Lots of people do not have emails so electronic communication does not work for broad distribution of information and meeting notices.
- Suggestion to reduce the time-sensitive information in newsletters, unless they are submitted at least 3 weeks prior to expected mail-out date.
- Continued discussion on reducing the number of pages when possible.

Truman Neighborhood Report: Barb Cabe gave a report on the process and challenges from the last few months in Truman Neighborhood regarding the attempted takeover of the neighborhood. Truman has met for several months and used additional resources to review and fine-tune their by-laws. They are going out to residents and the neighborhood will vote on them at the June 1 meeting.

Barb talked about the process to register the neighborhood with Washington Secretary of State's office and articles of incorporation. It will take about 7 weeks and then they will apply for trademark of "Truman Neighborhood Association."

Christie talked about some of the processes that neighborhoods can follow to make it harder to copy or create a duplicate neighborhood association and protect against identity theft. We'll have another presentation with a "best practices" sheet coming within the next few months.

Neighborhood By-laws: Christie brought up that part of the process for Truman Neighborhood was a complete review and re-write of their by-laws. Talked about by-laws requiring high level of attendance if you want to be a leader on the Board. We are updating the standard by-laws template and will be presenting at a future NACCC meeting. An important factor that was discussed is that our meeting "notes" are not "minutes", and shouldn't be referred to as "minutes." "Minutes" are a word-for-word record of the meeting and we shouldn't use that terminology in any of the by-laws that are written. NE Hazel Dell neighborhood does not keep notes of their regular meetings, only of the Board meetings where there are actions taken.

Neighborhood Roster: Marilee reported that the neighborhood association president's physical addresses have been removed from the neighborhood roster and the neighborhood directory webpage, as requested.

Neighborhood Toolkit passed out by Christie from VNA/LCC training exercise. Kudos to our NACCC leaders!! There were 9 city and 9 county attendees at this training.

Marilee reported that for the first time, there has been a request from another staff member to "job-shadow" the neighborhood program coordinator. This is exciting as news of our program outreach is spreading.

68th Street road improvements report from Doug Ballou: There will be an 82 room hotel and 24 apartments on NE 68th Street/Hwy 99 that will create more traffic. New concern is regarding speeding and traffic. They would like a rebuild like was done on 88th, but it's not likely – they're still working on sidewalk improvements. There were 25 people at the meeting at Luke Jensen a few weeks ago. Questions and comments received were forwarded to the county. 30-40 people sent in e-mail comments. There is a meeting scheduled with Julie Olson tomorrow. A grant has been applied for NE 68th Street to the City of Vancouver city limits. A comment page has been getting comments from the public that went to the meeting in support.

Doug would like to see Road Improvement Districts – it could be a good solution for areas that are lacking sections of sidewalks and Lighting Utility Districts were also discussed.

Vancouver School bond - Art Stubbs commented on what a good job the presenters did on showing the proposed work to be done and clear costs. People are more willing to support taxes when it is clear what they are getting for their money.

Clean Water Commission Downspout information. Jane Kleiner from Public Works will be coming to our June meeting to present information on the incentive program. Approximately 35,000 gallons are expelled from each home per year!

Take Your Kids to Work Day was on April 26 at the county's Public Service Center building. This was the first year NACCC has been invited to present. Christie BrownSilva gave a 15-minute presentation on "Pack your Picnic" as an activity. Gave a generic list of things to do over summer as a scavenger hunt.

Citizens Advisory Board at the Sheriff's office on May 18.

Marilee reminded everyone that the County Fair is coming up: August 4-13.

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting will be June 12, 2017 - Clark County Public Service Center - 4700 NE 78th St., Vancouver, WA