

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS COUNCIL OF CLARK COUNTY

FEBRUARY 7, 2011 NOTES

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Vice-chairman Art Stubbs. Those in attendance were: Holly Gaya, CCPIO; Art Stubbs, Green Meadows; Jonnie Hyde, CC Public Health; Brendon Haggerty, CC Public Health; Marelyn & Jim Curtis, Truman; Robyn Kim, Greater Brush Prairie; Milada Allen, Felida; Rob Guttridge, CC Environmental Services; Susan Gilbert, Enterprise/Paradise Point; Sandra Bennett, East Fork Frontier; Neil Chambers, Andresen/St. Johns; Stephan Abramson, Pleasant Highlands; Ed Frankel, Pleasant Highlands; Mark Preising, East Minnehaha; George Vartanian, Fairgrounds; Avril Massey, North Salmon Creek; Bill Roberts, CC Sheriff's Office; Sunrise O'Mahoney, Clark County; Paul Scarpelli, N. Salmon Creek; Peter Mayer, Vancouver/Clark Parks; Bud Van Cleve, NE Hazel Dell; Doug Ballou, NACCC; VaNessa Duplessie, Enterprise/Paradise Point

Jonnie Hyde, CC Public Health – Jonnie and Brendon gave a power point presentation that illustrated how communities can plan for a built environment (through land use, zoning, and design) that promotes a healthier population and helps combat the conditions that lead to chronic diseases such as obesity. This presentation was in connection with Public Health's role in developing a Health Element for the County Comprehensive Plan, in which they will make recommendations that future population growth be guided by practices that benefit our health and promote economic development. A symposium will be held for elected officials, planning commissioners, representatives of the building industry, and bankers February 25 from 7:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. at the Red Cross Building, 605 Barnes Street, Vancouver, and NACC members are asked to encourage their elected representatives to attend. There will be renowned experts in transportation and planning leading the symposium. Due to limited seating capacity, it is by invitation only, but if there is room after registration closes it will be opened to neighborhood leaders and advocacy groups. For more information about the Health Element go to growinghealthier@clark.wa.gov or call 360-397-8122. They are seeking broad community input and will gladly attend neighborhood meetings or other venues to hear your ideas.

Sunrise O'Mahoney – CC Community gardens – The community gardens at Heritage Farm on 78th Street are going into their third year and are up to 84 garden plots. This coming year there will be ADA plots available which will have higher raised beds for ease of planting and tending. Master gardeners will sponsor workshops for plot owners. Returning plot owners can have their same plots and new ones will be added. Plots are \$60 apiece with ADA plots are \$40.

Milada Allen – CMAC – Milada announced that the Clark County Veterans Assistance Center will be holding a benefit flapjack breakfast. The funds raised are to support the opening of their new center which will benefit veterans and their families by

helping them to meet their basic needs and realize their potential by providing timely, effective services and connect them to resources and services. The date is March 12 from 8-10 am at the Salmon Creek Applebee's, 13006 NE Hwy 99.

Neighborhood Association meeting survey: Wendy Garrett, Proebstel neighborhood association asked to do a survey of neighborhood leaders to find out the average number of people who attend their meetings. This was done and here are the results:

Greater Brush Prairie	20 to 30
Felida	40 to 45
North Salmon Creek	30 to 40
Green meadows	35
Fairgrounds	15 to 20
Pleasant Highlands	40
Truman	75 to 100
Andresen/St. Johns	6 to 50
Enterprise/Paradise Point	25
NE Hazel Dell	20 to 25
East Minnehaha	30
East Fork Frontier	8 to 12

Rob Guttridge – CC Environmental Services – Rob encouraged the neighborhoods to recruit volunteers for the Recyclingist Neighborhood Workshops. For those neighborhoods who publish an approved recycling article in their newsletters, they will receive a check for \$120. For more information and for registration, call 360-397-2121 ext 4939 by March 21. If you get a recording, leave a message.

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Pleasant Highlands – They are going to offer CPR classes.

NE Hazel Dell – Bud said that the Value Motel problems are being looked into and that he has contacted everyone in county government who needs to get involved with the myriad of problems. Hazel Dell Elementary School will be holding an Enrichment Fair on March 31 which will entice kids to get involved in volunteerism.

Fairgrounds – George announced that there have been people in trailers moving on to a piece of land at 179th and 21st Avenue. They are having their meeting on Thursday with Commissioner Steve Stuart as guest speaker.

Truman – Marelyn announced that their next meeting will be Thursday, Feb. 24 at Eleanor Roosevelt School at 7 p.m. Deputy Sheriff Bradseth will be giving a talk.

WSDOT will also be there to discuss the closures of St. John's and St. James' Roads. Their association is partnering with the county on the Bosco Farm Park dedication ceremony near St. Johns. They have 40 people interested in the Neighbors On Watch program.

Andresen/St. Johns – Neil is getting the March meeting going with BPA coming to talk.

East Fork Frontier – Sandra announced that Seth Baker is the contractor for public outreach for BPA on environmental issues.

Susan Gilbert – Re-tooling the code – Susan didn't have much to report except that she has concerns about the Right to Farm/Log new code that is in direct conflict with the State code. She will be testifying on Feb. 15 at the Commissioner's hearing and will have a more complete report next month.

Greater Brush Prairie – Robyn had good news in that Anderson Plastics have been extremely cooperative and have met with the association as well as have taken suggestions about landscaping. They are having a planning meeting on Friday for landscaping issues.

Felida – Milada said March 23 is the Youth Volunteer Awards. There will be 200 volunteers getting awards. Commissioner Mielke will preside. April 27 is their annual meeting. Neighborhood watch is getting active. Clark Conservation District will have a native plant sale. See website. Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts looking for community projects. July 4 is annual parade and they have 20 display booths signed up and they want 60. Contact Milada.

N. Salmon Creek – Avril announced that they are having a meeting on the Chinook Neighborhood Park. The construction will start in 2012.

Clean Water Commission – Art Stubbs announced that they will be making a report in April.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Gilbert, Secretary