

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS COUNCIL OF CLARK COUNTY
DECEMBER 14, 2009 MEETING NOTES

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Doug Ballou at 7 p.m. Those in attendance were: Bud Van Cleve, NE Hazel Dell; Art Stubbs, Green Meadows; Doug Ballou; Avril Massey, N. Salmon Creek; Sandra Bennett, East Fork Frontier; Susan Gilbert, Enterprise/Paradise Point; John Allen, CC Railroad Advisory Board; Andrew Ness, Port of Vancouver; Ila Stanek, West Hazel Dell; Barbara Anderson, N. Salmon Creek; Neil Chambers, Andresen/St. Johns; Milada Allen, Felida.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Doug announced that Bud, Susan, and he all gave testimony at the recently-held budget hearings and the general drift of each testimony was to thank the Commissioners for their continued support and open communication that has been evident between neighborhood leaders and government. Bud also stated that we stand ready to volunteer the community to help bridge the gap that has opened up because of lack of funding.

Doug also said that the recent Senior Messenger publication contained a great article on Bud and said that it did a good job in illuminating the neighborhood associations.

NE Hazel Dell NA is exploring the idea of forming a Community Foundation in the Hazel Dell area in order to build a permanent endowment fund to support the many activities that the neighborhood associations do in the community such as the upcoming Christmas party for over 500 children. They are hoping to include Hazel Dell as well as the immediate surrounding area. They will be holding a meeting on January 19 at 7 p.m. at the Clark County Public Works conference room, 4700 NE 78 Street.

NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDTABLE

This meeting was scheduled without any particular agenda or guest speakers and was informal in its discussions.

Art Stubbs, Green Meadows: Art said that the owners of Green Meadows Golf Course are exploring changing the zoning to R-5 so that when annexed into the City of Vancouver, they would be in compliance with city code. The county staff denied their request and Art will be investigating the subject to get more information.

Barbara Anderson, N. Salmon Creek: Barbara announced that Avril Massey is now President of their NA and she (Barbara) is VP and will help Avril in her role as president.

Bud Van Cleve, NE Hazel Dell: Bud announced that Wanke Meadows at 99th Street and 101st Avenue is a subdivision that was constructed 12 years ago, has about 30 houses and a storm water facility that is part of the subdivision. The developer nor the homeowners ever formed a homeowners' association to take care of common areas such as the storm water treatment facility. The bio swale in the subdivision

has never been maintained and was not in compliance with the code. The homeowners received a threatening letter from the County's legal department stating that they had 30 days in which to clean up the bio-swale. Bud arranged a meeting with homeowners regarding the matter. Homeowners had received a bid from a company to clean it up for \$15,000-\$20,000. They decided to do it themselves and utilized donations, formed work parties, and contracted for a company to take out the trees for \$5,000. Bud's point was that this problem will be popping up all over the county where subdivisions have bio-swales that have not been maintained so it is important that the homeowners get involved quickly before the county sends them a letter. This particular group of homes did a good job in solving the problem for much less money than they first thought.

Ila Stanek, W. Hazel Dell: There will be a CC Board hearing tomorrow on the Hwy 99 sub area at 10 a.m. in the Commissioner's hearing room.

Sandra Bennett, East Fork Frontier: La Center Farms (Lissa and Steven Boynton) donated 400 Christmas trees with 300 going to Ft. Lewis and 100 going to an airbase in the Midwest. There is a veterans' memorial being constructed in Yacolt. An eagle scout took it on as his project.

Avril Massey, N. Salmon Creek: Avril said that she started her NA many years ago but hasn't been involved in some time so has a lot to learn. Acronyms that get tossed around are the hardest for her to understand!

Milada Allen, Felida: Milada wanted some feedback from neighborhood leaders on whether or not we had any experience hearing from our constituents about needing help to prepare for being deployed overseas to either Iraq or Afghanistan. No one had.

Susan Gilbert, Enterprise/Paradise Point: Susan announced that there were recently three pre-app conferences all on the same day dealing with her neighborhood. Two were CPU projects: one was an electrical substation and the other a planned water filtration system. The third was an application for a bus barn to be built on ten acres near the interchange at La Center. She stated that this was problematic both from an environmental standpoint as well as a traffic standpoint. The consortium of schools (KWRL) want to house over 100 buses and deploy them each day to the schools in La Center, Woodland, Ridgefield, and possibly Kalama. The overpass is not scheduled for expansion in the near future and cannot possibly handle 100+ buses two times a day. Stay tuned.

John Allen, CC Railroad Advisory Board: Fred Abraham will be continuing in his present job and was not part of county staff cuts. A new shipper is coming in that will have 100 rail cars/yr starting in January. The volunteer rail group has had a super Christmas set of voyages with Santa Claus at the end of the line. More than 800 people have taken the Xmas ride.

Submitted by:

Susan Gilbert, Secretary

Reviewed by Doug Ballou, Chairman