

## NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS COUNCIL OF CLARK COUNTY

### DECEMBER 12, 2011 NOTES

The meeting was convened at 7:05 p.m. Those in attendance were: John Allen, Maple Leaf; Brian Turner, Vancouver Treatment Solutions; Rebecca Lillie, Felida; Jonnie Hyde, CC Public Health; Rob Guttridge, CC Environmental Services; Stephan Abramson, Pleasant Highlands; Jeff Mize, CC Public Works; Milada Allen, Felida; Avril Massey, North Salmon Creek; Pete Mayer, Vancouver-Clark Parks; and Bridget Schwarz, Fairgrounds. Doug Ballou, Chairman, arrived at 8:30 p.m.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Doug Ballou was not present, so announcements were delayed to later in the agenda.

### VANCOUVER TREATMENT SOLUTIONS

Brian Turner, Clinic Director, provided a brief update. Brian said the biggest increase the clinic is seeing among its patients is for those who have become addicted to prescription drugs. The age group that is showing the biggest increase is 18-27.

Brian said the clinic would be looking to expand during the next year. The clinic currently serves 275 patients, which could increase to 350 patients. There is capacity within the clinic's permit to handle the additional patients.

Brian said Vancouver Treatment Solutions does not receive any state funding. He said the Legislature could decide to eliminate all state funding for treatment, but he does not think it would be likely.

Bridget Schwarz said she has received reports from a couple of people who are concerned about the driving of patients leaving the clinic's parking lot in the morning. Brian said he was not aware of that issue but would address it.

NACCC representatives asked numerous questions. Brian said the most prevalent drugs that have been used by the clinic's patients are prescription drugs, such as OxyContin and Oxycodone, followed by heroin.

Brian said the clinic has about a 50 percent success rate in treating its patients. He defined success as completely abstaining from illicit drugs, besides those being used for opiate treatment.

Brian said he has a 62-page PowerPoint on Vancouver Treatment Solutions that he would share with Holly Gaya and representatives of the Clark County Sheriff's Office.

Brian closed by passing out business cards and urging people to call him if they have questions, concerns or complaints.

#### HEALTH ELEMENT IN COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Jonnie Hyde of Clark County Public Health provided a PowerPoint presentation on work to develop a Health Element for Clark County's 2014 Growth Management Plan update.

Jonnie said the "Growing Healthier" effort will cover eight different topics. Seven background papers already have been produced and posted on the county's website ([www.clark.wa.gov/public-health/community/growing\\_healthy/documents.html](http://www.clark.wa.gov/public-health/community/growing_healthy/documents.html)), and the final one will be completed this week. Each of the eight topics includes a literature review, a compilation of current conditions and potential policies.

Jonnie said the project will have an upcoming work session with its advisory council and a presentation during a joint meeting of the Clark County and Vancouver Planning Commissions in February. By April 3, the health department expects to have all eight papers distilled into a single report.

Jonnie said the Growing Healthier effort is examining how the built environment affects people's health.

For example, 41 percent of county residents live within ½ mile of a convenience store or fast-food restaurant but only 17 percent of county residents live within a ½ mile of a grocery store or a produce market. People who live near a convenience store have an increased rate for smoking and obesity.

Jonnie said a potential policy that could come out of this assessment would be to discourage or prohibit new convenience stores or fast food restaurants in specific areas, such as near high schools.

Another topic being studied is climate change. Extreme heat is responsible for more death than floods, tornados and other natural disasters. Projections indicate that by 2045, Clark County will have between 35 and 68 extreme heat days a year where the temperature will feel like 96.3 degrees or warmer. Projections indicate that this could cause 30 heat deaths in the county a year.

Jonnie said a potential policy that could be used to counter this is increase tree canopy cover and decreasing the amount of asphalt and other surfaces.

#### ROUNDTABLE

Bridget Schwarz, Fairgrounds, said there has been discussion about Batch 5 of the county's Retooling Our Code work, specifically regarding grandfathering. She said there needs to be more time and outreach in rural areas.

Bridget also brought up the recent stormwater work done at Vista Meadows Neighborhood Park. She said that neighbors were not consulted or notified of the work and that it has had a substantial effect on the park. She cautioned neighborhood representatives that similar projects could be done to parks in their areas.

Pete Mayer, Vancouver-Clark Parks & Recreation, did not speak directly to Vista Meadows but discussed ongoing efforts to improve communication and coordination between his department and Clark County Environmental Services and Public Works.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Doug Ballou said the State of the County event has been scheduled for 3:30 p.m. Feb. 2 at Washougal High School. He said in past years, NACCC has recognized a county employee and asked neighborhood representatives to consider nominations. Several names were put forward during the short discussion.

#### ROUNDTABLE (continued)

Milada Allen and Rebecca Lillie, Felida, discussed the Christmas event for Kids in Need scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 14, at Thomas Jefferson Middle School.

Stephen Abramson, Pleasant Highlands, provided a short update on how his neighborhood association intends to set up internal groups to work on assorted issues, such as parks, traffic and subarea planning.

John Allen said he recently stopped by a meeting of the Railroad Advisory Board and was pleased by the discussion. Neighborhood representatives discussed that it would be good to have Jon Holladay, Clark County Railroad Coordinator, to come to a future NACCC meeting. John also mentioned the Santa trains that were being held during the holidays.

Pete Mayer, Vancouver-Clark Parks & Recreation, reported that the Board of County Commissioners will convene at 9:45 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 13, in its capacity as the Greater Clark Parks District board of directors. Pete said the board would be asked to approve a \$6.2 million budget that redirects funding to operations and maintenance and continues the slow down or full stoppage of park development.

Pete also said that the Board of County Commissioners would consider consent agenda items at 10 a.m. regarding a discount for annual parks parking passes and rental fees for Luke Jensen Sports Park.

Jeff Mize, Clark County Public Works, circulated an aerial photograph showing the work that had been completed on the Salmon Creek Interchange Project. Jeff

also mentioned that the Board of County Commissioners decided to exempt neighborhood parks from having to pay traffic impact fees and that a grand opening of Luke Jensen Sports Park has been tentatively set for Saturday, March 17, which is opening day for Salmon Creek Little League.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Mize, Clark County Public Works.