

FAIRGROUNDS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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Greetings –

Well, have you ever wanted to spend an evening with our county commissioners? You're going to have your chance, soon. For the March, April, and May meetings we will be having each of the county commissioners join us to give us their insight to county goings-on and we will have the opportunity to ask those questions we have been burning to ask, courteously. Just about any topic is open for discussion but let's try to make the subject matter current unless there has been a problem you couldn't get resolved otherwise.

March 11, 2010 Meeting – Our guest will be Steve Stuart, county commissioner from district 3. Commissioner Stuart is up for reelection in November so we really want to hear his concerns and plans for the future. However, this visit is not a campaign presentation. We will also elect 4 members to the 2010 Executive Board.

April 8, 2010 Meeting – Our guest will be Marc Boldt, county commissioner from district 2. Of the three current commissioners, Commissioner Boldt is the longest serving and perhaps has the longest ties to the county.

May 13, 2010 Meeting – Last but not least is Tom Mielke, county commissioner from district 1, our district. Commissioner Mielke is the newest member of the Board of County Commissioners and has history as a representative to the state legislature in Olympia, but let's not hold that against him.

An informed electorate is important for the proper functioning of government so please make a point of attending each of these meetings.

Although it has been relatively quiet around the neighborhood, there are some things you may or may not be aware of:

Wal-Mart has won the latest appeal and is now able to continue its plans to locate a store off of 134th East of I-205. It is planned as a twenty-four hour super-center on two floors over an underground parking area. They, however, still have to show they have the right to use the storm water run off system currently being used by the nearby condominiums. There is some question about who owns and has rights to the system, and what condition it's in.

You may be aware that Killian-Pacific is intending to build a shopping center East of I-5, South of NE 179th, and West of NE 15th. It will be some 42.5 acres similar to Bridgeport Village. Department stores, restaurants, movie theater, etc. They have recently had their preliminary wetland permit approved and they will be doing additional work to get approval on their final site plan and final wetland permit. This must be done before there is any earth moving and mitigation procedures on the wetlands on the property. The SEPA determination is Mitigated Determination of Non-significance (MDNS) which means they must meet certain requirements before they can proceed but if they meet these requirements there should be little or no impact.

Finally, the construction seen going on East of New Delfel, south of 179th will probably be a small shopping area with a bank, restaurant, etc.

Regards,

George Vartanian
for the Executive Board

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

FGNA March 11 meeting

Clark County Commissioner Chair Steve Stuart
FGNA 2010 Executive Board elections
Thursday March 11 at 7:00 PM
Community of Christ Meeting Room, 400 NE 179th ST

FGNA April 8 meeting

Clark County Commissioner Marc Boldt
Thursday April 8 at 7:00 PM
Community of Christ Meeting Room, 400 NE 179th ST

FGNA May 13 meeting

Clark County Commissioner Tom Mielke
Thursday May 13 at 7:00 PM
Community of Christ Meeting Room, 400 NE 179th ST

FGNA June 10 meeting

Thursday June 10 at 7:00 PM
Community of Christ Meeting Room, 400 NE 179th ST

FGNA July 8 meeting

Annual summer barbecue at our new park
Thursday July 8 at 7:00 PM
Community of Christ Meeting Room, 400 NE 179th ST

FGNA August 12 meeting

No August meeting, enjoy the county fair!
Thursday August 12 at 7:00 PM
Community of Christ Meeting Room, 400 NE 179th ST

2010 FGNA monthly meetings

Second Thursdays at 7:00 PM
Community of Christ Meeting Room, 400 NE 179th ST

We meet the second Thursday every month except August. There are lots of local government and community groups that want to come talk to us. Who do you want to hear from? Contact Vicki Fitzsimmons, our meeting planner, at 360.573.6604 or e-mail to Vicki.fitzsimmons@edwardjones.com to get your topic on our agenda.

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FAIRGROUNDS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION BYLAWS

Adoption of these bylaws will make our boundaries consistent with the county description (Article III) and change our board election cycle to 3 positions every year instead of 4 or 5 positions every year (Article XI).

Proposed changes are indicated in italics and underlined. These changes, and any amendments proposed at the March meeting will be voted on at the April meeting.

I. NAME

The name of this organization shall be the "Fairgrounds Neighborhood Association" hereinafter referred to as "FGNA".

II. PURPOSES

The purposes include, but are not limited to:

- a) Promoting the general welfare of the neighborhood and its residents,
- b) Uniting the common interests especially as to matters affecting the livability and quality of the neighborhood in general,
- c) Educating the membership in the activities of the various agencies of the state and county governments,
- d) Communicating the opinions of the membership of FGNA to the various agencies or representatives of the state or county governments, and
- e) Organizing social and community enhancement events to bring the neighborhood together.

III. BOUNDARIES

Boundaries are established and changed by FGNA in consultation with the County. Current boundaries:

NORTH: NW/NE 219th Street

EAST: NE 72nd Avenue

WEST: Lake River

SOUTH: NW 151st Street to NW 41st Avenue to NW/NE 164th Street to I-5; NE Kline Road to NE 119th Street to NE Salmon Creek Avenue to NE Salmon Creek Street to Salmon Creek to NE 72nd Avenue.

IV. OFFICIAL RECOGNITION

FGNA is recognized by, but not affiliated with, the government of Clark County through the Clark County Neighborhood Outreach Program of the Public Information and Outreach Office. This recognition entitles FGNA to certain benefits and places certain requirements on FGNA and its bylaws.

V. MEMBERSHIP

Membership in FGNA is open to all residents, property owners, and one representative from any business or non-profit organization within the boundaries of FGNA. Anyone wishing to become a member should request a membership form from any member of the Executive Board.

VI. EXECUTIVE BOARD

The leaders of FNAA shall be a nine member board functioning in a collegial manner coordinating and directing FGNA activities.

Meeting Coordinator

One board member shall be the primary meeting coordinator and shall preside over all general meetings and board meetings of FGNA.

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Newsletter Editor:

One board member shall have primary responsibility for preparation of FGNA newsletters.

Treasurer:

One board member shall have primary responsibility for all monies received and expended, conducting all financial business of FGNA including, but not limited to, banking, reporting the financial status at all meetings.

VII. MEMBERSHIP:

One board member shall have primary responsibility for maintaining a roster of FGNA members. (See Section XV, Member's Privacy Below.)

VIII. MEETINGS

All meetings are open to FGNA membership. When practical, notification of any meetings shall be given to FGNA membership through newsletters or e-mail.

General Meetings:

There shall be at least one general membership meeting per year. General meetings shall be announced in The Columbian's Neighborhood Meetings section. All meeting notices shall include an agenda for the meeting.

Board Meetings:

The Executive Board of FGNA shall meet not less than once per quarter. Board meetings may be combined with general meetings. The board will inform the general membership of decisions made by the board.

Committee Meetings:

Committee meetings are called and presided over by the Committee chair.

IX. COMMITTEES

The board shall establish both standing and ad hoc committees, as it deems necessary. The board shall specify the responsibilities of the committee and determine when the committee should be disbanded. Committees shall make recommendations to the board for board actions. Committees shall not have power to act on behalf of FGNA without specific authorization from the board. Authorization for any member of the committee to act as official spokesperson for FGNA on the committee's topic shall only be granted by majority vote of the Executive Board.

X. VOTING

All members 18 years or older are entitled to one vote to be cast at a general meeting.

XI. ELECTION AND TERMS OF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

A nominating committee will present a slate of candidates for election to the Executive Board at the January meeting. Executive Board members shall be elected by a majority of general members in attendance at the February meeting. In the event of a vacancy occurring between elections, the remaining Executive Board members shall appoint someone to the vacant position.

Terms of office for Executive Board members shall be three two years. Every year 3 Executive Board positions will be up for election. .There shall be no limits to the number of times an individual can hold an elected position. Removal of any member of the Executive Board may be proposed at any general meeting. Removal requires a two-thirds majority vote of those members in attendance at the next general meeting.

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XII. AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS

Amendments to the bylaws may be proposed at any general meeting and shall be adopted by a two-thirds vote of those members attending the next general meeting.

XIII. OPERATING PROCEDURES

The Executive Board shall establish operating procedures for the day-to-day operation of FGNA consistent with these bylaws. Such procedures, and any changes to them, shall be approved by a majority vote of the general membership.

XIV. FISCAL MATTERS

Voluntary contributions, contracts, grants, newsletter subscriptions, or other fund-raising activities may be used by FGNA to cover costs of operations.

No liability shall be incurred nor disbursement made without the prior consent of the majority of the Executive Board.

In the event FGNA is disbanded, any money remaining shall go to a non-profit organization to be determined by the Executive Board.

XV. MEMBER'S PRIVACY

The Executive Board shall appoint a board member to maintain a membership roster of FGNA and such roster shall be used only for the official business of FGNA. This roster shall not be used for commercial purposes and shall not be provided to anyone who is not a board member.

XVI. EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION

The spokesperson(s) of FGNA may communicate the opinions of the membership. When practical this information will be solicited through the use of member surveys that will be identified as the source. Otherwise this information may be solicited from the Executive Board.

XVII. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Board members shall not vote on matters in which they have a conflict of interest.

Approved by the membership February 7, 2007.

Amended by the membership _____2010.

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GENERAL MEETINGS :

WE MEET at 7 PM ON SECOND THURSDAYS AT THE COMMUNITY of CHRIST MEETING ROOM
400 NE 179TH STREET, 1/2 MILE WEST OF I-5

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