

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS COUNCIL OF CLARK COUNTY

JULY 14, 2008

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Doug Ballou at 7 p.m. Those in attendance were: LaVerne Nelson, Gloria Sommer, Andresen/St. Johns; Dave Cush, Vancouver Treatment Solutions; George Vartanian, Fairgrounds; Bud Van Cleve, NE Hazel Dell; Art Stubbs, Green Meadows; Holly Gaya, CCPIO, Doug Ballou, NACCC; Nathan Lowe, New Youth Perspective; Sean Janson, Maple Tree; Dean Longrie, Denise Smee, Clark Conservation District; Susan Gilbert, Enterprise/Paradise Point; Sue Groth, Port of Vancouver; Cheri Martin, Parks Foundation; Don Wastler, Proebstel; Barbara Anderson, No. Salmon Creek; John Allen, Clark Co. Railroad Advisory Board; Robyn Kim, Greater Brush Prairie; Milada Allen, Felida; Peggy Hays, DCFS.

Announcements:

Committee composed of George Vartanian and Barbara Anderson is working on meeting protocols for NACCC. They will be meeting before next NACCC meeting to discuss. Doug had sent some meeting ground rules provided by Dick Clairmont and they also received a copy of the Camp Bonneville Citizens Advisory Group draft protocols.

NACCC is now an affiliate member of Neighborhoods USA and we are included on their website. NACCC members will be receiving information from NUSA via Doug by e-mail. Pictures of both Bud Van Cleve and Bridget Schwarz appeared in the latest NUSA newsletter.

The Transportation Improvement Program will meet in July.

DAVE CUSH, VANCOUVER TREATMENT SOLUTIONS

Dave announced that VTS just past it 2 ½ year anniversary and now treats 226 patients, 65% of which are from Clark County with the remainder from the Kelso/Longview area with just one patient from Portland. Sixty five percent of patients are between the ages of 18 and 35. Sixty five percent are employed. There have been no incidences of any problems.

NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDTABLE

ART STUBBS, GREEN MEADOWS

Art announced that the Clean Water Division has finished their work and has gone to the commissioners on schedule.

BUD VAN CLEVE, NE HAZEL DELL–Bud announced that there is a new sheriff's office PIO–Mike McCabe–who will be making the rounds to neighborhood associations. Bud said that there had been vandalism at Tenny Creek Park. It is believed to be young boys 12 or 13 years old. They threw Molotov cocktails at equipment. Bud

has proposed that the sheriff's office strengthen patrols of parks. Bud also proposed to Commissioner Morris to put up "Park Zone" signs with "caution-kids, etc." on it. She will present it to the other Commissioners. Bud attended the Restorative Justice Forum and said they had some great workshops.

GEORGE VARTANIAN-FAIRGROUNDS-Their association recently hosted the 7 candidates running for Commissioner. There will be a new development on the southeast corner of 179th St. by Killian Pacific which is slated to be somewhat like Bridgeport Village. Killian will be presenting its concept at their regular 2nd Thur. in Sept meeting.

SUSAN GILBERT, ENTERPRISE/PARADISE POINT-Susan told of a homeowner across the freeway from her property lighting off a huge fire of trees and construction debris that caused ash to travel more than ½ mile on a dry and windy day. By the time she could find who was doing it, most of it was under control. The next day she went to Fire District 12 and asked if they could speak to the homeowner. She was told to file a report with the Clean Air Agency and they only respond to fires "out of control". She believed that the fire could have spawned many fires if not caught in time BEFORE it was totally out of control. She also reported to the sheriff's office that people were building campfires on county park property and neighbors were concerned about the danger. She asked if the patrol officers could check the area during weekends. She was told to call 911 instead if she suspected illegal campfires. She will discuss this at the next precinct meeting.

BARBARA ANDERSON, N. SALMON CREEK-Her association has passed bylaws and has new directors. They negotiated the 139th St. zoning request which wanted highway commercial. They agreed to no big box stores and the traffic will not exceed existing traffic. Barbara wanted to honor Felida NA who donated \$100 toward N. Salmon Creek obtaining their 501(c)3 designation with the proviso that members matched their donation within six weeks. It was, and they now have all they need for incorporation!

MILADA ALLEN-FELIDA-There will be a 501(c)3 class this Saturday at 2 p.m. at Legacy Salmon Creek Hospital on the second floor conference room. There are 25 organizations signed up. Jamie Allen has been fielding calls about infills and concurrency issues. Phase 1 of Brad Crawford Park is completed with all benches and landscaping being done.

ROBYN KIM, GREATER BRUSH PRAIRIE-They have now struck out three times with the courts over the quarry and if they want to continue, they will have to pay both sides of legal fees. They cannot afford it. There will be a parade at 10 am on Sept. 20.

JOHN ALLEN-CCRAB-John announced that they are getting funding and the Rails to Trails project is proceeding with 33 miles of trails. They have had no conflicts so far.

DON WASTLER–PROEBSTEL–They still have lots of complaints about Livingston Quarry and Tower Rock has appealed to the Hearings Examiner. Commissioner Boldt heard their concerns and public works is fixing the road that carries 190 trucks per day. There are many angry neighbors because they have increased their traffic more than what they said they would do.

SEAN JANSON–MAPLE TREE–They will hold their first meeting next month, possibly on August 15 at Covington Commons.

GLORIA SOMMER–ANDRESEN/ST. JOHN–Neil Chambers is taking over until a new volunteer can be found to head the association. LaVerne Nelson is the Secretary.

Milada Allen wanted to formally thank the Lions Club for their continued help on the 4th of July. Doug Ballou said they served 750 hot dogs and hamburgers and will prepare even more next year!

Guest Speakers

NATHAN LOWE–LUTHERAN COMMUNITY SERVICE–Their church helps kids moving here from foreign countries to overcome language, culture, etc. barriers and to help them succeed. Most come from large Eastern European families. They try to help the shy kids succeed in school and they are asking the entire community to help by mentoring some of these students to help them immerse themselves successfully in the community. Washington State is the 4th largest re-settlement area for refugees with 10% of the State's population not having been born in the US. By mentoring we can benefit along with the kids by being role models, provide social outlets, and help them to do better in school. It only takes 1 ½ hours/week. Contact Nathan Lowe 360-694-5624 ext. 17 or nlowe@lesnw.org. He asked that we all include his presentation in our local newsletters.

DEAN LONGRIE AND DENISE SMEE–CLARK CONSERVATION DISTRICT–The District will be asking the county about implementing an assessment to cover their programs for technical assistance to landowners for conservation practices such as manure and mud management, culvert replacement, riparian work, farmland preservation. They currently receive no local funding. They are in a position to cost share with landowners in planting in creeks and blackberry removal. The money they receive now is grant specific. With the assessment, they hope to start septic systems replacement programs and farmland preservation for local food and economy and helping local residents and agencies with natural resource conservation. They will be asking for \$5/yr/parcel. There will be a public hearing in Oct. For further info, check their website at www.clarkcd.org.

SHERI MARTIN–PARKS FOUNDATION–The Parks Foundation was formed in 1999 to accept and administer donations, gifts and bequests for the enrichment and enhancement of our communities' parks, trails and recreation opportunities throughout Clark County. They will help in fundraising and their new goal is to grant out for projects - \$30,000 this year and they are setting up their granting program. They want to hear from associations on projects such as parks, trails, and

recreation programs so that they can partner with them. They will report on park activities and local projects in their newsletter.

PEGGY HAYS–DEPARTMENT OF CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES–Peggy announced that Clark County has 600 foster kids and she is blanketing the county in search of good foster homes and she needs the community's help. Their goal is to keep kids in their own neighborhoods so that uprooting will be less traumatic. They can now place kids with significant familiar adults and not just relatives during a crisis. DCFS does not have enough beds for new children coming into care. She asks all of us to get the word out about their critical need. For information, contact DCFS at 360-993-7900.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Gilbert, Secretary

Reviewed by Doug Ballou 8-12-08