

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS COUNCIL OF CLARK COUNTY

MARCH 10, 2008 MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Doug Ballou at 7 p.m. Those in attendance were: Bud Van Cleve, NE Hazel Dell; Barbara Anderson, N Salmon Creek; Megan Hill, E. Minnehaha; Don Wastler, Proebstel; Andrew Ness, Port of Vancouver; Doug Ballou; Sandy Callen, Sandra Bennett (forming new association); Sue Groth, Port of Vancouver; Neil Chambers, Andresen/St. Johns; Ila Stanek, W. Hazel Dell; Susan Gilbert, Enterprise/Paradise Pt.; Dan Bodell, N. Salmon Creek; Dick Clairmont, CC Railroad Advisory Board; Christie Brown Silva, Sifton; Bridget Schwarz, Fairgrounds; Jamie Allen, Felida; Milada Allen, Felida; Mike Cooke, CC Sheriffs Office; Holly Gaya, CC PIO; George Vartanian, Fairgrounds; Gloria Sommer, Andresen/St. Johns; Sue Lintz, E. Minnehaha; Sam Kim, Brush Prairie; James Olson, Pleasant Highlands.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Barbara Anderson, Bud Van Cleve, Holly Gaya and Doug Ballou will be attending the NUSA conference in May. The NE Hazel Dell NA's Xmas Party will be vying for the 24th annual NOTY award (Neighborhood of the Year) which will be awarded at the conclusion of the conference.

At the last meeting, an issue came up about NACCC seeking affiliate status with NUSA and Clark County seeking status as a NUSA member. Clark County has agreed to become NUSA member (Cost \$100) and NACCC has submitted a request for affiliate status. At our last NACCC meeting members donated \$83 to help pay for the County's NUSA membership fee but the county will pay and it was decided at this meeting that the \$83 will go toward whatever may come up during the year for which funds may be needed or, if not needed, will go toward the "Employee of the Year" award cost.

Doug announced that the Three Creeks Advisory committee is on the agenda.

Honorable Mention top honors were recently awarded to two deputies who were instrumental in pulling a person from a car fire.

Bud Van Cleve passed out an architect's rendition of the future Kline Line Bridge. So far, no decision has been made about whether there will be a bridge name change.

Bud distributed a draft concept of what the 78th Street Agricultural Research property may look like after WSU turns it over to Clark County for future public use. Part of the site is being considered for habitat area and wetland area education for local schools, for trails and for gardens. There will be plenty of opportunity for future input on this as it is not the final plan.

Doug urged anyone who is interested to watch the CVTV presentation on the Clark County Food Systems Summit which aired in January. Sunrise Mahoney of the Vancouver Food Coop will be next month's guest.

The Greater Clark Parks District status report was distributed.

NACCC has three graduates of Leadership Clark County and we are considering inviting Leadership Clark County and NACCC to discuss neighborhood leaders' participation in the future.

SUSAN GILBERT – ENTERPRISE/PARADISE POINT – COWLITZ UPDATE

Susan gave a timeline update on the status of the Cowlitz’ proposed casino project – where we have been and where we are going. If the tribe agrees to re-negotiate the MOU, then the county will have public meetings. She asked each neighborhood association leader to urge those in their association who oppose the casino to attend the public meetings when they occur. This will be the last chance for people to be heard on the subject and she is aware that there are many more citizens out there who oppose the casino than ever before and every voice counts. As of tonight, no dates had been set.

BARBARA ANDERSON- NORTH SALMON CREEK - FUNDRAISING

North Salmon Creek NA is trying to raise some money so that they can become a 501(c)3 entity and she wanted ideas on how to raise money. There then ensued a lively discussion on various ways to raise money. There were many suggestions – from raffles to auctions to simply begging. She asked that at some point we hold a class with those who have had successful fund raising to teach it. There was also a discussion that perhaps an accountant could be a speaker at a future meeting to give us the highlights of what becoming a 501(c)3 entails.

THREE CREEKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Dan Bodell and Bud Van Cleve reported that little is known yet about how this committee will operate. Their first meeting is coming up and they will report again when they have more information. Dan asked what interests NACCC may want to put forth. Milada Allen stated that this group will be a vehicle for our input, especially in the area of design guidelines.

ROUNDTABLE

Bud Van Cleve, NE Hazel Dell – Kline Fishing Derby is April 12 and usually has about 1,500 kids. Hazel Dell parade is May 17 and draws about 30,000 people. Fire District 6 is having its open house on June 7 from noon until four p.m. Team 99’s open house is May 8. Sarah J. Anderson will be having a bike rodeo some time in May.

Sam Kim, Greater Brush Prairie – An appeal on the asphalt plant is scheduled for March 20. There will be an article in this week’s Neighbors Section of the Columbian featuring Sam.

George Vartanian, Fairgrounds – There is lots of earth moving near the fairgrounds where land is for lease. They are looking at the Fairgrounds Transportation Plan.

Gloria Sommer, Andresen/St. Johns – At their last meeting, they had 12 people. C-Tran gave an excellent presentation. Next meeting is in three months.

Sue Lintz, E. Minnehaha – Sue attended the CC Railroad Advisory meeting and said that a sign is being placed at the railroad underpass showing “Entering Hazel Dell” with “Entering Vancouver” in the other direction.

It was announced that Roger Lance, 687-1503, can provide local granges for neighborhood association meetings.

James Olson, Pleasant Highlands – Their association is being resuscitated and they are hoping to bring in more homeowners’ associations to participate.

Sue Groth, Port of Vancouver – The Port Commissioners are having an open house with activities and prizes (kids invited) on three different dates: March 22 at Marshall Community

Center, 12:30 – 2:30; March 25 at Firstenburg from 6:30 – 8:30; and March 27 at Columbia River HS from 5:30 – 7:30.

Christie Brown Silva, Sifton – They will have their quarterly meeting and next meeting will feature Evergreen School System.

Jamie Allen, Felida – They are conducting a toy drive for Legacy to refill the zoo in conjunction with other groups. They need new or gently used toys. Contact Jamie. Sgt. Brad Crawford Park will be breaking ground in early summer. June 14 is Legacy's Health Fair. June 21 is a carnival in memory of Madison Jo Gecho. July 4 is their parade.

Don Wastler, Proebstel – They featured Waste Management recycling at their last meeting. The National Cemetery is slated for the northwest corner of Bonneville Park. Their next meeting will feature the County Shoreline Management Act covering all creeks and wetlands in their association.

Ila Stanek, W. Hazel Dell – Their next meeting is a week from Thursday with Deputy Linda Hayes attending.

Dan Bodell, N. Salmon Creek – Work will begin on Kline Bridge in April and it is slated to finish in seven months.

Mike Cooke, CC Sheriffs Office – Mike asked that he be contacted if the new liaisons for the NAs have not contacted them to introduce themselves. He said that graffiti is becoming a problem and he urged all of us to get the word out that even the small non-emergency problems should be reported via 911. The 911 operator will then direct their non-emergency call to the proper precinct.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Gilbert, Secretary

March 12, 2008

Doug Ballou, Chairman

March 16, 2008