

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS COUNCIL OF CLARK COUNTY

MEETING NOTES

MARCH 8, 2010

The meeting was opened by Chairman Doug Ballou at 7 p.m. Those in attendance were: Bud Van Cleve, NE Hazel Dell; Doug Ballou; Holly Gaya CCPIO; John Allen, CC Railroad Advisory; Sue Lintz, E. Minnehaha; David Benedicktus, Truman; Jim & Marellyn Curtis, Truman; Jeff Mize, CC Public Works; Neil Chambers, Andresen/St. Johns; Susan Gilbert, Enterprise/Paradise Point; George Vartanian, Fairgrounds; Barbara Anderson, N. Salmon Creek; Sgt. Mike McCabe, CC Sheriff's office; Tony Morrell, Greater Brush Prairie; Cathy Steiger, Greater Brush Prairie; Milada Allen, Felida, and Bridget Schwarz, Fairgrounds.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Doug announced that Drs. Melnick, Vines and Wiesman will be on the April agenda presenting the "Ghost Map" which is a historical perspective on the cholera epidemic. Andrew Ness of the Port of Vancouver will also attend.

Bill Barron is looking for a representative to serve on the Law and Justice Counsel which meets the 2nd Thursday of each month between 8 and 9 a.m. Milada Allen, Bud Van Cleve and George Vartanian indicated an interest.

John Allen announced that the former Cenex Farm Store in Brush Prairie may be used by Anderson Plastics as a trans-load facility which will create 30-40 new jobs. There will be a public process.

Doug received an e-mail about the Community Mediation Services and the impacts the budget will have on them and that will affect us as well.

The 78th Street community gardens lottery is closed and all plots have been taken.

A new Aging Readiness Task Force is forming and anyone interested in taking part can write a letter to Jennifer Clark, Board of County Commissioners' Office, PO Box 5000, Vancouver, WA 98666-5000.

Bridget announced that NUSA registration information is here. The 35th annual NUSA conference will be held May 26-29 in Little Rock, Arkansas. See Bridget for the registration form or log on to NUSA website at www.nusa.org.

Leadership Clark County is coming up. They meet once a month and have speakers from schools, mayor's office, churches etc. for half a day and the other half is working on leadership skills and development of a project.

ROUNDTABLE

Barbara Anderson – Barbara indicated that there was a lack of engagement of neighborhoods in Vancouver/Clark's parks meetings. Process changes took place without any input from neighborhood leaders. The consensus was that parks

procedures were confusing and we need to find a way to have input. Doug Ballou and George Vartanian will draft a letter outlining our concerns.

Bud Van Cleve – Bud passed out the latest population estimate of each of the associations as drawn up by the GIS department.

John Allen – There is a sealed bid opening 4 ½ acres next to the railroad. Omega Industries, a rail crossings co., is going to bid for their expansion.

John floated the idea of an “adopt-a-rail” program that the RR Board is considering. It would work much like the “adopt-a-highway” program and would include safety training and railroad personnel chaperones while near the tracks. Signs would be put up to show who adopted parts of the rail for the project.

Sgt. Mike McCabe – The Sheriff has appointed Mike as Region 4 director for the Wa. State Crime Prevention Association. He says that he will be able to bring more resources and training to Clark County.

The Crime Prevention Spring Conference will be held in Spokane, WA on April 28-30. Anyone wanting to attend visit www.wscpaonline.org/ or e-mail info@wscpaonline.net. Registration is \$245 which includes 3 lunches and a mystery theater dinner.

Mike passed out tips for hiking and camping for us to put in newsletters. Our new sheriff's liaisons will be contacting us soon and he asks that we respond to them when they do.

David Benedicktus – David gave a presentation on citizen training to raise awareness about Adverse Childhood Experiences. The free training is supported by funding from the Clark County Juvenile Court. This training can benefit counselors, health professionals, teachers and school support staff, foster care providers, etc. Training includes dealing with three types of abuse (sexual, physical and emotional). For any organization, group, or school who would like to schedule training, contact David at (360) 977-8412 or dlbened@aol.com. David is retired from the juvenile court system. MacArthur Foundation has provided a grant and he wanted to get the information out. Doug said he will schedule David to give a presentation at our May meeting.

Bridget Schwarz – share more information regarding the upcoming NUSA conference to be held in Little Rock, Arkansas. A pamphlet regarding the conference is available at the NUSA website and can be downloaded and printed.

Marelyn Curtis – Truman NA has been revived. They have had three meetings so far and their last one brought in over 100 neighbors for a crime watch meeting.

Bud Van Cleve – The 78th Street property has revised its layout. They will be removing fewer trees and moving the road and parking away from residences and building trails.

Bud is working on getting a chipper truck from a landscaping company or WALP set up at Gaiser. This will be open to neighborhood residents encompassing a wider

area than just the NE Hazel Dell and Sherwood Hills neighborhood associations. The county is very supportive of this approach. Stay tuned.

Milada Allen – Milada made a motion and it was seconded to adopt a plot at the 78th Street property for a disabled veteran. The motion was carried. We subsequently learned that the plots are all spoken for.

Felida's annual meeting is April 23 at 7 p.m. at Felida Fire Station with Detective Mitchum as guest. The association is looking for service groups who would like to set up educational booths at their July 4 activities after the kid's parade. Organizations/businesses in selling goods and services will not be allowed.

Milada also said there are eagle scouts looking for projects. Let her know if you have a project that would be appropriate.

George Vartanian – Their next meeting is Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Community Christ Church with Commissioner Stuart as their guest speaker. The Fairgrounds Park dedication is slated for May 22.

Doug announced that the Bonneville Power Administration will be on our June agenda talking about the schedule for studying the proposed routes for a new electric transmission line. This project impacts many of the Clark County neighborhood associations.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Gilbert, Secretary

March 9, 2010

Reviewed by Doug Ballou, Chairman