

## **Neighborhood Associations Council of Clark County March 14, 2011 meeting notes**

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Chairman Doug Ballou. Those in attendance were: Holly Gaya, CCPIO; Art Stubbs, Green Meadows; Marelyn & Jim Curtis, Truman; Rob Guttridge, CC Environmental Services; Sandra Bennett, East Fork Frontier; Sue Lintz, Henry Hughes and Lynda Majuire, E. Minnehaha; John Allen, Maple Tree; Allyson Ruppenthal, Clark County Public Works; Jeff Mize, Clark County Public Works; Dan Weaver, Clark County Railroad Advisory; Jim Dickman, Clark County; Bill Barron, Clark County; Shane Gardner, Clark County Sheriff's Office; Avril Massey, North Salmon Creek; Paul Scarpelli, N. Salmon Creek; Julie Arnez, NE Hazel Dell; Peter Mayer, Vancouver/Clark Parks; John Stubbs, Felida; Peter Capell, Clark County Public Works; Bud Van Cleve, NE Hazel Dell; Doug Ballou, NACCC;

Doug introduced Sgt. Shane Gardner who will replace recently promoted Cmdr. Mike McCabe as the CCSO Outreach Sergeant. Shane gave a brief bio and offered his services to the neighborhood association leaders. He will be assuming his new duties on April 5, 2011.

Shane also talked about the annual Mustache March for the American Cancer Society. Last year, deputies decided to let their mustaches grow to raise money and Sheriff Garry Lucas put a bounty of \$1000 on his mustache. If deputies raised \$1000, the Sheriff said he would shave. They did and he did. This year, the bounty is \$5000. They are half way to the goal. For more information: [http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR/TeamACS/TACSFY10National?company\\_id=153987&pg=company&fr\\_id=27330](http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR/TeamACS/TACSFY10National?company_id=153987&pg=company&fr_id=27330) or <http://www.moustachemarch.com/fundraising.html>.

### **Clark County Budget and Home Rule**

- Bill Barron, County Administrator, introduced Jim Dickman, Director of the Budget Office who discussed the 2011/2012 biennial budget and long-term financial outlook for Clark County. The projections show the budget is not sustainable. Bill Barron has established eight internal committees to explore different ways for the county to do business and find a model that will be sustainable. There are many costs the county can't control and still unknowns related to the State. However, by the middle of this biennium, he hopes to have a plan for the 2013/2014 budget that is sustainable. For more information: <http://www.clark.wa.gov/budget/documents.html> or call Jim Dickman at (360) 397-6097.
- Bill Barron talked about the Home Rule form of local government and his meetings throughout the community. He briefly summarized Home Rule and the role of Freeholders. He was invited back to our next meeting on April 11 to give a full presentation on the Home Rule form of government and how people can get involved.

## Volunteer Coordination

- Allyson Ruppenthal is the new Volunteer Coordinator with Clark County Public Works. She is primarily focusing on volunteering in Parks because there is a great need. Allyson asked neighborhood association leaders to help her let people know there are limitless volunteer opportunities in our parks. The Parks Volunteer website lists every park and many projects.  
<http://www.clark.wa.gov/publicworks/parks/volunteer.html> or contact Allyson at (360) 397-6118 ext.1627 or [allyson.ruppenthal@clark.wa.gov](mailto:allyson.ruppenthal@clark.wa.gov)

## Neighborhood Roundtable

- Art Stubbs with Green Meadows Neighborhood Association said the Bonneville I-5 Corridor Reinforcement Project is now becoming an issue within his neighborhood association.
- Paul Scarpelli with N. Salmon Creek Neighborhood Association said the Salmon Creek Interchange Project is coming along. There is a meeting with the business community on March 24, 2011 from 1-3 PM at the Three Creeks Library. For more information: [www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/I5/ne134thi205](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/I5/ne134thi205) Additionally, the neighborhood is participating in the final planning process for the new Chinook Park.
- Dan Weaver with the Railroad Advisory Board said current work is focused on replacing steel on the railroad. Anderson Dairy, recently moved from Battle Ground to Brush Prairie, moved its first car. They will move approx. 1 car every other month.
- John Stubbs lives in the Felida Neighborhood Association and was recently elected as President of the Sacajawea PTA. Welcome.
- Marelyn Curtis with the Truman Neighborhood Association said they have a meeting scheduled for this Thursday to discuss the closure of St. Johns and St. James. Additionally Deputy Russ Bradseth and Cmdr. Keith Killian will attend their meeting. The neighborhood will dedicate Bosco Farm Neighborhood Park at some point after May 15 when the weather is better.
- Sandra Bennett with the East Fork Frontier Neighborhood Association said the river overflowed its banks due to the recent rainy weather. And, a house in the neighborhood that has been vacant for two years is now occupied.
- Jeff Mize, Clark County Public Works, offered a brief update on Stormwater Partners of SW Washington. Jeff said the group consists of Clark County and all of the county's cities, with the exception of the Town of Yacolt. It was formed using a Washington State Department Ecology grant to provide public information/outreach on maintenance of private stormwater facilities. Stormwater Partners had its first community workshop the previous week in Battle Ground and will have other workshops in coming months. More information is available on the project's website, [www.stormwaterpartners.com](http://www.stormwaterpartners.com).
- Sue Lintz with the East Minnehaha had a neighborhood meeting with Bonneville Power on March 2. The neighborhood also has a couple of coyotes hanging around. And, Sue plans to talk with Allyson about purchasing bricks for the new neighborhood park. Sue attended a presentation by Pat Jollota and learned the East Minnehaha neighborhood was once known as the Black Forest.

- Rob Guttridge with Environmental Services announced three volunteer opportunities:
  - \*\*April 23 – Clark Public Utilities Earthday Event, tree planning and garlic mustard pull at Klineline Pond
  - \*\*April 23 – Hathaway Park in Washougal, garlic mustard pull
  - \*\*May 14 – West Klineline Pond (near ball fields) garlic mustard pull

For more information contact Rob at [Rob.Guttridge@clark.wa.gov](mailto:Rob.Guttridge@clark.wa.gov) or (360) 397-6118 ext 4344.

- John Allen, Railroad Advisory Board and Maple Tree Neighborhood Association – Welcome back!
- Bud Van Cleve, NE Hazel Dell Neighborhood Association will be participating in the Hazel Dell Elementary School Enrichment Fair on March 31. Bud, Dick Clairmont and Dick's granddaughter Emily will be hosting two sessions about volunteering and why it is a win-win.
- Pete Mayer, Director of Vancouver/Clark Parks announced the upcoming Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission meeting on Friday, March 18, from 12-3 PM at the Public Service Center. The commission will be discussing policy regarding: park naming, receiving donations for park maintenance and the adopt-a-park program. Additionally, the state will release the revenue forecast on Thursday which could show a significant shortfall in the budget.

Doug announced a meeting for Clark County Partners Supporting Walking/Biking to School on March 21 at the Evergreen Administrative Services Bldg. 13501 NE 28<sup>th</sup> St., Vancouver from 3-5 PM. Charlotte Claybrook, the WA Safe Routes to School Coordinator will provide news from the state and other communities. There will be local panels sharing information about local partnerships and the program.

St. Paddy's Kids Day will be on Saturday, March 19 from 10 AM – 3 PM at Shorty's Garden & Home on Mill Plain. For information and tickets: [www.parksfoundation.us](http://www.parksfoundation.us) or call (360) 487-8370.

The Port of Vancouver wants you to consider inviting a port representative to speak to your neighborhood association about port issues and projects. The Port also hosts tours. For more information contact Andrew Ness at (360) 693-3611.

The next NACCC meeting will be on April 11, 2011

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:10 PM

Contributions to these meeting notes were made by Marelyn Curtis and Sue Lintz.