

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS COUNCIL OF CLARK COUNTY

OCTOBER 10, 2011 NOTES

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Doug Ballou at 7 p.m. Those in attendance were: Bud Van Cleve, NE Hazel Dell; Sandra Bennett, East Fork Frontier; Holly Gaya, CCPIO; Dan Weaver, RR Advisory Board; Doug Ballou; Rob Guttridge, CC Environmental Services; Andrew Ness, Port of Vancouver; Susan Gilbert, Enterprise/Paradise Point; Jim Windus, citizen; Elizabeth Jordan, Vancouver Parks; David Palmer, Schneider Electric; Karen Trout, CC Public Works; Stephan Abramson, Pleasant Highlands; Neil Chambers, Andresen/St. Johns; Paul Scarpelli, Salmon Creek; Jeff Mize, CC Public Works; Milada Allen, Felida; Henry Hughes, E. Minnehaha; Sue Lintz, E. Minnehaha; Julie Arenz, NE Hazel Dell, Art Stubbs, Green Meadows; Avril Massey, North Salmon Creek, Pete Mayer, Vancouver Clark Parks.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Regional Transportation Council will hold an open house on Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update on Thursday, October 27 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Public Services Center lobby. It will provide information on the proposed update to the MTP for Clark County.

“Make a Difference Day Cleanup Challenge” will be Saturday, October 22 at 9 a.m. at David Douglas Park, 1016 N Garrison Road. Volunteers are needed – contact www.parkhero.org for registration and info.

There will be two open houses on La Center area Road Projects. The Moorehaven Slide repair located on NW Pacific Highway west of NW Bolen Street. The second project is Timmen Road overlay. For those affected, please attend the open house which is Thursday, October 13 from 4-7 p.m. at the La Center Community Center. For more information on the Moorehaven project, contact Robin Washington at Robin.Washington@clark.wa.gov and for the Timmen Road project, contact Matt Griswold at Matt.Griswold@clark.wa.gov

PARK DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEES – Marty Snell and Pete Mayer – One aspect of the Retooling the Code process is streamlining parks codes, specifically neighborhood parks. Should neighborhood parks pay traffic impact fees (TIF)? Currently, recently developed neighborhood parks have been assessed TIF of anywhere from \$4000 to \$7000. Under the proposed re-tooling of the code these fees will continue, but the amount of average daily trips has been revised downward so those fees will likely be much lower for future neighborhood park development. The assessed TIF will be on the developed area of each park. There was quite a bit of discussion about impact fees, who pays and where does the money collected get spent. TIF collected are spent on capital improvements to arterials that serve neighborhoods and commercial district.

A question was asked of Marty Snell about the West Hazel Dell residential care facility and whether or not it will be legal according to the code. The county is drafting the code language to address this type of use.

SCHNEIDER ELECTRIC – DAVID PALMER

David Palmer provided a more comprehensive overview of the Clark County District Heating biomass project and provided an update regarding the project as well as answer questions that neighborhood leaders had regarding the project and its impacts on surrounding neighborhoods. In the county's desire to practice sustainability, it has been investigating how to use more green materials. The biomass plant would burn wood slash left over after timber harvest to generate steam to heat and cool county buildings and generate electricity to be sold to either an electric utility or possibly back to the County. There is still some controversy with the City of Vancouver over permitting on proposed site. The question should be resolved by Thursday, October 13. Citizen Jim Windus had several concerns he aired with Mr. Palmer regarding discussions he had with BPA representatives and SW Washington Clean Air officials regarding interconnection process and air discharge permitting.

ROUNDTABLE

Sandra Bennett – East Fork Frontier – There appears to be an alleged illegal operation in her neighborhood that involves the delivery of many cars to a residence for repair. She asked how she could address the situation. She was advised to contact the Sheriff's office.

Sue Lintz – E. Minnehaha – Sue was contacted about an injured soldier who lost a leg and who needs an ADA-accessible home. She is hoping to get volunteers to help the soldier. Contact her at tonysuel@aol.com. Her NA is going forward with a Christmas party and they have secured food from Safeway, volunteers from churches, and refreshments from the PTA. December 15 is the date of the party. On November 19th there will be a breakfast at Applebee's for anyone who wants to attend and part of the proceeds will help fund the Xmas party.

Stephan Abramson – Pleasant Highlands – There will be a stakeholder meeting at Fire Station 7 at 6:30 to give information about the traffic impacts to the 119th and 50th Ave. construction.

DAN WEAVER – RR ADVISORY BOARD – There is a railroad school starting in Yacolt but it is in need of funds. It should provide 12 full time jobs for the area.

ROB GUTTRIDGE – ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES – There will be a tour of the transfer station on October 22. For more information contact Rob at Rob.Guttridge@clark.wa.gov

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Gilbert, Secretary

