

Neighborhood Associations Council of Clark County January 10, 2011 meeting notes

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Doug Ballou at 7 p.m. Those in attendance were: Doug Ballou; Sandra Bennett, East Fork Frontier; Rob Guttridge, CC Environmental Services; Holly Gaya, CCPIO; Jonnie Hyde, CC Public Health; Avril Massey, N. Salmon Creek; Paul Scarpelli, N. Salmon Creek; Sue Lintz, East Minnehaha; Andrew Ness, port of Vancouver; Ila Stanek, West Hazel Dell; and Terra Heilman, Waste Connections

Announcements:

Sue Lintz would like you to provide her with photos of meetings and events you attend. She is working on a photo album that will portray a year of NACCC volunteerism. Sue passed around an album with photos from December's Children's Holiday Party. If you have photos, please contact Sue at 693-9153.

Sue and Milada are representing NACCC on the Community Military Appreciation Committee (CMAC). Recently, they attended the Christmas party for children of deployed military members and will report back to NACCC with updates through the year.

Neighborhoods USA (NUSA) announced a neighborhood newsletter competition. Clark County Neighborhood Associations produce great newsletters and Doug suggested everyone consider entering the competition. The nomination form can be found here: <http://www.nusa.org/newslettercompetition.htm>

Bike and Pedestrian: Laurie Lebowsky is looking for people who would like to volunteer on the Clark Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board. The Board is comprised of membership from all cities and stakeholder groups. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Laurie at: Laurie.Lebowsky@clark.wa.gov or 397-2280.

Title 40- Retooling Our Code: The Board of County Commissioners will be holding public hearings pertaining to changes in the code. Doug encouraged everyone to stay informed and attend the meetings if possible. Information is available here: <http://roc.clark.wa.gov/index.html>

State of the County will be on February 17, 2011 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Skyview High School. The event is free and reservations are not required.

The Public Information and Outreach Office will be closed on Fridays beginning January 2011.

Terra Heilman, Waste Reduction Specialist with Waste Connections, Inc. is available to attend neighborhood meetings and speak on a variety of topics, including:

- *Recycling 101*
- *Rethinking throw away*
- *How to make backyard compost bins, worm bins, and three-bin systems*
- *Business recycling in Clark County*
- *Keeping it clean-business food waste collection in Clark County*
- *Online tools for waste reduction*
- *Landfill- hole in the ground*
- *Biodegradable plastics – selecting the proper waste stream*
- *Recycled art*
- *Plastics! Past, present future*

Additionally, the Recyclingist Neighborhood Program will be hosting four tours of the recycling transfer station in March. It is a fascinating tour and neighborhoods that attend and post information articles in their newsletters are eligible for grant money.

Terra can be reached at: 449-8395 or recyclehelp@wasteconnections.com

NACCC nominated and selected a county employee who will be recognized as the NACCC employee of the year. The award will be presented at State of the County on February 17, 2011. For more information, contact Doug Ballou, dballou@pacifier.com

Rob Guttridge, Waste Reduction Specialist with Clark County Solid Waste Program, encouraged everyone to take the Clean Water Survey regarding local water quality, stormwater management and the use of potentially polluting substances. The results will help improve community education efforts about reducing stormwater pollution. The survey is here: www.cleanriverpanel.com

Rob also provided an Environmental Services update, including property acquisitions and the 2011/2012 budget.

Sandra Bennett talked about a Christmas tree give away in La Center and the unintended consequences for the tree farms in the area. The La Center Tree Farm has hosted two of the East Fork Frontier Neighborhood Association's annual meetings.

Sandra also mentioned the 60 Minutes report on the amount of money Oregon spends on gambling addiction. She will be writing an article about this for a future newsletter.

Ila Stanek announced the West Hazel Dell's upcoming meeting on January 19, 2011. Speakers will provide information on the free duct testing program, energy efficiency, and weatherization program. Ila estimates 1600 homes in the West Hazel Dell Neighborhood Association will qualify for grants to weatherize their homes.

Additionally, neighbors near Jorgenson Woods will be forming a Neighborhood Watch in the area.

Andrew Ness with the Port of Vancouver said the next Port tour is scheduled for January 20th. The State of the Port event is scheduled for January 24th. For more information, contact Andrew at 360-992-1137 or amness@portvanusa.com

Jonnie Hyde, Clark County Health Department, reminded everyone that space is still available to participate in the next week's free Aging Readiness Task Force workshop on healthy communities. Dr. Howard Frumkin, dean of Public Health at the University of Washington and former director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Center for Environmental Health, will be the keynote speaker. He will talk about how the design and planning of urban and rural areas influence public health.

The workshop will be 2-5 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20, at the Red Cross Building in Vancouver Barracks at 605 Barnes St., just east of Interstate 5 and south of Officers Row. The area is served by C-Tran buses 25, 32, 37 and 44.

For more information, contact: Colete Anderson, Community Planning, 397-2280, colete.anderson@clark.wa.gov or Jacqui Kamp, Community Planning, 397-2280 jacqueline.kamp@clark.wa.gov

Jonnie is available to attend neighborhood meetings to discuss determinants of health as they develop proposals for the Comprehensive Plan. The presentations can be tailored to your group and/or specific neighborhood. Jonnie can be contacted at, 397-8000 x8122 or Jonnie.Hyde@clark.wa.gov

Paul Scarpelli said North Salmon Creek is in the planning stages for the new park. And, they are anxious to begin the improvements to the 134th Street area. Paul also asked neighborhood leaders to include information in their newsletters about pet welfare and licensing. Paul offered to provide the text. He can be contacted at 397-2375 x4705 or Paul.Scarpelli@clark.wa.gov

Doug Ballou reported that the annual Children's Holiday Party was the biggest ever. Bud estimated there were over 700 children and this year will require additional efforts from volunteers to plan, collect and wrap gifts, and facilitate a growing event.

Sue Lintz expressed a desire to start a similar party in her area but knows she will need a lot of help to get it started. Contact Sue if you are interested in this project and would like to assist.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:05 PM.

The next Neighborhood Association Council meeting is scheduled for February 7, 2011.