

## Neighborhood Associations Council of Clark County

February 9, 2015

7-8:30 PM

Clark County Public Works 78th Street Operations Center  
4700 NE 78<sup>th</sup> Street, Vancouver, WA

### Meeting notes

#### Welcome and introductions: Doug Ballou, Chair

**In attendance:** Doug Ballou, NACCC; Holly Gaya, Clark County; Jeanne Stewart, County Councilor; Dan Enright, CCSO NOW; Art Stubbs, Green Meadows; Sgt. Shane Gardner, CCSO; Allan Jones, NE Hazel Dell; Duncan Hoss, CCSO; Steve Shea, CCSO; Terry Allen, Felida; Milada Allen, Felida; Roger Entrekkin, Meadow Glade; Bob Butler, East Minnehaha; Stephan Abramson, Pleasant Highlands; Sandra Bennett, East Fork Frontier; Dick Clairmont, RAB; Barb Cabe, Truman; Abigail Cermak, Columbia Riverkeeper; Jeff Mize, Clark County Public Works; Ila Stanek, West Hazel Dell; Mitch Canton, Clark County Live; Neil Chambers, Andresen-St Johns; Aryn Sallee, Felida

#### Announcements:

- County councilors set March 12 for State of the County event. The event will be 3:30-5:30 at Skyview High School, 1300 NW 139<sup>th</sup> St., in the Salmon Creek Area. Light refreshments will be available at 3:30 p.m. The program will start at 4 p.m.

Plans call for newly elected Sheriff Chuck E. Atkins and newly appointed Acting County Manager Mark McCauley to be on hand for short presentations.

The councilors also will recognize volunteers for extraordinary efforts in 2014. They urge those attending to bring non-perishable food, household supplies or financial donations for local food banks.

For those unable to attend, the program may be viewed later on CVTV (Clark-Vancouver Television) Channels 21 and 23.

- SALT (Seniors and Law Enforcement Together) Annual Senior Luncheon will be Monday, Feb. 16 from 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. (doors open at 10:30 a.m.) at Liberty Middle School Cafeteria, 1612 NE Garfield, Camas, WA. The menu will include beef stroganoff, green beans, fruit, breadsticks and ice cream. Lunch will be served by local law enforcement personnel as their way of showing appreciation for the great seniors of Clark County. There will also be a prescription drug take-back. If you have expired or unused prescription medications bring them with you. Deputies will be on hand to safely dispose of them (please no liquids or sharps). Also new this year- is the free shred event. This is an event for all senior citizens, although donations are always welcome. If you have questions, call (360) 397-2211 ext. 3380.
- Leadership Clark County is currently accepting applications. Through practical, action-oriented, hands-on experiences, Leadership Clark County (LCC) graduates emerge with an in-depth knowledge of our community and strong leadership skills. LCC graduates are everywhere, rolling up their sleeves and making a difference. Our graduates have gone on to legislative service, nonprofit board service, business leadership and educational service, and many others provide behind-the-scenes support with countless volunteer hours and financial assistance. Our graduates are

active and concerned participants in our community's most important issues. No matter what role they play, they're working to create a community that works for all of us and the generations to come. That's the kind of leadership LCC is all about! For more information go to the Leadership Clark County Website here: <http://www.leadershipclarkcounty.com/apply/>

### **Councilor Jeanne E. Stewart**

Councilor Stewart began her remarks by saying she is glad to be here. She said her work interesting and certainly not a part-time position.

As a newly elected Councilor she brings many experiences that have helped her transition and continue in her current role. She served on the Vancouver City Council for 12 years and is familiar with the Growth Management Act (GMA), zoning, land use, agencies and policies. She also served on the Vancouver Planning Commission and worked to stabilize zoning in neighborhoods. Additionally, she helped author several ordinances. Councilor Stewart believes she understands the needs of citizens, the concerns of neighborhoods and business owners. She was a private business owner with her husband and a neighborhood volunteer.

Councilor Stewart said she, like others, has faced challenges and she and her husband were partners in finding a solution not searching for the guilty. She also said that she feels the best solution is typically low impact and has a restricted footprint. Anything that challenges the integrity of a neighborhood undermines the quality of the neighborhood.

There was discussion about the issues facing rural lands in the GMA update, transportation infrastructure, as well as discussion about the proposed changes to the Clark County Home Business Ordinance. Doug and Art explained that NACCC has submitted a letter to the Board requesting that no changes be made to Section 40.260.100 of the Clark County Code and explaining why amending the ordinance is not in the best interest of residential neighborhoods and if implemented would adversely impact the quality of life in neighborhoods.

Doug also briefly talked about the history of Clark County neighborhood associations and some of their past accomplishments. Councilor Stewart was invited to attend a NACCC meeting any time and she extended an invitation for citizens to contact her with any questions or concerns.

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### **Abigail Cermak**, Hanford Coordinator Columbia Riverkeeper

Columbia Riverkeeper's mission is to protect and restore the water quality of the Columbia River and all life connected to it from the headwaters to the Pacific Ocean. Members are active in communities throughout the basin and work on a wide-array of issues, including advocating for long-term cleanup at Hanford, protecting salmon nurseries in the Columbian River estuary, and reducing toxic threats through volunteer water quality monitoring and Clean Water Act citizen enforcement.

Abigail provided copies of the Columbia River Keepers report entitled Hanford and the River [http://columbiariverkeeper.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/09/hanford\\_and\\_the\\_river\\_final2.pdf](http://columbiariverkeeper.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/09/hanford_and_the_river_final2.pdf) The report states Hanford is the most contaminated site in the Western Hemisphere. Today, waste in unlined cribs and trenches has spread into large pollution plumes and dozens of storage tanks have leaked high-level nuclear waste. Vast areas of groundwater are poisoned and in some places, flowing

into the Columbia River. However, despite the widespread contamination and the tremendous challenges that lie ahead, there is great hope in cleaning up the Hanford Reach and restoring the Columbia River. To learn more about Hanford and/or the Columbia River Keepers, contact Abigail Cermak at [Abigail@columbiariverkeeper.org](mailto:Abigail@columbiariverkeeper.org) or (541) 399-9162.

You can review the 2014 year-end report authored by the US Department of Energy here: <http://www.hanford.gov/news.cfm/DOE/141231RLYearEnd.pdf>.

### **Clark County Employee of the Year:**

Keeping with tradition, NACCC will recognize their choice for Clark County employee of the year at the State of the County event on March 12, 2015 at Skyview High School in Salmon Creek. The event begins at 3:30 p.m. Last month Doug asked everyone to consider possible nominations and contact him with names. Tonight we voted on the nominations and selected our 2014 Clark County Employee of the Year. For more information, contact Doug by email: [dougballou@comcast.net](mailto:dougballou@comcast.net).

### **Roundtable**

**Jeff Mize** reported there will be a series of community meetings related to Long Range Parks Planning.

March 3 from 5-7 p.m. at La Center Community Center, 1000 E 4<sup>th</sup> St., La Center

March 4 at Camas/Washougal Fire Station #42, 4321 NW Parker, Camas

March 5 at Three Creeks Library in Salmon Creek

Additional information will forthcoming in a news release. To check Clark County news releases click here:

<http://www.clark.wa.gov/news/news.asp>

Additionally, Jeff said Karen Llewellyn would have been here tonight but that she needed to stay home and celebrate Ashland Madison Llewellyn's 10-day birthday. Congratulations to the Llewellyn family.

**Commander Duncan Hoss** distributed a document that outlines the pros and cons of the Central Precinct facility. It also provides background of the precinct, current functions it can and cannot accomplish. Duncan is asking for public response to the possibility the precinct will be closed for public walk-ins. To learn more about the Central Precinct or offer input, please contact acting Commander Duncan Hoss at 397-6195 or [Duncan.Hoss@clark.wa.gov](mailto:Duncan.Hoss@clark.wa.gov).

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM

Next meeting scheduled for March 9, 2015