

Neighborhood Associations Council of Clark County

July 14, 2014

7-9 PM 4700 NE 78th Street, Vancouver, WA

Meeting notes

Welcome and introductions: Doug Ballou, Chair

In attendance: Doug Ballou, NACCC; Holly Gaya, Clark County; Dan Enright, CCSO NOW; Linda Hayes, CCSO; Steve Shea, CCSO; Dick Clairmont, RRAB and NE Hazel Dell; Sandra Bennett, East Fork Frontier; Wanda Heisen, East Fork Frontier; Roger A Heisen, East Fork Frontier; Roger Entekin, Meadow Glade; John Horch, CCSO; Barb Cabe; Truman; Lynda Maguire, East Minnehaha; Milada Allen, Felida; Neil Chambers, Andresen-St John's; Becky Lillie, Felida; Brian Wolfe, Port of Vancouver; Julie Rawls, Port of Vancouver; and Stephan Abrahamson, Pleasant Highlands

Announcements:

- **Christmas in July toy drive**—The NE Hazel Dell neighborhood association in partnership with nonprofit Three Creek Community Partners is holding its third annual Christmas in July toy drive. Toys collected in this drive will be given to children in need who live in the Hazel Dell area at the Youth Holiday event in mid-December at Sara J. Anderson Elementary School. The wish list includes: toy cars and trucks, baby dolls, action figures, play tool sets, play tea sets, Legos, sports balls, hand-held electronic games, books, board games, puzzles, jewelry, craft/art sets and educational games.

Please donate toys at one of these drop-off locations:

McDonald's Hazel Dell

McDonald's at Stockford Village (99th Street and NE 7th Avenue)

McDonald's, at Salmon Creek

Burgerville USA in Hazel Dell (99th Street and Highway 99)

- **Washington State University Extension Master Gardener Program workshops**—
- Introduction to Permaculture, Saturday, August 2, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Heritage Farm/ \$55 preregistration required
- On The Road Tour – Dancing Roses, Tuesday, August 26 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., tour begins and ends at Van transportation from Enterprise Rent-A-Car, 9319 NE Highway 99, Hazel Dell. Tour stops at Dancing Oaks, Monmouth, Oregon and Heirloom Roses, St. Paul, Oregon. Cost \$30, Lunch on your own at J's 99 Grill in Monmouth, Online registration required by Aug. 10, <http://bpt.me/759013>. More information: (360) 397-6060 ext. 5738.
- **Sheriff Candidates Community Forum** presented by the Neighborhood Associations Council of Clark County. July 19, 2014. Doors open at 6:15 p.m. at the Vancouver Community Library, Columbia Community Room, 901 C Street, Vancouver. Come meet the candidates: Chuck Atkins, Shane Gardner, John Graser and Ed Owens. Please RSVP to Dr. Milada Allen (360) 573-4030.
- **Report to Clark County neighborhoods on comprehensive plan update process.** The Board of County Commissioners has made several decisions regarding the 2016 comprehensive plan update process. The board chose a medium-growth population projection and coupled it with a major push to greatly

improve job prospects for local residents. The jobs target is aggressive and will require an adequate supply of land designated for non-residential uses.

Most recently, the board decided at a June 24 hearing to adopt population and employment allocations for each city and the unincorporated area of the county. The board also adopted planning assumptions, principles and values to guide the update process and agreed to suspend the annual plan amendments for 2015 and 2016. These decisions are the foundation of the 2035 comprehensive plan update.

The next step is to develop land use alternatives representing the range of options that will be considered for distribution of population, employment and development from 2015 to 2035. This work will be in continued cooperation with the cities of Battle Ground, Camas, La Center, Ridgefield, Vancouver, Washougal and Woodland and the town of Yacolt.

Impacts of these alternatives will be studied and compared during the environmental review process required under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA). Clark County will seek public input on the alternatives during a process called “scoping.”

Here are dates and locations of open houses for the scoping process:

- Tuesday, Aug. 19, 7-8:30 p.m. – Vancouver Community Library, 901 C. St.
- Wednesday, Aug. 20, 7-8:30 p.m. – Lacamas Lake Lodge, 227 N.E. Lake Road, Camas
- Wednesday, Aug. 27, 7-8:30 p.m. – Ridgefield Community Center, 210 N. Main Ave.
- Thursday, Aug. 28, 7-8:30 p.m. – Battle Ground Community Center, 912 E. Main St.

For more information, go to: [www.clark.wa.gov/Planning/2016 update/index.html](http://www.clark.wa.gov/Planning/2016%20update/index.html).

To request email bulletins, contact commplanning@clark.wa.gov

- **Christmas in July—Santa’s Posse!** Come join the fun and help support Santa’s Posse with a spaghetti dinner and Bingo on July 22 at 40 et 8, 7607 NE 26th Avenue, across 78th Street from Pro-Builders in Hazel Dell. 5:30 Spaghetti Dinner, 6:45 Bingo. Tickets are \$20 (includes Bingo and dinner) Table sponsor \$100 (table of six plus sponsor recognition). Contact Angel at (360) 624-7735 or angel@larrylevien.com for tickets.

Guest Speaker: Brian Wolfe, President of the 2014 Port of Vancouver USA Board of Commissioners

The Port of Vancouver USA is a global hub of opportunity, positioned at a key crossroads of ocean-bound and river shipping lanes, interstate highways and national rail lines. Equally important, we make a priority of fostering key relationships—with international partners, local industry, and the community in which we live and work.

Here’s more information about our local port:

- The Port of Vancouver USA is the third-oldest port in Washington and has 4 miles of waterfront.
- The Port of Vancouver is essentially an export port. Approximately 85 percent exports and 15 percent imports. The top exports last year were wheat, scrap steel and bulk minerals. The top

imports were autos, steel, pulp and bulk minerals. Last year 45,000 rail cars brought commodities and soon the number will be 60,000 cars.

- It has five marine terminals that provide 13 shipping berths.
- It is the only port in North America with two 140-metric ton mobile harbor cranes.
- There are 50 businesses on the Port property.
- The Port activities generate \$1.6 billion in economic benefits to the region and contribute nearly \$82 million to state and local taxes to fund police, fire and other services annually.
- Port activities support almost 17,000 jobs in the community and 2,300 people work on the port facility. 80% of the employees who come to work at the port live in Clark County or within the city limits of Vancouver. (Only 100 people are employed directly by the port.)
- There is over two million square feet of industrial warehousing on the Port facility.
- Centennial Industrial Park is 58 acres and ready-to-build and there are 50 acres for future expansion.
- There are 500 acres of land for future development
- Dual rail carrier service (
- Easy access to river, road and rail transportation
- The Port has been doing environmental remediation and cleanup of previously contaminated land.
- The Port includes a 154-acre wetland bank

If you are interested in learning about the port and seeing it first-hand, sign up for a free, two-hour tour. Tours are held several times a year and are family-friendly. To make a reservation or for more information, call (360) 693-3611 or visit portvanusa.com/tours.

Roundtable

Commander John Horch told us that CCSO is acquiring a new speed warning trailer. The new trailer will have remote access that will allow operators to see what's happening. The trailer will be available to neighborhoods to remind motorists of their current speed. For more information, contact Commander Horch at Central Precinct. (360) 397- 6195.

Commander Steve Shea said the Clark County Amphitheater is busy with concerts the next couple of weeks, the Washougal Motocross will hold their event on July 24 and 25 and then the Clark County Fair will be open the first week in August. Each of these events keeps CCSO busy.

Dan Enright, NOW Volunteer told us the Clark County Sheriff's Office is now recruiting county residents interested in becoming **Neighbors on Watch (NOW) Citizen Volunteers**. If you are interested and want to get involved with the Citizen Volunteer program, please contact the CCSO Outreach Unit at (360) 397-2211 ext. 3380 or email: sheriffcommunityoutreach@clark.wa.gov.

Sandra Bennett with East Fork Frontier Neighborhood Association talked about the Storedahl mining that has occurred near the East Fork for a number of years and how she feels it has changed and endangered the river. Sandra has recently met with Van Alexander. If you would like more information, contact Sandra at (360) 263-3336.

Barb Cabe with the Truman Neighborhood Association wanted to let everyone know about these upcoming events:

- **September 14 from 3-5 p.m. – Third Annual Barbecue/Potluck** at Bosco Farm Neighborhood Park located on NE 39th Street between St. Johns Blvd. and NE 42nd Avenue. Bring your family, your own beverage (nonalcoholic) a side dish to share (salad, dessert, etc.) and lawn chairs or blankets to sit on. The neighborhood association will provide hamburgers and hotdogs, condiments, chips and plates and flatware. Please, no pets at this event except service animals.
- **September 20 from 12 – 4 p.m. Public Safety Complex Open House** at the Clark County Sheriff's Office West Precinct at the Fairgrounds. There will be demonstrations by K9 units, auto extractions, a visit by Life Flight, SWAT, SAR and emergency vehicles on display. This is a free family event with a bounce house, free hot dogs, child ID and fingerprinting, plus much more. Volunteers are need. If you would like to help out, please email: trumanneighborhood@gmail.com.
- **September 27 from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. – Annual Kings Pond Cleanup.** Last year's cleanup was rained out so we hope this year the weather will cooperate. We hope to receive donations to mow the grass. Mowing definitely reduces the amount of criminal activity that has previously been such a problem. It improves safety for the public as well as law enforcement when they respond to the area. The county mows in the spring by \by late September the grass is very high. If you would like to contribute to this cause by donating your time or money, we would welcome your help.

We would like to have an idea how many neighbors will be available to help that morning so we can plan accordingly for refreshments. Please email trumanneighborhood@gmail.com or call (360) 695-7430 for more information.

- **October 30 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. – Truman Neighborhood Association** meeting at Legion Hall Smith Reynolds Post 14 located at 4607 NE St. James Road. Clark County Sheriff's Deputy Kevin Schmidt will speak. We will also be voting on changes to the association bylaws.

Lynda Maguire with the East Minnehaha Neighborhood Association reported that Sue Lintz took bad fall and is currently recovering at home. The East Minnehaha and Roads End Neighborhood Associations have a meeting scheduled for July 31 at the Northside Baptist Church, 5201 NE Minnehaha St., Vancouver. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. and will feature Dr. Bill Ritchie with the Commission on Aging and Pat Jollita who is an elected Freeholder and will talk about the county's Home Rule Charter which will be on the November ballot.

Roger Entrekin with Meadow Glade Neighborhood Association reported they are experiencing a quiet period.

Dr. Milada Allen with the Felida Neighborhood Association said the annual July 4th parade and picnic was a huge success as always. The turnout was in the thousands and this year candy was replaced with fresh fruits and vegetables. She thanked all who contributed, including the Clark County Sheriff's Office and county neighborhood associations.

Milada also said the Felida Neighborhood association will supply hotdogs and water to the Public Safety Complex open house on Sept. 20 at West Precinct.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 PM. The next scheduled meeting will be Aug. 11 and will feature CCSO Deputies K9s and at our annual barbeque and picnic.