

Neighborhood Associations Council of Clark County

June 8, 2015

Meeting notes

Welcome and introductions: Doug Ballou, Chair

In attendance: Doug Ballou, NACCC; Holly Gaya, CCPIO; Marilee McCall, CCPIO; Neil Chambers, Andresen-St John's; Barb Cabe, Truman; Erin Nolan, CCSO Commander West Precinct; Dan Enright, CCSO NOW; Judy Bumbarger-Enright, Sunnyside; Lynda Maguire, East Minnehaha; Bridget Schwarz, Fairgrounds; Susan Gilbert, Enterprise-Paradise Point; Sandra Bennett, East Fork-Frontier; Greg Noelck, VNA; Maureen Smith, Meadow Glade; Dick Clairmont, NE Hazel Dell; Sandra Day, North Salmon Creek; Ila Stanek, West Hazel Dell; Ed Frankel, Pleasant Highlands; and Milada Allen, Felida

Announcements:

- Doug announced an upcoming Green Neighbors Summit on Saturday, Aug. 29, in Eugene Oregon. The summit will be an unprecedented opportunity to show, tell and learn about greening our neighborhoods. For more information: <http://northwestpermaculture.org/content/northwest-green-neighborhood-summit>
- National Night Out, an event celebrating neighbors getting together, working to prevent crime, and partnering with local law enforcement is coming Tuesday, Aug. 4, 2015. If your neighborhood is planning to host an event on Aug. 4, please send Kasey Frazier an email. She will notify your assigned deputy liaison who will try to stop by. Kasey.Frazier@clark.wa.gov
- Reach out and make the upcoming holiday brighter for children in Hazel Dell by participating in the Christmas in July Toy Drive. You may drop off new, unwrapped toys at any of the following locations from July 5 – Aug. 2:
 - ✓ Burgerville USA , 99th St. and Hwy. 99
 - ✓ McDonald's, 99th St. in Stockford Village
 - ✓ McDonald's, Salmon Creek
- Vancouver Neighborhood Leadership Training is extending an invitation to attend panel discussion for anyone who interacts with people who have mental illness. The event is June 29 from 6-8 p.m. at Vancouver City Hall, 415 W 6th St., Aspen Room, on the first floor. For more information call (360) 695-2823 or email: seeme@namiswwa.org.
- An outdoor burn ban begins early this year due to increased fire hazards. As of 12:01 a.m. Tuesday, July 1, all land clearing and residential burning in Clark and Cowlitz Counties will be restricted due to increased fire danger. A burn ban in Skamania County begins June 10. Jon Dunaway, Fire Marshal, (360) 397-3324 or jon.dunaway@clark.wa.gov
- WSU Clark County Extension and Clark County Environmental Services Clean Water Program are jointly sponsoring a Small Acreage Tour on Thursday, June 25 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Burkhart's Highland Farm. This will provide an opportunity to learn about pasture management, maintaining wildlife habitat, growing food on small acreage, reducing mud in heavy use areas and managing acreage without chemicals. Pre-registration is required. The cost is \$10. For more information call (360) 397-6060 ext. 0 or www.brownpapertickets.com event 1592214
- Commander Erin Nolan announced the Citizens Advisory Board is changing their meeting schedule to the second Thursday of each month due to schedule conflicts. The venue remains West Precinct, 505 NW 179th St., Ridgefield and meetings begin at 1:30 p.m.

- The Public Safety Complex Open House is planned for Saturday in Sept. 19. If you are interested in helping with the event, please contact Commander Nolan at: Erin.Nolan@clark.wa.gov

Guest speakers

Susan Gilbert, Enterprise/Paradise Point, Cowlitz Tribe update:

- The coalition plaintiffs consisting of the City of Vancouver, Clark County, Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde, Citizens Against Reservation Shopping, Al Alexanderson and Susan and Greg Gilbert lost the first round in DC District Court last December. The case is being appealed and the appeal decision should be made sometime the summer of 2016.
- The Bureau of Indian Affairs took the Cowlitz land into trust in March even though there is continuing litigation.
- Because the *Carciere v. Salazar 2009*, won its case in front of the Supreme Court of the US which held that the term "Now under federal jurisdiction" referred only to tribes that were federally reorganized when the Indian Reorganization Act became law in 1934, this decision meant that the Cowlitz were not among the tribes that were "recognized". Therefore, they cannot, by that decision, enjoy the rights of recognized tribes which includes having land taken into trust. The judge in the DC District Court went against the US Supreme Court Decision which makes it more favorable to us that the case may be heard if either side loses in the appeal.
- A side problem is that the Growth Management Hearing Board has turned down twice a request by the City of La Center to extend sewer west to I—5. It said service cannot be delivered over rural lands to a development. It said that the City of La Center who wants to provide sewer and Clark County need to work on consistency of their respective growth plans.

Marty Snell, Director of Clark County Community Development, Developing and Permitting Process

Marty began his presentation by stating the county has a vested interest in economic recovery. He reviewed the effects of the recession and provided information about development issues, trends and initiatives. He also talked about the new permit center and how the culture is one of assistance and expediency. You may view the information from the entire presentation under the Community Development category here: <http://www.clark.wa.gov/neighborhoods/weeklyupdate.html>
If you have questions or comments, contact Marty Snell, AICP, Community Development Director (360) 397-2375 ext. 4101 or Marty.Snell@clark.wa.gov.

Roundtable

- Bridget Schwarz, Fairgrounds Neighborhood Assoc. is having a meeting on Thurs. June 11. The topic is WSU-V and Mt. Vista parking. Their July meeting will host a candidate forum for Clark County Councilor Dist. 2 candidates. For more information contact Bridget at: bridget@bridge-i-t.com
- Sandra Bennett, East Fork Frontier Neighborhood Association is very quiet and people are content. No incentive and nothing to react to.
- Neil Chambers, Andresen/St. Johns Neighborhood Association and the Clark County Railroad Advisory Board (RRAB). Neil said all is well within the neighborhood association and provided a brief update on the railroad work being done on 78th St. Expect a closure this weekend and prepared to use an alternative route.

- Dick Clairmont, NE Hazel Dell Neighborhood Association and Clark County Railroad Advisory Board said Gordy Euler gave a Rural Industrial Land Bank presentation to the Railroad Advisory Board (RRAB). Dick also said RRAB members are glad to have Neil on board.
- Sandra Day, N Salmon Creek Neighborhood Association will be dark for the summer. Sheriff Atkins attended their May meeting and spent time entertaining a star-struck five-year-old. The association plans to host a candidate forum for County Councilor Dist. 2 candidates in the fall.
- Susan Gilbert, Enterprise/Paradise Point is weary of people camping on their neighborhood streets every night. The cars leave in the morning and return in the evening. The number of campers is growing. There was also discussion about the new left-turn lane for eastbound traffic on La Center Rd. and the necessity for vehicles to navigate lane changes with little or no notice. The new left-turn lane has caused near miss head-on accidents and when a vehicle is westbound nearing the overpass, it must quickly move to the left to avoid leaving the road and /or hitting the bridge abutment.
- Judy Bumbarger-Enright said Sunnyside Neighborhood will be dark for the summer. However, the neighborhood volunteers continue to clean up and watch over Orchards Highlands Neighborhood Park.
- Dan Enright said Neighbors on Watch (NOW) volunteers continue to donate hours of time to assist the Clark County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) and our community. They recently participated in training with CCSO deputies and four people just graduated from the NOW training.
- Barb Cabe, Truman Neighborhood Association just participated in a successful bike safety and registration event at Truman Elementary School. The school has asked the neighborhood if this can be an annual event. The neighborhood association will have its third annual garage sale on July 24 and 25, National Night Out on Aug. 4, the fourth annual Truman Neighborhood BBQ and Potluck on Sept. 13 and will participate in the Public Safety Complex Open House on Sept. 19.
- Lynda Maguire, East Minnehaha Neighborhood Association's last meeting had speakers from Clark County Code Enforcement, Community Mediation and CCSO Liaison. It was a good meeting. People were engaged and there was a lot of good information.
- Ila Stanek, West Hazel Dell Neighborhood Association is dark for the summer.
- Maureen Smith, Meadow Glade Neighborhood Association is having trouble with speeding on Cramer Road from NE 179th St. to NE 189th St.
- Greg Noelck, Chair of the Vancouver Neighborhood Alliance said he was simply stopping by to visit.
- Ed Frankel, Pleasant Highlands Neighborhood Association recently lost his wife of 50+ years. Our condolences and warm wishes were extended and we are pleased he came tonight.
- Milada Allen, Felida Neighborhood Association's annual July 4th parade is right around the corner. Please let Milada know if you want a spot for a display or are willing to help out. Timberline713@gmail.com. Milada also talked about the Yellow Dot Program and wanted people to know Jamie was instrumental in helping the legislation move along. More about the Yellow Dot Program here: http://www.myyellowdots.com/washington_yellow_dot.php

Meeting was adjourned.

Next scheduled meeting is July 13, 2015