

Neighborhood Associations Council of Clark County

July 13, 2015

Meeting notes

Welcome and introductions: Doug Ballou, Chair

In attendance: Doug Ballou, NE Hazel Dell & NACCC; Holly Gaya, CCPIO; Neil Chambers, Andresen-St John's; Barb Cabe, Truman; Bridget Schwarz, Fairgrounds; Milada Allen, Felida; Sandra Bennett, East Fork Frontier; Lisa Schmidt, Mount Vista HOA; Art Stubbs, Green Meadows; Stephan Abramson, Pleasant Valley; Eric LaBrant, Fruit Valley; Karin Woll, Commission on Aging; Greg Noelck, Burton/Evergreen and Chair of the Vancouver Neighborhood Alliance; Christie Brown-Silva, Sifton and Heritage; Roger Entrekin, Meadow Glade.

Announcements:

- George Vartanian passed away two weeks ago and Doug talked briefly about losing a long-time friend and dedicated community volunteer. George will be missed by many but much of his work in this community lives on. Bridget suggested we think about a way to honor George and his contributions.
- Doug announced two wireless tower applications locating near Camas. He passed out the information with details of location and neighborhood meetings.
- Doug also provided a copy of the SALT (Seniors and Law Enforcement Together) Times for review. If you would like to receive a paper or electronic copy, contact Kasey Frazier at the Clark County Sheriff's Office West Precinct (360) 397-6079 or Kasey.Frazier@clark.wa.gov

Karin Woll with the Commission on Aging

Karin serves on the Commission on Aging and introduced the hOUR IMPACT Time Bank program. The hOUR IMPACT program is a community program that allows members to exchange skills and services without any money changing hands—Neighbors helping neighbors by connecting communities through engagement, reciprocity and respect. This program acknowledges that everyone has something of value to contribute.

The program has functioned in Portland for a year and is currently being tested in eight close-in neighborhoods in Vancouver. However, the goal is to inform and engage people from all of Clark County and neighborhoods are encouraged to help get the word out.

It is a Web-based program that costs \$25 to join. The \$25 is used for the required background check. Once you're approved and registered, you will be able to list the services you can provide and the services you need help with. It's paying it forward and connecting people.

For information and/or registration: www.ourimpact.org.

For information about the Clark County Commission on Aging:

<http://www.clark.wa.gov/planning/aging/commission.html> or to contact Clark County Community Planning: comm-aging@clark.wa.gov, Colete Anderson: (360) 397-2280 or Colete.Anderson@clark.wa.gov

We appreciate Karin's informative presentation.

Roundtable

Art Stubbs with Green Meadows

- Art went skydiving! Seriously! It was a family event that included Art's wife Nancy, their son and grandson. Everyone enjoyed the adventure. Art has posted a video on his Facebook page. It's awesome! Go Art!
- Art also reported that he attended the Clean Water Commission meeting and the Vancouver Lake Project funding from Clark County, the city of Vancouver and the Lower Columbia Estuary has tentatively gone away. Now, a Portland group is in charge of the Vancouver Lake cleanup.

Lisa Schmidt with Mt. Vista Homeowners Assoc. visited and said she is dedicated to helping neighbors be more neighborly. The HOA has experienced some uncomfortable issues in the past and Lisa is working to resolve them as well as unite the neighborhood community. Welcome.

Eric LaBrant with Fruit Valley Neighborhood Assoc.

- The association has just finished a section of the Waterfront Trail near the Port of Vancouver and has plans to continue to the next phase.
- He also announced that long-time Fruity Valley Neighborhood Assoc. president, Lee McAllister recently passed away. To honor Lee and in 'Lee-style', Eric *challenged neighborhood associations to raise money to support the Neighbors On Watch (NOW) Program*. The Fruit Valley Assoc. contributed \$500 and to date, the total is \$900.
- Fruit Valley Park will be hosting two movie nights. The films begin at dusk on July 17th and Aug. 15.
- Eric is also a candidate for Port Commissioner.

Sandra Bennett, with East Fork Frontier is frustrated that after years of requesting assistance, nothing is being done about Storedahl & Sons repeatedly violating the federal Clean Water Act by failing to prevent mine related discharges of silt, dirt, nitrates and other pollutants from entering local tributaries of the East Fork of the Lewis River. Sandra has lived on the river for many years and watched it deteriorate.

Greg Noelck, Chair of the Vancouver Neighborhood Alliance (VNA) and Burton/Evergreen Neighborhood Assoc. said they closed the neighborhood dump day early because the volunteers are always the same people and the only people who volunteer to serve. There were complainers but they didn't want to help out at the event.

Greg also said that the Sept. VNA meeting will feature speakers from the Port of Portland regarding noise abatement. And, the Oct. meeting will address child sex trafficking. It isn't a pretty subject but very important. He invited everyone to attend the Vancouver Neighborhood Alliance meetings held the second Tues. of each month.

Barb Cabe with the Truman Neighborhood Assoc. said they are planning to participate in the National Night Out on Aug. 4. And, neighbors are having monthly ice cream socials that will provide an opportunity for neighbors to meet. The first ice cream social was a great success.

Christie Brown-Silva with Sifton and Heritage Neighborhood Associations said they will also be participating in National Night Out with dinner in the driveway parties. She also said that the neighborhood suffered a firework fire that could have been even worse for Christie's immediate family.

Stephan Abramson with Pleasant Highlands Neighborhood Association talked about safety education for people who use fireworks. He witnessed a young man holding a lit firework. He could have become a victim of a serious injury (or worse). The neighborhood will have their next meeting in the fall.

Neil Chambers with the Andresen/St. Johns Neighborhood and the Clark County Railroad Commission recently hosted family from Germany. He said they attended the Felida Fourth-of-July celebration and that was one of the highlights of their visit.

Doug Ballou with the NE Hazel Dell Neighborhood Assoc. said, the Christmas in July Toy Drive is in full swing. 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

Bridget Schwarz with Fairgrounds Neighborhood Assoc. said,

- The Fairground's Candidates' Forum was a huge success. All five candidates for the Clark County newly created Dist. 2 councilor position accepted her invitation to attend the Fairgrounds last meeting.
- The Fairgrounds Assoc. will be participating in National Night Out on Aug. 4 and,
- Bridget is helping plan and facilitate the annual Public Safety Complex Open House on Sept. 19th. Anyone who would like to participate in anyway, please contact Bridget at: 573-5873 or bridget@bridge-i-t.com

Rodger Entrekin with Meadow Glade Neighborhood Assoc. said the association will also be hosting a candidate's forum at their Oct. meeting.

Milada Allen with Felida Neighborhood Assoc. said the neighborhood is currently dealing with building and traffic issues. But, the July 4th celebration was a big success.

Meeting Adjourned.

Next meeting will be Aug. 10, 2015