

**Neighborhood Associations Council of Clark County**  
**May 12, 2014 7-9 PM 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 PIO; Bud Van Cleve, NE Hazel Dell; Cmdr. Steven Shea, CCSO; Sgt. Shane Gardner, CCSO; Art Stubbs, Green Meadows; Barb Cabe, Truman; Dick Clairmont, NE Hazel Dell and Railroad Advisory Board; Lynda Maguire, East Minnehaha; Jeff Niten, Clark County Community Planning; Sandra Bennett, East Fork Frontier; Milada Allen, Felida; Jeff Mize, Public Works; Heath Henderson, Public Works Director; Steve Abramson, Pleasant Highlands

**Announcements:**

- Doug read a Paul Scarpelli's thank you letter for the NACCC Employee of the Year award presented to him at the State of the County.
- Paul Scarpelli also provided a Clark County Code Enforcement Guide for the neighborhoods. The brochure is online here:  
<http://www.clark.wa.gov/development/enforcement/index.html>
- The Pacific Northwest Invasive Plant Council will hold a volunteer training on June 20 from 1-3 p.m. at USDA Gifford Pinchot National Forest office at 10600 NE 51<sup>st</sup> Circle, Vancouver, WA –Capacity is limited and volunteers are asked to RSVP to Juli Combs at [pnw.ipc.org@gmail.com](mailto:pnw.ipc.org@gmail.com) or call 615-812-5295. The training will focus on documenting invasive species in the Olympic, Gifford Pinchot and Okanogan-Wenatchee forests. If you are hiking, boating, kayaking, horseback riding or working in these areas and are interested in participating in our program, you are invited to attend the training. The trainings are free.
- The Clark County Board of Commissioners will have a **work session on the Comprehensive Plan 2016 update**: on Wednesday, May 14 at 10:00 a.m. at the Clark County Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin, Vancouver, WA, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor. The work session topic is a continuation of the discussion on the Board's Principles and Values and Planning Assumptions for the Comprehensive Plan.

Work sessions are open public meetings and you are welcome to attend, but they are formatted as a presentation and discussion/Q&A between the Board and Planning staff members, and testimony is not taken at these meetings.

All updates on meetings and materials that will be presented for review on the Comprehensive Plan public events will continue to be posted at:  
<http://www.clark.wa.gov/planning/2016update/meetings.html> and if you are receiving this notification, you will receive all updates, news releases, and public notices regarding the plan.

- Steven W. Topp, AICP, Land Use & Development Consultant sent notice that American Tower Corporation, in association with AT&T Mobility, is proposing to construct a new 120' monopole within a 40'X74' fenced compound, located in the light industrial zone at 9805 NE 94<sup>th</sup> Ave, Vancouver, WA 98662. A neighborhood meeting to discuss the proposal has been scheduled for Tues., May 27, 2014 from 6-7 PM at Cascade Presbyterian Church, 8503 NE 94<sup>th</sup> Ave., Vancouver WA. For more information contact Steven Topp on behalf of American Tower Corporation at [sw.topp@comcast.net](mailto:sw.topp@comcast.net) or (503)708-7337.
- Chip Drop is a woodchip delivery service that helps arborists keep track of homeowners and gardeners around the city who would like free woodchips. They are currently working with over twenty homeowners in the Portland/Vancouver metro area and looking to expand quickly this spring.

The drop sites are managed by the individual homeowner or property manager. By signing up for a drop site account, you increase your chances of getting woodchips sooner and ensure that you don't receive species or chips you don't want. In addition, the service lets you relay your contact information to the actual crew dropping the woodchips in case there is an issue while trying to dump.

Chip Drop is a free service for both homeowners and arborists. No credit card information is required to sign up. All you need is a valid email address and a location that you own or manage where you would like to have woodchips dropped. If you are currently working with arborists in your area, to receive woodchips, let them know about our service. For more information contact Bryan Kappa at [bryan@chipdrop.in](mailto:bryan@chipdrop.in) or by phone at: (503) 621-6830.

- The Parks Foundation of Clark County will be honoring Barbara Anderson, former North Salmon Creek President and current member of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission, with the Florence B. Wager V-Formation Flyer Award. The annual luncheon will be on Tuesday, June 3 at the Hilton Vancouver, 301 W 6<sup>th</sup> Street from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information and registration please visit the Parks Foundation Website:  
<http://www.parksfoundation.us/events/annual-luncheon>
- **Barb Cabe with Truman Neighborhood Association provided information about the Community Bike Safety & Registration Event** on Saturday, May 31 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the American Legion Hall, 4607 NE St. James Rd. The event is sponsored by the Truman Neighborhood Association and the American Legion. Everyone is welcome and invited. Some of the featured events include:
  - Free bike registration by Bad Monkey Bikes.
  - Bike safety information
  - A drawing to win a bike
  - Helmet fitting guides
  - Bike rodeo

**Jeff Niten, Clark County Community Planning— draft of massage establishments ordinance**

The county began a process to regulate massage businesses following several articles in The Columbian, and citizens approaching the Board of Commissioners asking if there was a possibility of county involvement. Staff did extensive research regarding how other counties and cities in Washington approached this topic. Several counties had established ordinances, but most were written in the 1970's. Several cities had also established ordinances, but cities have the ability to issue business licenses whereas counties do not.

The county had to be a little more creative in how we approached regulating massage establishments. After several discussions with county departments, staff decided the best course of action was to require each massage establishment to provide copies of licenses issued by the state Department of Health as part of the Certificate of Occupancy permit process. There are no additional fees assessed for the unique requirements proposed for massage establishments.

Currently in the draft stage, this ordinance will be presented to the Planning Commission at a work session on June 5, and a public hearing on June 19. Following the Planning Commission recommendation on the draft, the Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing to consider adoption.

**Heath Henderson, Public Works Director/County Engineer**

Most of the neighborhood leaders already know Heath Henderson but since his last meeting with NACCC, Heath has been appointed as the new Public Works Director. This was an opportunity for us to get to know each other better.

Public Works employs approximately 240 people who do a wide variety of jobs. You may view information about the services they provide at this link:  
<http://www.clark.wa.gov/publicworks/services.html>

Heath also provided information about priorities and projects. Since there are many and each is unique, here is the link to current and upcoming projects:  
<http://www.clark.wa.gov/publicworks/ProjectsMap.html>

There was discussion about how the current fee waivers will impact Public Works budget and Clark County's ability to obtain grants. And, there was a lot of interest in county parks, including whether there was truly a cost savings by separating from Vancouver Parks. County residents now pay 20% more for classes and use of community centers which are exclusive to Vancouver Parks. Many people who routinely use the centers are seniors and restricted by limited income. Additionally, questions were asked about sidewalks and road projects, specifically, if the demographic of the area is considered when prioritizing as we have an aging population who require sidewalks and the ability to safely navigate their neighborhoods.

Heath said he appreciated all the questions and valuable comments and suggestions.

**Roundtable:**

- **Commander Steve Shea, CCSO West Precinct**
  - **Hazel Dell Parade of Bands is on May 17<sup>th</sup> and is the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and will be themed “The Golden Jubilee.”** A highlight of this year’s parade will be the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Alumni Band. Anyone who has participated in the parade as a former band member, member of a flag group, banner carrier, cheerleader, etc. is welcome to participate.

More information about the parade or the alumni band is available at the Hazel Dell Business Association website [www.hdscba.org](http://www.hdscba.org) or contact Fire Commissioner Casey Collins at [casey.collins@ccfd6.org](mailto:casey.collins@ccfd6.org).
  - **A cost analysis for improving the Central Precinct facility is underway.** The first step is determining the most cost-effective approach.
  - **CCSO is gearing up for the Clark County Fair. This year’s fair will run from Aug. 1 – 10, 2014.** For more information about the Clark County Fair: <http://clarkcofair.com/>
- **Art Stubbs, Green Meadows, attended the last Clean Water Commission meeting** and relayed information about the proposed fee increases. They include a yearly increase to urban and rural homeowners, eliminating the waiver for schools and adopting a litter fee for newspapers and other sources of trash that typically clog storm drains. Art was extremely unhappy about eliminating the waiver for schools and charging newspapers.
- **Bud Van Cleve, NE Hazel Dell, received notice that a Dutch Bros Coffee** is applying for a location at Northgate on Hazel Dell Ave. and 99<sup>th</sup> Street. However, he has now received four changes and it appears they are back to the original application. He doesn’t know what the status of the project is.
- **Barb Cabe, Truman Neighborhood Assoc., announced that Jim Mains and Temple Lentz** will attend the next meeting to provide an update on the Freeholders’ work and the charter that will go to voters in November.
- **Sandra Bennett, East Fork Frontier, said that a tree farmer in her neighborhood has burned thousands of Christmas trees.** With pollution issues it seems that there must be another way to dispose of the dead trees.
- **Milada Allen, Felida Neighborhood Association**
  - Are you an empty nester? Thinking about retirement? Looking for resources and opportunities for parents? All ages are welcome to attend the Connections Expo, scheduled for Sunday May 18th from 11 am to 4 pm, at the Vancouver Hilton Convention Center, 301 W 6th Street in Vancouver. This extraordinary event will give you the opportunity to encounter exciting services, ideas, and resources available for your active,

healthy, independent lifestyle! Nowhere else in Vancouver can you find one place that provides such an array of business and nonprofit agencies that have the information you need as a Vancouver/Portland resident over 50.

Visitors are invited to enter to win a Grand Prize trip courtesy of AAA Washington, relax to the beautiful melodies of the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra, take advantage of free health screenings, say hello to Rojo the therapy llama, and visit the 130+ exhibits featuring information and hands on activities about travel, recreation, health, nutrition, housing, finances, health resources, and more. You'll also want to plan your day around our 'A Community In Service' Fashion Shows presented by b. divine Clothing Boutique (12:30), (*Our very own Shane Gardner will be modeling!*) Sportsman's Warehouse (1:30) and All Natural Pet Supply with Columbia River Pet Partners (2:30).

This event is presented by the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) and The Messenger. RSVP is a program of the Human Services Council. Its focus for the past 40 years has been to engage volunteers over age 55 in meaningful volunteer service at nonprofits in Clark County. A suggested donation at the door helps to support RSVP. Sponsors include: PeaceHealth Southwest Medical Center, The Columbian, Area Agency on Aging & Disabilities of SW WA, Humana MarketPOINT, Inc., The Quarry & Glenwood Place Senior Living, Fred Meyer Pharmacy, AAA Washington, Human Services Council, Bath Fitter, Clark County Commission on Aging, Metro West Ambulance, Adult Care Placements, Inc., Willoughby Hearing, SWEAP, The Salvation Army, A Caring Heart Senior Housing Referral Service, Bonaventure of Salmon Creek, Health Net, Kaiser Permanente, Koelsch Senior Communities, When the Shoe Fits and Neptune Society. Contributors: Retirement Connection Guide and AM 860KPAM/Sunny 1550. For more information call 360-735-3683 or visit our website at [www.50plusconnectionsexpo.com](http://www.50plusconnectionsexpo.com)

- Everyone is invited to participate in the Felida July 4<sup>th</sup> party and parade at Felida Park. Neighborhoods are welcome to set up information tables. Volunteers are needed. For more information contact Milada at: 360 573-4030.
- Milada asked if NACCC would be interested in hosting a forum for the four candidates for Clark County Sheriff. The group agreed it may be a good event. Doug will look into the format and will plan the event for our regularly scheduled NACCC meeting on July 14, 2014.
- **Sgt. Shane Gardner, CCSO Community Outreach**
  - Shane is working with the **Rotary Club who will be donating \$5000 to the Sheriff's Explores**. It will afford them the opportunity to travel to Washington DC next year.

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- Shane also passed out **brochures about graffiti** in our community, graffiti prevention, methods of removal and how to get assistance when you are a victim of graffiti:
  - If you live in rural Clark County, call West Precinct 397-6079 or Central Precinct at 397-6195 to file a report and get a case number. Take digital photos if possible
  - Call the Clark County Sheriffs' Office Outreach Unit at 397-2104 with the case number to get a voucher that can be presented to participating Sherwin Williams or Miller Paint stores in Vancouver. The sales representative will help you select the supplies you will need to remove the graffiti.

Meeting adjourned  
Next meeting: June 9, 2014