

Neighborhood Associations Council of Clark County

September 8, 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; Lynda Maguire, East Minnehaha; Sandra Bennett, East Fork Frontier; Bud Van Cleve, NE Hazel Dell; Roger Entrekim, Meadow Glade; Bren Dennis, Felida; Richard Dyrland, Friends of Clark County; Karen Llewellyn, Clark County Public Works; John Horch, Clark County Sheriff's Office; David Nelson, CCSO; Elizabeth Scoval, Felida; Nan Hendricksen; Guest; Peter Silliman, Guest; Sandra Day, North Salmon Creek; Shane Gardner, CCSO; Donna Goddard, Clark County Code Enforcement; Art Stubbs, Green Meadows; and Steve Shea, CCSO

Announcements:

- **Sept. 20 from noon to 4 p.m. the CCSO Public Safety Complex Open House**—Many exhibits and food. Please plan to attend and see the CCSO K-9s, have a hot dog enjoy the displays and visit with your neighbors.
- **Dan Enright, NOW Volunteer** reminded 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.
- **The Clark County Event Center** continues to provide a variety of entertaining and informational events. The schedule of upcoming events can be accessed here: <http://www.clarkcoeventcenter.com/printEvents.php>.
- **Sgt. Shane Gardner** reported that the School Resource Officers have new assignments. Some officers will remain at the schools they served last year but some have rotated to different schools. For more information contact Sgt. Gardner at 397-6079 or Shane.Gardner@clark.wa.gov.

Guest Speaker: Donna Goddard, Clark County Code Enforcement

Clark Count Neighborhood Guide

Donna distributed the Clark County Neighborhood Guide that was developed to help explain Clark County's ordinances and know who to call to obtain a particular service or receive additional information related to Code Enforcement.

The mission of the Code Enforcement program is to promote and maintain a safe and desirable living and working environment. The Code Enforcement officers help maintain and improve the quality of our community by administering a fair and unbiased enforcement program to correct violations of county codes and land use requirements.

The booklet includes information about how and when to report a violation and how a case is investigated and documented. There is also information related to commonly reported items and frequently asked questions. To obtain a copy or copies of the booklet, contact Nicole Snider at (360) 397-2375 ext. 4184. You

may report a neighborhood issue online here: <http://www.clark.wa.gov/development/report.html>. For additional information, contact Donna Goddard at Clark County Code Enforcement at: (360) 397-2375 ext. 4130 or Donna.Goddard@clark.wa.gov

Guest Speaker: Nan Henriksen, Chair of the Board of Clark County Freeholders Clark County Home Rule Charter

In November 2013, voters elected five county residents from each of the three Clark County Commissioner districts to serve as the Board of Freeholders. The 15 residents were sworn in and held their first meeting as the Board of Freeholders Nov. 26, 2013.

Board members unanimously elected Nan Henriksen, former mayor of Camas, as chair. They elected Joe Zarelli, former state senator from Ridgefield, as vice chair and former state representative Val Ogden of Vancouver as secretary. After Freeholder Ogden's death in April, the Board of Freeholders elected Dan Ogden to fill his wife's unexpired term.

Between November and late May, the Board of Freeholders drafted a home rule charter specifying a form of government for Clark County. By state law, a charter cannot apply to the Prosecuting Attorney, Sheriff's Office or jurisdiction of Superior and District courts. Any proposed changes to the form or function of Clark County government must be within limits of the Washington State Constitution and federal laws.

The charter was approved by the board May 27, and will be placed on the ballot for Clark County voters in the Nov. 4 general election. A charter becomes law if approved by a simple majority of voters.

By law, the Board of Freeholders dissolved when the proposed charter was completed.

To access all documents related to the Freeholders and the proposed charter:

<http://www.clark.wa.gov/freeholders/index.html>

Nan explained the proposed charter that will be on the ballot in November. She explained that the Freeholders worked with three guiding principles. The charter must be **simple, moderate and cost effective**. The group also identified three major needs that they would address: **separation of powers, number of council members and initiative and referendum**.

Nan said she felt that the final product did not give anyone everything they wanted. She said it was a good group of people who worked together and everyone made compromises.

Nan Henriksen was invited to only provide an overview of the proposed charter. However, Peter Silliman also attended our meeting. Nan is a supporter of the charter and Peter, a former Freeholder who worked on the charter is not convinced it would be a good thing for Clark County.

For more information about the Clark County Charter, please contact Nan Henriksen at nannow@lycanon.org and/or Peter Silliman at Peter.Silliman@clark.wa.gov. Many neighborhood associations are hosting both speakers to address the pros and cons of the charter.

Roundtable

Sgt. Gardner announced

- There are two new school resource officers at Skyview and Heritage High Schools.
- National Recovery Month and the Hands Across the Bridge ceremony will be on Sept. 14. Head down to Esther Short Park and celebrate. Festivities begin at noon and the fun won't stop until dark. This year's theme is, "Join the Voices for Recovery: Speak Up, Reach Out". Speak up and Reach Out by joining hands with the community across the I-5 Bridge in the Hands Across the Bridge 12th annual event.
- The Public Safety Complex Open House will be Sept. 20 at the West Precinct.
- The Chief for a Day festivities are wrapped up and it was a huge success. All young chiefs had a wonderful time and it was multiplied when Battle Ground and La Center Police Departments participated. The next Chief for a Day will be in 2016.
- The next prescription drug take back will be on Sept. 27, 2014 from 10 – 2 p.m. You may drop off medications at the Battle Ground Police Station, Clark College, Kaiser Medical Facility at 136 Ave. and Mill Plain. Kaiser Permanente is a new partner and we anticipate a bigger event than ever before. For more information contact Sgt. Shane Gardner at (360) 397-6079 or Shane.Gardner@clark.wa.gov

Commander John Horch, Central Precinct Commander introduced Sgt. Dave Nelson, the graveyard sergeant for Central Precinct. Dave reported on a recent fatal motorcycle accident on Cedar Creek Road. He reminded everyone that the days are getting shorter and to use caution when navigating county roads, or any road for that matter.

Karen Llewellyn, Clark County Public Works, Volunteer Coordinator reminded everyone that Clark County Day of Service will be held on Saturday, September 13, 2014. Clark County will partner with Clark County Connects, an affiliation of non-profit and service-oriented organizations formed to sponsor an annual Day of Service throughout Clark County. The goal is to raise awareness of the needs in our community and to provide opportunities for volunteers to meet those needs.

Clark County Day of Service encourages participation by all members of our community, including non-profits, businesses, religious groups, service organizations and individuals that have a desire to work together and make our community a better place. Everyone is welcome.

For more information contact Karen Llewellyn at parkhero.org or 397-6118 ext. 1627

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Barb Cabe with Truman Neighborhood Association said the association is having their third annual Bosco Park bar-b-q and cleanup on Sunday, Sept. 14. The Truman association will assist at the Public Safety Complex Open House and will work at the Kings Pond clean up on Sept. 27. Additionally, many in the neighborhood are volunteering to assist the Barnes family during this difficult time with their son's injury. Volunteers to help with maintaining their garden are welcome. For more information, contact Barb Cabe at trumanneighborhood@gmail.com or 695-7430.

Sandra Day with the North Salmon Creek Neighborhood Association said the new 139th St. overpass is open and it's a grand thing! She also said she is a member of the NOW Program and has seen many people leaving valuables in plain sight in their vehicles. This simply encourages break-ins.

Milada Allen with the Felida Neighborhood Association said that Felida will contribute hot dogs, water and the fishing pond for the Public Safety Complex Open House. Felida has been very supportive with the Chief for a Day and said all three assistant chiefs attended the Felida July 4 parade and picnic. Additionally, Milada said the Clark Conservation District is available to assist with grants for:

- Wildlife habitat improvement
- Fish barrier removal
- Erosion control
- Forest management
- Riparian area protection
- Wet land restoration

The Conservation District also offers educational programs assistance with agricultural production and regulatory compliance and conservation planning. For more information, contact the Clark Conservation District at (360) 883-1987 ext. 5 or staff@clarkcd.org. www.clarkcd.org

Richard Dyrland, Friends of Clark County – has been monitoring the Lewis River for many years. He is a member of Friends of the East Fork and has seen a decline in the river including an increase in the water temperature. High temperatures stress salmon. He says that networking with people who want to work to restore the habitat is very important.

Roger Entrekin with Meadow Glade said the neighborhood association is concerned about the proposed Rural Industrial Land Bank. He also said that he believes he has a mole farm in his backyard.

Doug Ballou with the NE Hazel Dell Neighborhood Association said the two Sheriff candidates will debate at their Sept. 16 meeting from 7-9 at the Clark County Public Works Operations Center, 4700 NE 78th St. Vancouver. For more information, contact Doug at Dougballou@comcast.net.

Art Stubbs with the Green Meadows Neighborhood Association attended the Clean Water Commission meeting and said the commission is considering implementing a new tax on schools. The tax is significant and will impact the schools. For more information, contact Art at sixsplus8@aol.com.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for October 13, 2014