

NSCNA Meeting Minutes, May 3, 2007
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Chairman Dan Bodell started proceedings with the Pledge of Allegiance and announcements:

- 1) The County Chipper will be in Felida, May 5th, at the Church on NW 36th and
at NE Hazel Dell, May 12th, at Gaiser Middle School.
- 2) Hazel Dell Parade of Bands is May 19
- 3) Growth Plan Open Houses, 6:30 to 8:30
 - May 16: Vancouver, Clark County Elections Bldg, 1408 Franklin St.
 - May 22: Dollars Corner, Fire Dist. #11 21609 NE 72nd Ave
 - May 23: Fisher's Landing, C-TRAN Transit Cntr, 2425 NE 65th Ave

A Meeting Interest Survey, E-mailed earlier and available at the door, was discussed and everyone present was encouraged to fill it out to help the board acquire events and speakers of interest to the members. A total of 8 survey forms were collected at the end of the meeting and results will be tabulated.

Emma Greene of the Master Gardeners provided information on the services available through the WSU Master Gardeners and also gave a number of helpful tips on successful planting and growing of various types of flora in our Clark County area.

Frank Green gave a PowerPoint presentation on the status of the Columbia River Crossing. The 39 member bi-state task force has been working for two years to generate, define and evaluate different options for the 5 mile segment of I-5 from Hwy 500 in Clark County, WA to the Victory Exit (Lombard St) in OR. They have screened the options from 23 for passenger automobiles and 14 Rapid Transit ideas down to 5 final options that will be taken into the next phase which will provide designs, costs and EIS. The 5 final options are:

- Replacement Bridge combined with Bus rapid transit
- Replacement Bridge combined with Light Rail rapid transit

- Supplemental Bridge (retain existing bridge) with Bus rapid transit
- Supplemental Bridge (retain existing bridge) with Light Rail rapid transit
- No build (this option is required to be studied in case none of the other options are considered viable).

The planned timeline is to select the preferred option and submit it for Federal funding in 2009 to allow start of construction at the earliest in 2010. Construction is expected to take from 5 to 7 yrs. Public Open House meetings will be periodically held and Frank offered to come to any of our general meetings to give us an update. Their web address which will keep everyone informed is:
www.ColumbiaRiverCrossing.org in case anyone wants to track progress more frequently.

Future NSCNA meetings will be on the last Tuesday of every other month. The next meeting will be July 24 at the Three Creeks Library. Topics will be announced by e-mail and newsletter. Coffee, provided by Starbucks and free food certificates from Salmon Creek Burgerville were shared by the attendees after adjournment.

Minutes submitted by:
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