

NSCNA Membership Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: July 24, 2007

Location: 3 Creeks Library
800 NE Tenney Road
Vancouver, WA

Roll Call: Dan Bodell present
Barbara Anderson present
Larry Gentry absent
Darin Kaysner present

Call to order: At 7:05 pm President Dan Bodell called the meeting to order.

Dan opened with announcements on the Sgt Brad Crawford Park Bench Silent Auction Sponsored by Felida Neighborhood Association which will be held July 27th at the Felida Fire Station, final revisions to the Urban Growth Boundary map, proposed Infill Ordinance Revision meeting, Clark County Fair, Styrofoam Recycling dates & location, and the Marshall Citizen Award nomination process.

Speakers:

1. **Linda Small** – from Clark County Public Works provided an update on Kline Line Bridge (sometimes called the Hwy 99 Bridge or Salmon Creek Bridge). An outreach advisory board has been formed to help ensure communications links to and solicit input from residents. The design is complete for this project. They are currently acquiring property and securing permits. The plan is for the highway to be five lanes including bicycle lane and sidewalks. Erosion has caused pier failure and two closures last year. Electronic monitoring devices have been installed that will notify Public Works pro-actively should the safety of the bridge become compromised before the new bridge can be installed. Bid process / Work should start around Feb 2008 and will take approximately a year to complete. Plans are to minimize actual bridge closure to between 6 and 9 months.
2. **Carolyn Heniges & Robin Krause**– from Clark County Public Works provided an update on the Salmon Creek Interchange Project. This projected three year, 140 million dollar project is multi-faceted and includes moving the existing Transit Center/Park & Ride from 134th Street to 139th Street, Widening of 10th Avenue from 134th to 141st Streets, Widening and extension of 139th Street over I5 and I205 connecting up with 20th Avenue, adding a traffic signal where 139th connects with Tenny Road and of course the addition of on/off ramps. Because the project is so large it will be done in phases beginning with the movement of the Transit Center/Park & Ride. This activity is slated to begin in spring of 2008. The existing Transit Center / Park & Ride will be used as a storm water pond to help stabilize the ground because addition of so much asphalt could disturb the water table / run-off process.

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3. **Casey Liles** – from WSDOT provided an update on the widening and extension of 10th Avenue from 141st Street over Whipple Creek to 168th Street - The survey will be done soon. Construction is not slated to begin until 2011.
4. **Tom Hunt** – from Citizens against Reservation Shopping shared his groups concern with the proposed Cowlitz Casino. He gave a brief history of the Cowlitz Tribe that indicated that the proposed location for the Casino is about 50 miles south of their land. He also addressed concerns with negative impacts on local businesses; lack of tax influx to Washington State, traffic impact on highways that are gridlocked today, and acknowledged that while it will provide new jobs for the area the low wages could actually place a greater burden on social services.

Adjourned: There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

NEXT MEETING:

September 24th – 7p.m. at 3 Creeks library. Speakers: Cowlitz Tribe presentation on the proposed casino, Clark County Parks with an update on Chinook Park