

PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE

ARNADA NEIGHBORHOOD

ARNADA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



Newsletter February 2023

**Next Meeting is Thursday March 9th at 7:00 PM at VHA 2500 Main St.
Agenda: will be in the March newsletter**

Contact a board member to discuss any neighborhood concerns, give advice or get your issue on a meeting agenda. To post in this newsletter contact Russ Pascoe See Page 2 for contacts

To receive this newsletter by email sign up at this link: <http://eepurl.com/cLGhcb>

Minutes Arnada Neighborhood Association Meeting January 12, 2023

Attendees: Ken Visser, Anita Reyes, Sandi Christensen, Amy Carlson, Russ Pascoe, Kathie Loveall, Shelan Stritzke, Dave Stritzke, Ken Williams, Holly Williams, Sharon Morse, Rena Benette, Jeff Goby, Brenda Hoge, Lee Gelsing - Neighborhood Police Officer, Julie Rawls - Port of Vancouver, Roman Gutierrez-City of Vancouver Parks, William Cooley-City of Vancouver Community Engagement Manager, Eddie Montejo-Transportation Planner with Parametrix

November Minutes approved.

Treasurer Report: With our checking, savings, and CD the ANA ending balance for 2022 was \$9601.69.

Sponsorship totals was \$1771.38. Our total income was \$6721.21. Our total expenses were \$9,275.34.

We reduced the ad discount and have a new rate for ads to cover increasing printing costs. Businesses have renewed so far. We are also now accepting electronic payments. The Treasurer report was approved

Neighborhood Officer: Lee Gelsing:-Our new neighborhood officer. He previously was the trainer for the new officers. Arnada 2022 Statistics: Pulled quarter 4 from last year and crime has gone up from the previous year. Mostly related to auto theft. Most vehicles found across the river. Surveillance Cameras do help. There were only 3 robberies- all commercial. Two of those were the same person and he was caught. Officers now have Narcan - nasal administration for opioid overdose. Also got brand new AEDs - previous ones were 12 years old. Designed for adults, children and infants. They have a lot of officers training right now.

City Report-William Cooley City of Vancouver:

Main Street Promise Project is moving forward. It has gone through three planning improvements and each time it hasn't gone forward due to funding or other challenges. This time it is going forward. They will have a monthly advisory group-those are open to the public. The area that will be improved is between 9 th and 15 th . Infrastructure

and sidewalks need improvement.

Work on the Waterfront Gateway-no public meetings yet. They will host a music festival in August-4 days long. Will probably have venues across the city. Will be multi-genre with musicians across the country.

Port Report: Julie Rawls Port Authority: Grain ships are moving in and out-going to Asia. Metal Shred ship is also exporting to be melted down and made into new products in Asia. About 4000 Subarus are at the Port this week. Every car coming through is sold. Their new EV car Solterra is also coming in. The Port lecture series will start Feb. 15 th at the Kiggins with the Bar Pilots. They will tell you about how they get ships through the deadly Columbia Bar. The second one is WCOIT-Washington Council on International Trade-What trade looks like here, COVID, and what businesses are involved in international trade here. Tours will start again-10 tours this year. They usually start in May. They fill up really quickly. They will be on the Port website and she will send us information on those.

Arnada Park Toddler Equipment: Roman Gutierrez City of Vancouver: The proposal is to replace the track slider with a 2-5 age play equipment. It will fit where the track slider is currently. Had a survey on what play equipment the neighborhood wants and the color. People who answered the survey chose the dome climber. The City will install the piece. The November meeting there was a proposal for us to match up to \$2500 of what is fund raised and then the City will add \$5000 to the project as well. The allocated \$5000 is for the year and is committed. There is a discretionary fund that they get yearly so if we can't fund raise enough money we have time. There is a system-wide need to get the playground replaced. Arnada is on the list and possibly done in 2025 but it depends on priorities. There will be an online survey and open house when that happens. Question on if this play piece will remain? It will depend on the theme the neighborhood picks at that time. Question on if we fall short of \$10,000 what will happen? There is some equipment for \$8000 so that is the goal. Motion made to allocate \$2500 toward the toddler playground equipment this year for Arnada Park . Motion seconded. 11 approved. 0 opposed. Motion passes.

Fourth Plain Improvements: Eddie Montejo Transportation Planner- Works for Parametrix in partnership with the City: The Fourth Plain Project will end at F St. ANA did provide

City Contacts

Neighborhood Liaison Brent Waddle
Office (360) 487-8436 Cell (360) 624-5686
brent.waddle@cityofvancouver.us

Office of Neighborhoods
Daisy Quiñonez| Neighborhood Coordinator

Daisy.Quinonez@cityofvancouver.us

(360) 624-1774

Neighborhood Fire Station
Uptown Station #1 2607 Main St.
360 487-7212

Code Compliance 487-7810

Clark County Animal Control
Weekdays 8:30-4:30 360 397-2488

Traffic Compliance Hotline 360 487-7402

Parking Hot-line 360 487-8653

NPO Lee Gelsinger Cell (360) 831-2661
lee.gelsinger@cityofvancouver.us

Elected ANA Board:

Chairman Ken Visser

visserk9@gmail.com

Secretary Brenda Hoge
bheducationconsulting@gmail.com

Treasurer Kathie Loveall

treasurer@arnadaneighborhood.org

Members at Large

Russ Pascoe becruss@hotmail.com

Sandi Christensen
sandichristensen16@gmail.com

Anita Reyes

Anita.Reyes.anitaface@gmail.com

Committee Representatives, Coordinators

Sponsor Ad-sheet Layout and ad-sheet file
submission Amy Carlson
ads@ARNADANeighborhood.org

Newsletter Distribution Sandi Christensen
360-772-4026
sandichristensen16@gmail.com

Neighborhood Traffic Safety Alliance
Ken Williams
ken_williams_98664@msn.com

**Friends of Trees ARNADA Coordinator and
City of Vancouver Neighbor Woods Steward**

Position Open for a Volunteer!!!!

Newsletter Editor, Content & Layout
Russ Pascoe - becruss@hotmail.com

input on the intersection of Fourth Plain and F. Purpose of the project is about safety. It has many issues. Small businesses, families, residences, and community destinations. They received a federal grant to repave the street. City wants to also address the safety issues with that. The project will address safety for everyone who uses the corridor. Improve walking and biking conditions and repairing potholes. The project will not be rebuilding the street in any substantial way. Phase 1 F St to Fort Vancouver Way will be done this year. 83% of the people they surveyed wanted them to re-purpose a lane for bus, biking and walking. Also canvassed businesses-88% responded favorably to re-purposing a lane.

Preferred alternative for Phase 1-One travel lane in each direction and mobility lane for buses on Fort Vancouver. F Street to Ft. Vancouver interchange-will have a 2-way cycle lane. Will also preserve a sidewalk.

Phase 2-Fort Vancouver Way to Andreson Rd. Alternative 1 has buffered bike lanes with high separation from cars with the exception of Falk to Andreson because of the Vine. Alternative 2 focuses more on buses with a buffered bike lane with low separation-not as protected.

Question about the sidewalk by the park and F street south side-Very small and scary. No potential designs have been discussed for this section. This is a repaving project only.

New Business: Do we want the ANA to be a party of record/concern for the proposed large warehouse in Fruit Valley? The Developer has leased other properties to Amazon=more traffic most likely and environmental impact. Fruit Valley, Shumway and Carter Park have already joined. They will keep us informed of the project and can meet with the Developer if we are a party of record/concern. We agreed to be a party of record/concern.

Interstate Bridge Replacement: One resident wants someone from ANA to be on a committee. We have not been asked to be a part of the community advisory group.

Fund Donation: We have donated about \$100 to the Principal Checkbook to schools that are attended by Arnada children. It lets Principals buy things that the kids need-like glasses, clothes, etc. Put as a motion of consideration to be voted at the next meeting. Sandi will talk to the resource coordinators on their needs.

Shredding event: There are mobile shredding trucks that can come to a parking lot and people in the neighborhood could get things shredded. Maybe we could publicize the places that offer these large shredding events if we don't purchase this? Also maybe partner with businesses to do this?

We accept submissions for the newsletter content: If you have anything you would like to share, please contact the Board.

The Board is considering a Memorial Day picnic in the park. Could also dedicate the tree for Star Morales at this time.

The City of Vancouver supports the Neighborhood Associations in their effort to share vital information with residents to create a more informed public. However, the information provided and the opinions and views expressed in the Neighborhood Association newsletter or other documents do not necessarily represent the position of the City of Vancouver, nor does the City determine whether the information published is accurate or appropriate. Printed by the City of Vancouver Office of Neighborhoods.

Needed: Arnada Business Liaison

Are you looking for a reason to schmooze with local business owners? We've got a opportunity for you! The Arnada Business Sponsorship Program needs a neighbor to help with business outreach and advertising. We are hoping to expand beyond the boundaries of Uptown to reach businesses Downtown and on the Vancouver Waterfront to find potential advertisers for the Arnada Neighborhood Association newsletter's advertising supplement. If you're interested contact ads@arnadaneighborhood.org or talk to any board member.

February Events

Date/Time	Event	Details
Saturday, Feb. 4: 5 - 10 p.m.	Hough Hoedown Hilton Downtown Vancouver	Enjoy dinner, dancing, live/silent auction, and more at this annual fundraiser. Houghfoundation.org .
Friday, Feb. 10: 6 - 8 p.m. and Saturday, Feb. 11: 6 - 8 p.m.	Valentine's Ball Hangar at Pearson Air Museum	A fun and memorable family event for all ages. Treat your loved ones to a wonderful evening of music and dancing at the Historic Hangar at Pearson Air Museum. Register: cityofvancouver.us/parksrecculture/page/valentine's-ball
Friday - Sunday, Feb. 10-12	Super Bowl Shootout Hoops 4 Community	Hoops for Community tournament series will serve boys and girls teams 2nd-High School. Learn more: facebook.com/events/550243596992022
Saturday, Feb. 25: 10 - 11 a.m.	Wiggles & Giggles: Ants, Ants, Ants Kiggins Theatre	With stylistic nods to 1970's era Sesame Street and School House Rock, Ants Ants Ants recalls the best elements of a fun and fanciful childhood. Tickets: kigginstheatre.com
Saturday, Feb. 25: 3 - 4p.m.	Soil Block Making Workshop Kindred Homestead Supply	Learn everything you need to start your seeds. You will use a soil block maker and provided to create soil blocks for starting seeds. Learn more: kindredhomesteadsupply.com

Storytime at the Library is a great way to socialize your little ones with stories, music, and movement. Plus, you get to meet fellow caregivers! Join the fun in the Children's Program Room at the Vancouver Community Library on C street.

- Baby Storytime (0-18 months): Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
- Toddler Storytime (18-36 months): Wednesdays and Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
- Pre-school Storytime (3-6 years): Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Crafternoon at the Library Turn your afternoon into a Crafternoon at the Vancouver Community Library on C street. There is a different craft theme every week on Tuesdays in February and March in the Children's Program Room on the third floor. Crafts are open to the public and provided at no cost.

- Feb. 7: Bird Nests - Make a bird nest from items collected around your home or from a nearby park or forest. Bring items or use pre-collected items.
- Feb. 14: Love Monsters - Make monsters to take home and help create a giant monster to keep in the library.
- Feb. 21: Bead Mazes - Creating wire mazes and ‘run’ the maze using marbles or beads.
- Feb. 28: Let’s Jam - Build musical/noise making machines play them together. Saturday Morning Cartoons!

Calling all teens... start your weekend right with some cartoons and cereal every Saturday morning in the Teen Room at the Vancouver Community Library on C street. Open to the public and provided at no cost. 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

It’s time to share the love! February 11th is Green Bag Day

Thank you to everyone who supported the Green Bag Food Project last year. We will have our first 2023 collection of non-perishable food and toiletries on Saturday, February 11. Items are collected from your front porch every other month and delivered directly to FISH Westside Food Pantry of Vancouver. It is never too late to join in, so please contact me if you would like a green collection bag or if you have questions.

It is also possible to make a tax-deductible cash donation to the Green Bag Project, which is formally known as the Clark Neighbors Food Project. Go to their website, www.clarkfoodproject.org, and click on the yellow “donate” button. Give me a call, text or email to get started.

Thank you!

Sandi Christensen Arnada Coordinator, Clark Neighbors Food Project

360-772-4026 sandichristensen16@gmail.com

Get more info at: www.clarkfoodproject.org www.facebook.com/clarkfoodproject