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a heritage  
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**CPNA Newsletter  
September 15, 2021**



**Next meeting: Wednesday, September 22, 2021.** Since we are still taking COVID-19 precautions, we will have a shortened meeting via Zoom, from 7:00 – 7:30 PM. Naturally, we will have to forego our traditional potluck, but feel free to snack as you join us. To join the Zoom meeting, go to: <https://zoom.us/j/af8nvW5vU>. Please remain muted unless called on to talk to the group.

	<b>Zoom Meeting ID:</b>	<b>876 3648 2805</b>
	<b>Zoom Password:</b> None needed <b>One tap mobile:</b> +12532158782,,87636482805# US (Tacoma)	

If you do not have Zoom, download it free and use on your computer, phone, or other device connected to the Internet. Go to [www.Zoom.us](http://www.Zoom.us) or look for Zoom in your phone app store to download the app. Create a free account before joining the meeting.



**Note from our CPNA Secretary:** There was a time when our neighborhood was organized, active and thriving. During the initial phase of Covid-19, in March of

2020, we were still going strong. We had our first cancellation of a general meeting that month with the thought that all would be back to normal in a few weeks. Jim Thomas was our president. It seemed that all our efforts using email, Zoom, word of mouth and any connections we previously used, were for naught. One thing we learned was that seeing each other at the meetings and talking while sharing our traditional pot luck made us who we were - Central Park Neighborhood Association. I think that until we begin sharing and communicating with our neighbors, we will continue to drift. It is my hope that reaching out with Zoom and encouraging everyone to join in when meeting time comes around will keep our neighborhood healthy until this pandemic is under control.

We will be “meeting” again this coming Wednesday evening, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 7 pm. Our speaker will be promoting a new vision of how fostering a child will look. It should be a fascinating talk. Please put this hour on your calendar and join us. Let’s try to keep our home together during this tough time. The info you need to join in this coming Wednesday evening meeting is in this Newsletter.

--Norma Watson, CPNA Secretary



**Our Program:** Chisana White, MSW, LICSWA, Region 6 Targeted Recruitment Specialist for the Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF), will introduce a new foster parent recruitment campaign, Be the Way Home. One of their primary goals is to keep kids in their communities during their time in foster care. They want children from each neighborhood (including ours!) to be able to stay in their neighborhood where their friends and cultural connections

are. The Central Park neighborhood falls into a zip code where there are many youths entering foster care. Ms. White wants to learn more about our neighborhood, and share more information about children in foster care and ways to support them.

To learn more about the program, visit:  
[https://content.govdelivery.com/bulletins/gd/WADEL-2dd9237?wgt\\_ref=WADEL\\_WIDGET\\_3](https://content.govdelivery.com/bulletins/gd/WADEL-2dd9237?wgt_ref=WADEL_WIDGET_3)





Marshall Park



Harper’s Playground will hold its annual Soiree, a “fund-, friend-, and fun-raiser” in our very own Marshall Park, site of the organization’s next,

and biggest, all-inclusive playground. This event will be held Saturday, September 25, 2021, and will include a raffle, auction, and entertainment. This event will be outdoors and will adhere to all current health and safety guidelines. (See our March CPNA Newsletter for more details about the Marshall Park plans.)

Visit <https://www.harpersplayground.org/events/soiree/> to learn more and buy tickets.



**Bulky Item Pickup Day 2021:**

While the date to sign up for the Bulky Item Pickup Day has passed (September 12), just want to ensure that those of you who did sign up for it will remember to set their items out by 6:00 AM this Saturday, September 18, 2021.



Bike photo by Lance Grandahl, <https://unsplash.com/photos/r2dgNjZs-WA>

Set items out by 6 a.m. on  
**Saturday, September 18, 2021**

**NOTE:** You **MUST have signed up in advance** to participate in this special option for 2021.



**Be Heard Vancouver Website – Opportunities to Give Input to City:**

Opportunities to voice your opinion on various planning projects and programs are available on the Be Heard Vancouver website, [www.beheardvancouver.org](http://www.beheardvancouver.org) and in the MyVancouver mobile app (detailed below). You do need to register with either your name (if you don’t mind it being public) or another username. You can also sign up to receive emails. Tell your Vancouver friends and neighbors about this site and feel free to share the link on your social media accounts



**Racial Justice in Vancouver:** This is an ongoing effort of the City. Racism is an issue that can no longer be ignored — not by organizations, leaders, or the people who live in our community.

The City recognizes the existence of systemic inequalities and structural racism, both in our country and our community, and this issue demands our engagement and attention.

The City is committed to fighting against racism and working toward an equitable and inclusive city.

The City invites every member of our community to join us in this work. Share your personal experiences with racism, offer ideas about what the City can do to address racism in our community, or sign up to speak at a future in-person or remote listening session using the engagement tabs on the following site:

<https://www.becheardvancouver.org/racialjustice>.

*Page Ground Rules:*

- There are no bad questions or ideas here.
- No racism, bullying or harassment will be tolerated.
- Comments are subject to the page moderation rules (click on the site to view the details).



**Vancouver Climate Strategy:** The City of Vancouver is preparing a greenhouse gas (GHG) inventory and climate strategy report to guide the city toward a low-carbon future that sustains a high quality of life for residents. A cornerstone of this process is to ensure **inclusivity and equity**. The City is committed to providing an open and inclusive community engagement process with ample opportunities for residents, businesses, and other community partners to provide feedback and participate in the planning process.



**Accessibility of City Buildings and Services:** The City of Vancouver is committed to providing access for people with disabilities to its public programs, services, buildings and activities. By improving our buildings, parks and streets, responding to requests for accommodation, ensuring non-discrimination in our hiring practices, providing information in accessible formats and more, we seek to make Vancouver a

welcoming and diverse city where everyone can access, and participate in, their City government programs, services and events.

As part of this ongoing effort, the City is updating its Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan this year, and we need our community's feedback on how we're doing and what may need improvement when it comes to the accessibility of our buildings, parks, streets, jobs, programs and services to people with disabilities.

Feedback will be accepted on this page throughout the ADA Transition Plan update process, which is anticipated to be complete by the **end of 2021**. Your input will be used to help identify potential barriers to access that will be included in the new transition plan. The community will also be invited to review and provide feedback on the City's draft transition plan when it's complete.



**Homelessness Response Plan:** Addressing the growing impacts of homelessness is a top priority at the City of Vancouver.

While Clark County remains the lead agency in addressing the systemic issue of homelessness in the region, the city has a plan to address its immediate impacts to community health, cleanliness, and safety, including:

- Garbage, trash and clutter in public spaces
- Residents living in tents/vehicles in public rights-of-way
- Livability concerns for the unhoused, including the removal of barriers to accessing services

A snapshot of current City efforts to mitigate the safety, cleanliness and health impacts of homelessness is provided, along with an opportunity to provide input and ask questions.



**MyVancouver Mobile App:**

Get this free phone app for a wide variety of City services and information. It provides Vancouverites with a direct, convenient line of communication with City employees

to solve non-emergency issues and be informed of City events and resources.

Download from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store, or go to <https://www.cityofvancouver.us/community/page/myvancouver>.

Uses include the following: report a pothole, street light out, or other such issue; notify or be notified of a local need for CPR; explore street art and local history. Furthermore, in a couple of articles below, the app is recommended.



**Coronavirus Updates from the City of Vancouver:** Check the helpful local source of information and resources, including regular video updates from the Mayor, at <https://www.cityofvancouver.us/coronavirus>. To direct unanswered questions or concerns about COVID-19, call 311 and press 7; or 971-599-2296 for more information.



**Local Restaurants Open for Takeout and/or Delivery:** Vancouver's Street

Eats app and site makes it easier to support local businesses, find fabulous food and nourish a sense of normalcy during challenging times. Over 50 businesses are listed and easily found on the site's map. This tool allows users to search for outdoor options and filter by business type, covered versus uncovered seating, and more. Go to [www.cityofvancouver.us/streeteats](http://www.cityofvancouver.us/streeteats) or the MyVancouver mobile app.



**President and Vice President Vacancy in Central Park:** Please consider volunteering to be our President or Vice President. Our current President,

Jim Thomas, is stepping down from the President position at our May 26, 2021, meeting. He would welcome someone stepping up to assume the presidency, and he would be glad to be Vice President and help with the transition and conduction of meetings. Currently, the Vice President position is vacant. If you are interested, please speak up at our meeting or contact Jim Thomas directly to learn more.



### **Minutes CPNA General Meeting, May 26, 2021**



Judi Bailey from the Office of Neighborhoods set up the meeting just ahead of our 7pm beginning time. Central Park Neighborhood is set up to make use of the city's Zoom capabilities. As participants were signing in, Mayor Anne McEnery-Ogle was talking about the most recent city council discussion on the homeless camping situation. They heard from Jamie Spinelli, the homeless resources coordinator, on possible solutions to the camping crisis around Vancouver. The idea being discussed is to provide several fenced encampments that would have a camp host, access to water, toilets, health care and security. Q: Why doesn't the city provide hotel rooms to the homeless? A: The city

has several resources for homeless including churches, the Howard Johnson's currently being remodeled, men and women's shelters and several other options. At this point, Jim called our meeting to order. Those present included Jim Thomas, Pepper Kim, Sylvia Bailey, Norma Watson, Lyn and Janine Ayres, Judi Bailey, Anne McEnerny-Ogle, Officer Sean Metevia, Brooke Porter, Brandi Osborn, Katie Matsuura, and Steven Hamaker.

Officer Metevia reported that Central Park has had a rise in the number of catalytic converter thefts, especially from Toyota Prius, and including trucks. He cautioned us to never leave our vehicle unattended while warming it up. Lastly, thefts include items from truck beds and bikes taken that are left out. Apparently, bikes are taken apart for the purpose of augmenting them into other bike-like vehicles. Q: What is the rule on parking in public areas for long periods of time even if the vehicle is moved occasionally? A: If we email officer Metevia about specific vehicles, he will run a registration check.

Jim continued the meeting with a vote to accept the minutes as corrected and posted on NextDoor and on the city website. Sylvia reported that our balance in the treasury is \$1,326.87. She asked for direction on sending \$100 to the VNA to renew our insurance. We decided to go ahead and renew.

Our guest speakers, Brooke Porter (Outreach Coordinator with Public Works) and Brandi Osborn (Pavement Management), continued with a discussion on pavement management. Brandi spelled out the various ways the city paves, preserves or rehabilitates the road surfaces so we will understand why they chose to rehabilitate Grand Place and E. 13th Street this summer. We will also see speed humps replaced and striping repaired. Brooke discussed the funding sources as well as the order of the process here in the neighborhood. Ramps will go in first, then pruning, then advanced notice using door hangers and postcards to those property owners directly affected. Street closure is the last step to prepare for the contracted work to begin. Q: Will the two streets be done at the same time? A: Yes, including the intersection of both streets. Q: Who actually puts the door hangers out? A: The contractor assigns one of his crew to do that job. Q: There is striping improvement needed just west of the work and we wonder if that could be repaired. A: We will work with the contractor to include that repair during this work. Brooke agreed to send along phone numbers to pass on to neighbors who might need to contact someone regarding the repairs, access and/or closure of either of the streets. She also stated that the plan is to have the least impact on homeowners.

Jim asked for any other business to be brought to the floor. Sylvia brought up the need to elect a new president as Jim has requested to be relieved of his position. Norma asked Judi Bailey whether she had any words of wisdom on how to handle the lack of volunteers stepping up into positions. Many neighborhoods are experiencing this problem of loss of people to support the associations. We began discussion on why so few people stay interested and connected to their neighborhoods. Judi feels that eye to eye contact is the most authentic and successful action to take. She suggested asking everyone to reach out to their next door neighbor and the neighbor across the street from them on a regular basis. We began making a list of things we could do to get neighbors to feel more connection. Q: Have we made an effort to actually go door to door to inform people of the existence of Central Park Neighborhood Association? A: Prior to Covid restrictions and before NextDoor we did have newsletters delivered by hand. Judi also mentioned that each neighborhood has a once a year benefit of post cards to be sent out to everyone in the neighborhood. Pepper mentioned that when she and Lydia walk, they openly approach other walkers and this always has a positive result. Anne suggested a “freedom day” in our Quarnberg Park for this 4th of July with free ice cream with the idea that we would create a time and place to reconnect with neighbors.

Pepper announced the Clark County Historical Society will be having a scavenger hunt on Main Street on June 12. The program will be orchestrated for cyclists, pedestrians and history buffs.

Adjourned at 8:25pm

Respectfully,

*Norma Watson*

**NOTE:** These Minutes were posted on June 4, 2021, on NextDoor by Norma Watson, and will be up for adoption at the September 22, 2021, Zoom meeting.



Photo 1/23/21 by Pepper Kim

Let's keep  
hanging in there and  
working together for a  
healthier, brighter  
future for all.

**Calendar** – check out the Vancouver Connects website for upcoming City events:  
<https://t.e2ma.net/message/crgbi/s7rr8e>

**Next meeting:** Wednesday, September 22, 2021: CPNA 7:00 PM Zoom meeting.

The meeting number is **876 3648 2805** . 

**CPNA Bulky Item Pickup Day:** Curbside pickup on Saturday, September 18, 2021.  
See article above for more details.

**Harper's Playground Fundraiser Soiree:** Saturday, September 25, 2021, Marshall  
Park. See article above for more details.

## Central Park Neighborhood Association

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Please eliminate all spaces and replace the word "at" with the symbol @.



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We want to let everyone know about what's going on in our neighborhood association, including our non-English speaking neighbors. We would like to provide articles in our newsletter in the native languages of our residents. If you or someone you know would be willing to volunteer to help by translating our newsletters or interpreting at the neighborhood meetings, please call (360) 901-0176.

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**Spanish Español** Queremos informar a todos sobre lo que está sucediendo en nuestra asociación de vecinos, incluyendo a nuestros vecinos que no hablan inglés. Nos gustaría proporcionar artículos en nuestro boletín en el idioma español. Si usted o alguien que usted conoce está dispuesto a ofrecer su ayuda voluntaria para traducir nuestros boletines o interpretar en las reuniones del vecindario, comuníquese al (360) 901-0176.

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