

NEIGHBORLY NOTES

Newsletter of the Vancouver Heights Neighborhood Association



February 27 Meeting Notes

The February neighborhood meeting featured a presentation by Jay Housgard, Community Engagement Coordinator for C-TRAN. In addition to this presentation, several neighborhood updates and developments were discussed.

Community Updates & Announcements

Lieser School and Tower Mall Redevelopment:

- Utility work has begun, with additional construction anticipated as weather improves.
- The fire department has purchased a portion of the Leiser School property, though official building plans are still in development.
- Community members will be notified when public input opportunities arise.
- Residents were encouraged to check the city's website and follow the association's newsletter, Nextdoor, and Facebook for updates.

Neighborhood Police Officer Update:

- Plans are in place for their introduction at a future meeting.

Local Business Spotlight:

- A new business, For Pup's Sake, recently opened near Square Care Pharmacy, offering pet vaccinations and products at competitive prices.
- A new restaurant is expected to open in the same plaza in the coming months.

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March Meeting

March 27 @ 7:00 PM
Immanuel Lutheran Church

April Meeting

April 24 @ 7:00 PM
Immanuel Lutheran Church

February Meeting Notes continued

Community Shelter Update:

Pastor Adrienne provided updates on the neighborhood shelter program hosted by the church:

- Open three nights a week, staffed by an outside organization with volunteer opportunities.
- Shelter remains open during extreme weather events.
- Possible future expansion into summer cooling shelters and emergency housing.
- Volunteers are needed to help with meal services and operations.
- Donations of essential items are welcomed; details available on provided handouts.

Guest Presentation: C-Tran Overview by Jay Housgard

C-Tran's Mission & Services:

- C-Tran has been operating in Clark County since 1980, providing a range of transit options including local, regional, and express routes.
- Additional services include The Vine, C-Van (paratransit), Vanpool, and The Current (on-demand service in specific areas).

Ridership & Financial Overview:

- COVID-19 significantly impacted ridership, but efforts are ongoing to increase public transit use.
- Funding primarily comes from local sales tax (75-76%), with additional state and federal grants supporting capital projects. C-Tran remains debt free and in good financial health.
- Fares: Local rides cost \$1.25, express routes to Portland are higher, and veterans, youth (under 18), and reduced-income riders may qualify for free or discounted fares.

Future Transit Developments:

- Planned expansion of The Vine bus rapid transit system along Highway 99, with expected completion in 2027.
- C-Tran aims to transition to a zero-emission fleet by 2040, incorporating hydrogen fueling stations.
- Potential impacts of the I-5 Bridge Replacement Project on C-Tran funding and operations are still being assessed.

Community Engagement & Accessibility:

- C-Tran partners with nonprofits to provide transportation assistance for individuals in need.
- Travel training programs are available to help new riders navigate the transit system.

Questions? Reach out to Jay Housgard

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Events and Upcoming Speakers

Event Title	Date	Location
VHNA Meeting: Speaker - Jordan Mcfarlane from the Vancouver Police Department Situational Awareness and Crime Prevention	Thursday, March 27th @ 7:00 PM	Immanuel Lutheran Church
VHNA Meeting: Speaker - Heather Cochrun from Evergreen Habitat for Humanity	Thursday, April 24th @ 7:00 PM	Immanuel Lutheran Church
VHNA Meeting: Speaker - Stacy Noble from Vancouver Urban Forestry	Thursday, May 22nd @ 7:00 PM	Immanuel Lutheran Church
VHNA Meeting: Speaker - Alsaya Corbray from Related NW will share information on the Tower Mall Redevelopment Project	Thursday, June 19 @ 7:00 PM	Immanuel Lutheran Church

Thursday, March 27 @ 7:00 PM

Share feedback, ask questions, and participate virtually using the link below

Immanuel Lutheran Church
Watch online w/ Zoom @ tinyurl.com/vhnameeting
Passcode: 654772
Or use the Zoom App w/ meeting ID 222 187 1792

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