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Hayden Island Neighborhood Network  
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**Nov 14, 2013, 7 PM**  
**BOARD MEETING**  
**Oxford Suites**  
**Minutes**

**Board Members Present:** Carol Coar (The Waterside), Tom Dana (At-Large), Ron Ebersol (At-Large, Island Cove), Gary Furgason (West Hayden Island Moorage), Jeff Geisler (Business), Herman Kachold (HI Manufactured Home Community Homeowners Assoc), Lucinda Karlic (HILP), Stefan Karlic (HI Manufactured Home Community Homeowners Assoc), Kerrie McCarty (Hayden Bay Marina Homes), Berni Pilip (Jantzen Beach Moorage), David Redthunder (HI Manufactured Home Community), Ron Schmidt (At-Large), Marty Slapikas (Riverhouse Condos), Roger Staver (Island Cove), Victor Viets (At-Large), John Villanueva (Business, Columbia Crossings).

**Board Members Absent:** Traci Chapman-Roy (Jantzen Beach Moorage), Susan Colton (Riverhouse East), Karla Divine (Tomahawk Island Floating Home Community), Amy Welch (Hayden Bay Condos).

**Homeowner Associations Not Represented:** Columbia Point East, Columbia Point West, Jantzen Beach Village Condominiums, Lotus Isle Homes, Marina Riverhouse.

**Audience** – 20+ guests

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Chair Ron Schmidt.

Carol Coar acted as Secretary.

*It was moved and seconded to approve the October 10, 2013 minutes, with one spelling error noted in Lucinda's name.*

**YES 16 NO 0**

**Treasurer - Marty Slapikas:** total in all accounts \$8,957.66

**Presentation: alternative proposals to CRC (Columbia River Crossing – bridge)**  
**Tiffany Couch**, Acuity Group, forensic accountants  
**Jim Howell**, former TriMet transit service planner

**Tiffany Couch** is a forensic accountant; financial investigator. She was contacted originally by a private citizen concerned with trying to figure out how the money for the Columbia River Crossing had been spent. Tiffany Couch only used the information that came from the project and found many inconsistencies.

- Twenty million dollars that had been spent could not be accounted for. The amount of data that she went through resulted in five notebooks. She made no conclusions just used the facts and wrote out the result.
- When reviewing the contract for David Evans and Associates, there were many questions about how items were presented in comparison of what the contract indicated. It appears that the cost would

have been 3.5 billion from the material given to her. However, the real cost appears to be 5.5 million.

- Washington State, especially the Vancouver area, was very concerned about the amount of tolling and what that would do to the economy. As we were aware, Washington's legislative body did not support the bridge.

**Jim Howell** spoke about an alternative to the planned bridge project. He said that there was a way to have a new bridge and not have tolls.

- One of the necessary changes would be the railroad bridge would have to be fixed to eliminate the S curve (which had originally been recommended in the 1990's) that requires the I-5 bridge now to be raised many times for the tugs to get through.
- The new bridge would also have a lift; but with this fix, he said the lift would not have to be used often.
- The timeline for this project is projected to be 5 years, half the time of the other project. He saw the present bridges as staying and becoming bike/walking and transit bridges.
- The new bridge would have four lanes going each way and would be 50 to 100 feet upstream of the present bridge. This plan would eliminate the need to close off so many interchanges for long periods like the Columbia River Crossing required.

Audience participation was extensive, and everyone indicated that they appreciated the information.

## **Committee Reports**

### **West Hayden Island**

**Victor Viets**

- HINooN made a request to the Port and the City of Portland, that all future meetings be held on the Island, after work hours to enable Island residents to attend the meetings. No response from the City or Port.

### **Executive**

**Ron Schmidt**

- The Hayden Island Business group has been dissolved. He suggested asking the Jantzen Beach Center manager to join HINooN.
- Ron thanked Pam Ferguson for her work on the board after years of participation. David Redthunder was welcomed to Pam's position.

### **Transportation (formerly Columbia River Crossing – CRC)**

**Victor Viets**

- Tom Dana reported that at the City Club luncheon, ODT (Oregon Dept of Transportation) said that they are still trying to move ahead with the CRC (Columbia River Crossing bridge) project. ODT suggested that they are looking to start Fall 2014 on the project and finish the south bound section by 2018.
- Ron Schmidt reported shortly after the meeting, that Oregon will NOT have a special session regarding building a bridge on their own; help will have to come from Washington and the Federal government in order to succeed.

### **Environment and Livability**

**Tom Dana**

- No report

### **Land Use and Government**

**Tom Dana**

- No report

### **Safety and Security**

**Jeff Geisler**

- Jeff Geisler reported that it is official that a number of police positions are being eliminated within the department.

- No report

**Community Outreach & Communication**

**Carol Coar**

- Carol Coar challenged everyone on the board to remember to contact all city council member on the issue of West Hayden Island. She also reported that in a meeting with Pam Ferguson and Lucinda Karlic, it was suggested that the board have a small group that speaks to each homeowners' association in order to inform them of HINooN and its issues. Ron Schmidt asked that everyone get him or Carol contact information for each board.

**New Business**

- **Lottery Bars and Liquor Application Renewals** – to begin shortly
- **WalMart has opened at Delta Park** – Jeff Geisler reported that they will have bottle recycling, which should reduce the pressure on Safeway; it is hoped that Safeway may be able to close their recycling as WalMart may serve as a regional center for recycling.
- **Christmas Ships** begin Sat, Dec 6. [www.christmasships.org](http://www.christmasships.org)

**Ron Schmidt adjourned the meeting at 9:05 PM.**

**YES 12 NO 0**

**Next meeting, Thursday, January 9, 7 PM, at Oxford Suites.**