



Sunday April 16, 2023 we held an executive committee meeting.

NEWS FLASH: Knife River has signed a “Release of Purchase Option” between them and Pioneer Industrial. Effect April 1, 2023 Knife River terminated their interest in the property. Concrete will be trucked in from their Gresham plant. It appears we have won the first battle.

The property still is zoned railroad industrial. If the property sells without changing the zoning back to “Light Industrial” there is a high probably that we will be fighting yet another company that presents hazards to our health, our ecosystem, and our home values.

WE MUST REMAIN WATCHFUL! Vigilance, patience, and awareness is now required.

What does that mean to you, and to us as a group?

FOCV Goals as we have defined them to be:

- 1) Keeping the concrete batch plant off the property. Verifying the build and making sure it does no harm to our neighborhood, or ecosystem.
- 2) We must find a legal way to get that property zoning changed back to “Light Industrial”. As long as it remains zoned as “Spot” zoning Railroad Industrial the location will present a threat to our neighborhood, both in the quality of life we enjoy, our health, and our home values.
- 3) The railroad line itself, and the FRDU state law that was passed in 2017. It is our opinion that a better use of the 1888 railroad line would be a bike and hiking trail. We must lobby the federal government for that change. The county and State will oppose us due to the aggregate mines and the I-5 bridge build and the need for concrete.

We very well may be working on these action items simultaneously. That is why we have teams.

Not everyone can know everything. This is an overwhelming situation we find ourselves in. So how do we manage it? I find that if we tackle the bit size pieces within our teams the overall picture gets taken care of.

Teams have been adjusted. Bill Peterson and Jim McRae will lead the new and improved team for Accountability and Monitoring (AKA Watchdogs)

What falls into their purview? Not in any particular order of importance.

- 1) Monitoring the classified ads to alert us to ANY county hearings /meeting regarding zoning changes or proposed builds that is impacting our neighborhood.

- 2) Monitoring the county council meetings for the Comprehensive Growth Management Plan. Alert the leadership team if they read, hear, or see anything happening regarding this plan and how it will have an impact on our neighborhood, or growth around our neighborhood.
- 3) Monitoring the county procedures, rules and changes to such. We must stay on top of the ever changing rule book, as we must work within the guide lines.
- 4) Attend as many county council meetings in person as possible in FOCV yellow shirts. Be quiet, be respectful, be alert and take notes.
- 5) Tweak the letter recipe on the web site. Garth is not a word smith, he will type what we give him.
- 6) Since Garth works with Jan on the web site all web ideas should be written out and sent to Jan. No one can answer to more than one person. Let's try to keep this process streamlined if at all possible. Remember simple and unconfusing. Ideas are always welcomed. FYI, Garth has reorganized some of the items on our web site. Give it a look.
- 7) Susan Scott will drive around to the front of the NE 101st street property to keep an eye out for any signs notifying the public of zoom meetings, or for sale signs. Great JOB Susan in taking pictures of the activity on the property on NE 101st Street and talking with Mike Loboki.
- 8) The executive committee voted to support this merging and redefining of this team. As always, please let Jan know what you need to succeed.

Building our coalition:

Flyers delivery is key. If any of you can help Mark Krant with organizing and mobilizing the "Boots on the Ground" please contact him at 360-281-6275 or email at clarkcountyrealestate@yahoo.com – Thanks. Mark, please track what streets get flyers, we do not need to duplicate efforts.

The Seton HS Eco Club is met this week and they are stepping back from their involvement in FOCV due to AP Exams coming up. I think we can all agree AP exam are critical for these young people. We wish them the best with that task.

We always pass out flyers to our neighborhood, then we branch out to other neighborhoods. As we branch out to other areas see if we can attract others in other neighborhoods to pass out flyers. This is an area where MANY HANDS make light work.

It was discussed that we need to train the "Boots on the Ground" how to answer questions or at least write down the questions so one of us can circle back with the person who asked the question. Maybe hold a quick Saturday morning Zoom class on how to interact with the folks at home hopefully reading the flyers. Any ideas on the best way to address this.

Joe Fettig got any ideas???? If so, please share the ideas with Jan and Mark.

We also spoke about changing up the flyer to make the map on the back side shorter and add some informative items on the back. Jan has done this.

FAQs on the flyer... Please submit questions you are hearing from the neighbors to Jan so she can work on changing the flyers.

The need to continue writing letters to the press:

We need to continue to make a presence in the printed press. Please get your team members to write letters to the Columbian, the Reflector, and Clark County Today. If you are commenting on anything about any county councilor, please make sure that it is an accurate statement. We need to keep personalities out of the letter writing campaign, and stick to facts and how those fact impact you, your health, your property values.

We should write about how the rails to trails programs has benefited other cities in Washington state. Research Spokane, Washington rail to trails and find out about other locations within our state. We need to begin some talk and discussion about this idea.

We all have friends that live in various parts of the county. I know we want everyone to be healthy, happy, safe, and prosperous. If any other neighborhood has to fight a batch plant I am happy to coach them on how to organize.

Our main concern is our neighborhood, that is from NE 88th street and NE 82 Ave to the Curtin Creek Condos and from the Curtin Creek Wetlands to the Light Industrial area west of NE 80th Ave. Specifically, Cedar 49, Cedars Corner, Mt View Estates, Curtin Creek Condos, and the new Curtin Creek Meadows (being built) and the Curtin Creek Wetland area.

Rest assured the other neighborhoods will need to implement their plan and become active in their fight. It is enough for us to focus upon our own neighborhoods and within the 5-mile impact zone.