

City of Beaverton  
Neighborhood Association Committee Meeting Minutes

**NAC: Denney Whitford / Raleigh West**

Date: 24 March 2011

Board members present:

Chair: Ernie Conway  
 Vice Chair: Andrew Bynum  
 BCCI Rep: *vacant*

Treasurer: Martha Schauffler  
 Recorder: Tracy Thornton

Quorum present?  Yes  No

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Meeting start time: 7:03 pm

Chair Ernie Conway noted that the February meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather.

**Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue Report:** No report.

**Community Policing Report:** Officer Corning noted several upcoming events. The next shredding event, at Tektronix on Karl Braun Drive, is April 16 starting at 10:00 am. There is a limit of three boxes or bags at the event. The next car seat clinic is on April 2 and 9:00 am at City Hall. On April 6, the Beaverton Police Department is sponsoring a landlord/tenant forum at the Beaverton City Library at 6:30 pm to address safety issues of concern to landlords.

The Beaverton Police Department is planning a new police facility. The earliest stages have started. An architectural firm has been hired and has confirmed that the police do need more space. BPD moved into the current building in 1986 with 63 total employees. The department now has 174 employees spread out over three buildings, which is a problem for logistics and safety. The current set up gives BPD 28,000 sq ft; it was determined that they need about 80,000 sq ft. The big question of how to pay for a new facility has not been discussed yet.

**Neighborhood Issues / Concerns:**

Gabe Genauer spoke about a sign variance for a new sign on Beaverton Hillsdale Highway near Western Ave. for the shopping center that includes Bi-Mart, Bike n Hike, and Round Table Pizza. The center currently has a sign on Western, but most of the traffic going there is using BHH and they often miss it because of the lack of good signing. The proposed sign is 100% within standard city guidelines; the sign variance is required because several of the businesses in the center have Western Ave. addresses and the sign will be on the Beaverton Hillsdale Highway side.

The new sign will be in the planter strip near the main entrance between KFC and Round Table/Bike n Hike. The plans call for widening the planting strip to 6 feet (which will not affect parking), and shrubs or other landscaping will be planted. The new sign will be completely on the property and will not overhang into the street or the parking lot. The sign will be lit. It will be 6 feet wide and 5 feet, 4 inches tall on a support that is 2 feet wide; the bottom of the sign will be about 10 feet off the ground, so it will not pose an obstacle for pedestrians. Gabe will provide a PDF of the plans for posting on the DW-RW Facebook page.

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Gabe's presentation meets the requirements for a public hearing. There was no opposition by meeting attendees, but Gabe noted that any issues can now be directed to the City.

**Guest Speakers:**

Rebecca Fitzsimmons spoke about the Solar Beaverton program. Last year's pilot program, which included 50 homes, was very successful. Public feedback indicated a desire for more opportunities for solar. The goal of this year's program, as set by Mayor Doyle, is 220 homes. If the goal is reached, it would make this the biggest solar program in the state. The City put out a competitive RFP and selected Livelight Energy as the company for installation of solar energy systems. This is a local company, so the money created from this program stays in the local community. (An interesting statistic from Rebecca: last year, the State of Oregon spent \$10 billion on energy; 75% of that money went out of state.)

A 3 kw system provides about 30% of the needs of an average home. This equates to about \$350 in energy bill savings per year.

There are several upcoming Solar Beaverton workshops. People interested in participating can sign up on the website: [www.solarbeaverton.org](http://www.solarbeaverton.org). The first 25 people to sign a contract will be invited to a catered dinner and tour at the Solar World facility.

**Other issues:**

Due to the cancellation of last month's meeting, THPRD's plan to discuss the progress on the Fanno Creek Trail was postponed. They will be able to visit in May, and we should be able to schedule a walk-through at about that time once the weather is drier.

**Old business:**

Minutes from the January meeting were accepted as written.

Martha gave the Treasurer's report. The NAC has \$3,652.04. The only change was a \$15 service fee; Martha will investigate why we are now charged a fee.

**New business:**

Ernie noted that the NAC now has a Facebook page where information and updates are posted.

BCCI is sponsoring an International Sustainable Leadership Project. The City is looking for volunteers aged 18 to 24 for the June 2011 project.

Ray Bowman noted that although he is chair of the BCCI and a member of the NAC, he should not be the BCCI rep. The BCCI bylaws have been changed to allow more at-large members (from 5 to 8), so it's important that the NAC have a designated representative so that our issues are heard. The BCCI rep attends the BCCI meetings and brings information back to the NAC.

**Meeting end time:** 7:55 pm