

**Vose Neighborhood Association Committee Meeting
Beaverton Community Center, Community Room
12350 SW 5th Street, Suite 100
Beaverton, OR**

April 21st, 2011

Board Members present: (Quorum)

Jerry Noble	Linda Kimble
Penny Douglas	Ben Preston
Henry Kane	Melissa Preston
Tammy Emmert	

Meeting called to order at 7pm by Chairman Jerry Noble. Welcome & introductions were made.

Officer White's Recap

There were 22 crimes in the Vose NAC reported in the month of February including assault, burglary, theft, fraud, sex offenses and DUI's. The number of thefts has not increased since the recession, but helpful suggestions to reduce theft include: outside lighting, motion sensor lights (pointed at a corner), and no shrubs covering windows.

There was an accidental shooting in April resulting in a manslaughter charge. It happened near 117th and Canyon Road and began as a dispute over a cell phone.

On 4/30, the City will have the Prescription Drug Turn-In Event for the public to turn in unwanted or unmarked prescription pills. Please no liquids, needles or medical waste.

Solar Beaverton presentation

On 4/30, there will be an Interactive Family Solar Open House from 10:30am - 12:00pm at the German-American School, 3900 SW Murray Blvd.

Adding solar panels provide an average savings of \$300/year and increase property values an average of \$1,000 per \$100 saved in energy consumption.

Sign up for a contractor to visit your home & provide a free assessment with no obligation.

PGE offers free seminars for education on solar power and home solar panels.

Q&A with Oregon State Representative Tobias Read

Representative Read reported on issues going on at the state legislature. The budget is the major topic. The state is short \$3.5 million to keep funding at the same current rate of spending. A bill for \$5.7 billion was just passed for education.

Health Insurance Exchange program - Providers compete and individuals decide where to go for Healthcare. There are 2 versions (the House and the Senate). Two factors still being decided upon are: how much can the state negotiate on price and how many insurance representatives are allowed. Redistricting happens every 10 years where the state is divided up into 5 house districts and 2 senate districts. The state tries to limit districts to representing 55,000 - 60,000 people. Henry Kane asked if Beaverton will get another member. The redistricting lines are still being decided and the public can submit their own ideas as to line designations.

The state is considering a loan fund for small to mid-size companies that want to establish in Oregon. BOOST Program gives loans and grants to small companies needing to hire employees.

Plastic bag ban - Jerry is concerned about the additional fee being passed on to consumers. Mr. Read responded that they are trying to 'modify behavior' that harms the environment. There is nothing in the works to ban plastic bags available in the produce department for fruits/vegetables.

Penny asked if the bottle deposit will include additional jugs/cartons recycled in other states and asked to increase bill to expand redemption centers. In 2016, the deposit will increase from \$.05 to \$.10 if recycling drops below 80%.

A selective sales tax or luxury tax was brought up on cosmetics as a way to help raise funds.

A possible 'road user' tax is being discussed instead of a gas tax to fund road improvements. It would be based on miles driven, not gas used. They are hoping to have a plan by 2015.

Mr. Read stated he is working on a project to ensure all cell phone users pay the same taxes. Currently, pre-paid cell phones do not include a 911 tax as part of their contract, although they can access the emergency service.

Legislation was just recently passed to put limits on additional fees and charges assessed on unused gift cards.

On 5/2 at 7pm at City Hall, state legislators will have budget discussions - the public is invited to attend.

On 5/19, state economists will give a presentation at the Beaverton Library.

Treasurer's Report

Report unavailable due to Treasurer not present.

Previous Minutes

A motion was made to approve the previous minutes from the meeting held 3.17.2011 with one correction made - the permits for the Timbers Soccer fields will be done by August 2011 (not 2010). Motion seconded and passed.

BCCI Report

Discussed community involvement by other NACs and cohesiveness between NAC organizations. Scholarship fund raisers, bicycles for kids & books for children were all ideas presented.

New Business:

Park Re-classification

Parks in the area will be renamed based on purpose, use or location (wetlands, woods, greenways). Any comments on the reclassification are due June 3rd. Visit the THPRD website for more information.

Old Business:

Credit Union sponsorship

Tammy is still waiting for additional approval on the sponsorship of the Oregonians FCU.

Upcoming Events

4/30 - Vose Elementary School Spring Clean-up at 9am. Come help clean up and beautify the school grounds. If you can, bring gardening tools (rakes, hand trowels, etc.)

6/4 - Beaverton Recycling/Clean-up Day -9am-2pm. We need volunteers to help us raise money for our NAC. Come meet your neighbors and help a good cause!

8/6 - Vose NAC will have a booth at the Beaverton's Farmer's Market

8/27 - Beaverton Parade

9/17 - Vose NAC Picnic

Meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Ben Preston, Recorder Vose NAC.