

Minutes to be reviewed and approved at the 4/25/2011 BCCI Meeting.

**Beaverton Committee for Citizen Involvement (BCCI)
March 28, 2011**

Board Members:

Ray Bowman, At Large, Chair	Rhonda Coakley, Sexton Mountain
Jim Persey, Greenway	Henry Kane, Vose
Terry Lawler, West Slope, Treasurer	Ramona Crocker, At Large
Amanda Tahayori, West Beaverton	Melissa Riley, Central Beaverton
Franziska Edwards, At Large	David Harrison, At Large
Kent Robinson, Alternate	Sharon Dunham, At Large
Kevin Frazier, Neighbors SW	Lirra Conrad, Highland
Linda Kimble, Vose-Alternate	Kristen Bea, At Large
Bill Berg, At Large	Ali Kavarianian, South Beaverton
Aaron Bogle, South Beaverton-Alternate	Yamini Naidu, Alternate
Ernie Conway, Denney Whitford/Raleigh West	Richard Pickett, Five Oaks/Triple Creek

City Council: Marc San Soucie

City Staff: Randy Ealy, Lani Parr, Eric Kingstad and Holly Thompson

Guest: Leonard Conway

The meeting was called to order by Ray Bowman, Chair, at 7:00PM

Mr. Bowman welcomed everyone to the BCCI Meeting after which the customary personal introductions were made by everyone in attendance.

Review and Approve Minutes from the Previous Meeting

It was noted that in the Treasurer's Report that our bank balance of \$694.22 needed to be inserted in the previous minutes. Other adjustments were associated with the previous meeting attendance. Kent Robinson and Kristen Bea were in attendance at the February meeting however Linda Kimble was unable to attend. With these adjustments to the minutes, a **motion** was made, seconded and unanimously approved to accept the minutes as amended from the February 28, 2011 BCCI Meeting

Treasurer's Report

Terry Lawler, Treasurer, informed the Board that as of today, 3/28/2011, the current balance in the BCCI bank account stands at \$684.22 due to a \$10.00 fee being assessed by the bank. Ms. Lawler explained some of the options available for the current BCCI account and shared with the Board that she had explored the idea of using a Credit Union for our account. The recommendation was made that the BCCI move our account to another institution hopefully an institution that is a Chamber Member. Ms. Lawler will check into the issue further and report back at the April BCCI Meeting. The Board accepted the Treasurer's Report.

City Report

Randy Ealy informed the Board that he was recently promoted to the position of Chief Administrative Officer for the City of Beaverton. In his new role, Mr. Ealy will be assisting the mayor with the day-to-day operation of the City. The Board congratulated Mr. Ealy and informed him that we look forward to working with him in his new position.

Review of the Internal Budget of the City is currently underway and all Departments are involved in the process. The proposed City Budget for Fiscal Year 2011-2012 will be presented in May to the Beaverton City Council.

The Beaverton Urban Renewal Agency (BURA) is working on the final touches of their proposal that will be referred to the voters in November. Board Member, Jim Persey, commented that the Neighborhood Association Committees (NAC's) don't meet during the summer months and inquired if the BURA could ready with its proposal before May to be available for the last meetings of the NAC's before summer. Councilor Marc San Soucie stated that citizen comments in May would work well for BURA's input process. The BCCI Board will be hearing from a BURA representative in April and/or May.

Office space planning, for the City's Departments, is currently occurring to determine the needs for the future. Mr. Ealy commented that this is a separate action from the efforts of BURA. The question was asked about how the exploration of space needs fits in with Beaverton's Civic Plan. Councilor San Soucie stated that the two activities are totally separate.

Finally, Mr. Ealy informed the Board that community interest remains high regarding new Civic Entities. One entity of interest is a performing arts center.

City Council Report

Councilor San Soucie stated that the Civic Plan is available on the City's website. Comments relating to the Civic Plan will be accepted at tomorrow evening's meeting of the City Council. To date, there has been a tremendous amount of input regarding the Plan. The Civic Plan will be an agenda item during the meeting of the Beaverton City Council on April 12th. If the process moves forward as planned, the City Council will approve the Civic Plan at its April 12th meeting.

On tomorrow evening's City Council agenda is a discussion and study of City Ordinances relating to certain city properties. More specifically, what is and is not appropriate use of properties owned by the City of Beaverton. Public input is welcomed.

On April 26th there will be a meeting with representatives from Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue. The discussions will pertain to topics and issues of common interest.

Highway 217 is being studied as a result of a Bill that was passed in 2009 by the State Legislature. The legislation requires the Oregon Department of Transportation to perform a study of a pilot site to improve traffic flow. Community support is low for the study of any of the pilot sites being considered thus far. Lani Parr, Neighborhood Program, will send out current information on the subject to all of the Board Members.

BCCI's Role in Several Initiatives

1. Beaverton Downtown Association

Holly Thompson, Program Manager, shared information and distributed a brochure relating to the formation of the Beaverton Downtown Association. The idea for the Association grew directly out of the Visioning efforts.

According to the brochure, the purpose of the Beaverton Downtown Association is to enhance our community and heritage, foster a center of activity and ensure economic stability for the heart of downtown Beaverton. The Association has volunteer opportunities for individuals to become engaged in, such as, promotions, design and economic restructuring. The Association's influence is much broader than just a business in downtown organization. The last time that Beaverton had a somewhat similar association was in the late-1980s and early-1990s.

The Beaverton Downtown Association is planning to secure the 501(c)(3) status in the future. More information will be available in the next few months. In the meantime, interested individuals should contact Ms. Thompson at hthompson@beavertonoregon.gov or 503.526.2658.

2. International Sustainability Leadership Project

Eric Kingstad, Project Manager, informed the Board about an upcoming three week event known as the International Sustainability Leadership Project. The event will be held from July 18th to August 5th and will be the first time ever for a project of this type. Some 25 to 30 dignitaries from Beaverton's Sister Cities will be attending and host families for the dignitaries are still needed. Mr. Kingstad made the request that the BCCI become a cheerleader for this event. Some of the current needs of the Project are: additional funds and contributions, citizen involvement and host homes for the travelers. There are currently 20 host families and more hosts are still needed. Mr. Kingstad can be contacted, by individuals interested in becoming involved in the Project, by visiting the City of Beaverton's web site.

3. Beaverton Community Vision

Holly Thompson and BCCI Board Member Franziska Edwards facilitated a discussion regarding possible Visioning Initiatives that the BCCI could function in either a Lead Partner role or a Support Partner role. Several initiatives were highlighted as being directly related to the focus and current work of the BCCI.

During the Visioning process, 6,500 ideas were drilled down to 114 initiatives and currently 77% of the initiatives have both a lead partner and a support partner. Of the 114 initiatives, 50% fit well with the work of the City and 50% fit well with our role as community leaders and citizens. The work of acquiring partners for the initiatives will end on April 30th with a Partner Reception scheduled for May 18th.

After a moderate discussion, a **motion** was made, seconded and unanimously approved for the BCCI Board to perform as Lead Partner on Initiative #10 (Design Neighborhoods with Citizens), Co-Lead Partner on Initiative #4 (Involve People in Community Decision Making) and Support Partner on both Initiative #20 (Strengthen Neighborhood Connections) and Initiative #88 (Set Priorities and Be Accountable).

3. Beaverton Community Vision (Continued)

Following the approval of the motion, Mr. Bowman thanked Ms. Thompson for her work as well as thanked Ms. Edwards for all of her work and the work of the members of the BCCI New Initiatives Subcommittee. The subcommittee has invested a considerable amount of time determining which initiatives to recommend to the BCCI Board for the Board to adopt and support.

Updates from the Subcommittees/Working Groups.

Neighborhood Involvement Subcommittee

Sharon Dunham, Chair of the Neighborhood Involvement Subcommittee shared information from the Subcommittee's recent meeting. After some research by the members of the subcommittee, it seems that a significant number of local residents did not know about Neighborhood Association Committees (NACs) and how they serve the community. Ms. Dunham expressed concern that those individuals, who have heard of NACs, may have the impression that NACs are similar to Homeowners Associations who charge dues. The thought was expressed that a name change for the NACs may result in more visibility and a better understanding of the role of the NACs.

In order to gather additional information from residents regarding the issues that the subcommittee uncovered, a survey was drafted and copies of the survey were distributed at the BCCI Meeting. After a brief discussion of the draft survey, a **motion** was made, seconded and unanimously approved to utilize the draft in conducting a survey to acquire input from Beaverton residents regarding NACs. The results of the survey will be shared with the Board as the information becomes available.

Land Use Subcommittee

Jim Persey, Land Use Subcommittee Chair, informed the Board that a Type 2 Development Application is in process for an 88,000 square foot warehouse within the City. Mr. Persey followed up by explaining to the Board the process involved with a Type 2 Application

Mr. Persey lead a discussion regarding three House Bills that will affect Oregon land use laws. Board Member Henry Kane distributed a document that he drafted relating to the three proposed House Bills 2182, 2182 and 2610. There is concern that the three House Bills could have negative effect on current land use legislation.

Due to the complex nature of the issues involved and the need for time for Board Members to perform further research on the three proposed House Bills, a **motion** was made, seconded and unanimously approved to table the discussion of the three proposed House Bills until the April 25th BCCI Meeting.

Upcomming Events and Opportunities

Lani Parr, Neighborhood Office, reminded the Board that the Neighborhood Summit was scheduled for April 9th at the Beaverton Main Library. There are still volunteer opportunities for Board Member who will be attending the Summit.

A discussion regarding the Beaverton Recycling Day scheduled for June 4th was postponed. The discussion will occur at the April 25th BCCI Meeting.

Issues, Concerns, Opportunities & Needs of the NACs

Mr. Kane expressed his concerns relating to being informed that there will be no public hearing on the planned project involving the Portland Timbers Practice Facility. The decision on the approval of the facility will reside with the Planning Director with no input from the Vose NAC or other concerned residents of the City.

Board Member Amanda Tahayori, West Beaverton NAC, shared a copy of a letter written by the Chair of the West Beaverton NAC to Tualatin Hills Parks and Recreation District, Board President, Mr. Bill Kanable. The letter was written to reaffirm the ten-year position of the West Beaverton NAC regarding their interest for the low-impact cost-effective development of Lowami Hart Woods.

The meeting adjourned at 9:16PM.

Minutes prepared by Richard Pickett.