

Minutes to be reviewed and approved at the 6/27/2011 BCCI Meeting.

**Beaverton Committee for Citizen Involvement (BCCI)
May 23, 2011**

Board Members:

Ray Bowman, At Large, Chair
Jim Persey, Greenway
Terry Lawler, West Slope, Treasurer
Amanda Tahayori, West Beaverton
Franziska Edwards, At Large
Kent Robinson, Alternate
Linda Kimble, Vose-Alternate
Bill Berg, At Large
Carleen Prentice, At Large
Richard Pickett, Five Oaks/Triple Creek

Rhonda Coakley, Sexton Mountain
Henry Kane, Vose
Ramona Crocker, At Large
Yamini Naidu, Alternate
David Harrison, At Large
Sharon Dunham, At Large
Kristen Bea, At Large
Ali Kavarianian, South Beaverton
Lirra Conrad, Highland
Kevin Frazier, SW Beaverton

City Council: Marc San Soucie

City Staff: Jason Wachs

Guest: Colleen O'Toole

The meeting was called to order by Ray Bowman, Chair, at 7:05PM

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

Review and Approve May Minutes

Ray pointed out that on page 2 of the minutes, regarding the paragraph on SOS Oregon, Lisa Leithauser is not a representative of the Adult Entertainment Business; she is a representative of SOS Oregon, which is a nonprofit coalition. Other changes noted were on the Update on Urban Renewal, the map shown by Don Maziotti was 980 acres not 980 miles. Ray Bowman handed a typed paper to Franziska Edwards with other corrections. Lastly, on page 3 under the City Report, the sentence regarding the City Budget needs to be changed to "Finally, Mr. Ealy noted that internal meetings are taking place to review the City Budget for Fiscal Year 2011-2012. The meetings at the end of May are the public meetings. The first Budget Committee meeting is May 26th." Also, Jim Persey's name is spelled wrong intermittently and the term "recorder" needs to be inputted at the end of the minutes. With this adjustments to the minutes, a **motion** was made, seconded and unanimously approved to accept the minutes as amended from the May 23, 2011 BCCI Meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Terry Lawler, Treasurer, announced that she succeeded in getting a different account for the committee through Rivermark Community Credit Union. Ms. Lawler informed the group that it cost \$5.00 to open a new account which leaves the present account

balance at \$669.22. Ms. Lawler also mentioned that she received a letter from Chase bank, our previous bank, so she will reconfirm with them that they have officially closed out the other account as requested. A **motion** was made, seconded and unanimously approved to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Habitat for Humanity

Colleen O'Toole, a volunteer coordinator for Washington County ReStore, gave a presentation to the BCCI about the current housing crisis in the country and what Habitat for Humanity is doing to combat that. She said at this time there are nearly 1,100 homeless students registered in the Beaverton School District. One of the ways Habitat for Humanity gets involved is by providing long-term low-interest loans to hard working families in the communities. Another way is by operating new and used building materials stores that take donations from the communities to be used to build neighborhood homes. There are a handful of locations across the Portland-Metro area with a new 30,000 square foot store opening on Cedar Hills Blvd on June 10th. Ms. O'Toole is a volunteer at one of these stores and came to solicit volunteer help along with donations of time, materials, or money. Some of the things they need volunteers for is loading and unloading merchandise, as cashiers, and in other daily operations. There are also opportunities to volunteer at Willamette West in Hillsboro. Colleen encouraged all to get involved and passed around materials with further information. Colleen also pointed out that all of the money that goes to ReStore goes straight to Habitat for Humanity and Willamette West, and that the proceeds get combined and distributed evenly; they have raised 1 million dollars in the last 10 years. PDX ReStore also helps with sustainable move-outs for PSU students called "Chuck it for Charity". BCCI member Sharon Dunham asked if there was an age limit for appliances. Ms. O'Toole said seven years; they want to make sure they are still digital, in good condition and able to be resold. Yamini Naidu asked can volunteers be high school students. Ms. O'Toole said volunteers 16 – 18 years old must have a parental waiver signed. For more information, Coleen can be reached directly at 503-906-3823 or online at www.pdxrestore.org.

City Report

Randy Ealy was not able to attend the BCCI meeting Marc San Soucie gave both the City Report and City Council Report in his absence.

At a previous meeting Mr. Ealy mentioned that the mayor had called for internal survey of staff, an "environmental assessment," and based on that assessment there is internal work going on: optimizations and adjustments regarding organization dynamics, optimal work environment and tools to do the job successfully. Mr. Ealy wanted to note that the work continues, and that the city will conduct another assessment 6-8 months from now to see how things are doing.

Currently there is a project the city wanted to complete for a while that has already been funded 2/3 of the way from federal funds. The city has since applied for a grant from the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT). ODOT offers money for transportation enhancement projects that meet certain criteria, usually safety oriented. The area is

from Birchwood to Laurelwood to 87th and the grant from ODOT will complete it 87th portion. BCCI member David Harrison asked if Marc knows how much the grant is for. Mr. San Soucie said there is no information at this time.

The city has been working through the legislative session in supporting bills that benefit the city and doing work against bills that don't benefit the city and have hired a lobbying firm in this effort. One of the bills in question is a bill that came up to repeal the provision that mandated ODOT conduct a pricing congestion study that looked at the possibility of a toll at the onramp at Highway 217. Along with that are additional tax and revenue items, such as a tax credit lobbying to retain low-income community investment packages and projects to help rehabilitate low income housing.

Another thing that's going on is the city is applying for different traffic safety grant from ODOT to let the Beaverton municipal court develop a new program designed to help increase the tools available to the judges to help prevent repeat DUII offenses. ODOT is putting a grant out for both the acquisition of software and training to increase the range of tools available to prevent repeat offenses, as well as give incentives for good behavior, punishment for bad behavior, and coaching, training and guidance. Assuming the grant is successful—Beaverton is the only municipal court to have applied for it—sometime later this year or early next year they will expand their systems. BCCI member Ramona Crocker asked if that would also include suspended drivers licenses. Mr. San Soucie said that it's already part of regimen for traffic violations and that this is the grant is meant to look for additional tools to crack down on the people who refuse to obey the laws. Marc also pointed out that the number one reason for violating probation are those people who drive while their license is suspended.

In City Council business, in the agency redevelopment meeting the agency board has adopted the Urban Renewal Plan and the accompanying report. On June 1st, the Planning Commission will have public hearings and will make recommendations to City Council and then City Council will hold public hearings June 21st. The public is able to provide written testimony if they desire instead. The Urban Renewal Plan and accompanying report are available online. If the Urban Renewal Plan and report are authorized by City Council on June 21st, at the subsequent meeting on July 12th there will be a second reading and adoption, followed by a resolution referring that plan to the voters in November. Also on June 21st City Council will have public hearings on proposed capital improvements. Just as with the current discussions about the budget, comments are welcome both prior to and at the public hearing. Additionally on June 21st, a third public hearing is taking place in consideration of the budget for next year. On May 26th is first meeting for the Budget Committee. Subsequent meetings are held on May 31st and June 2nd. These meetings are held in third floor conference room, and all are welcome to attend. Marc mentioned that it helps if you look at the published agenda beforehand. BCCI member Ali Kavianian asked if the city is communicating effectively enough with the citizens regarding Urban Renewal. Mr. San Soucie said postcards went out about the public hearings and that they are trying to reach all of the NACs this month and next month. He also noted that once the plan is adopted, educational materials will be sent out to every household in the city regarding the plan

adoption and that one open house like the Civic Plan held last year is also planned for this summer.

Subcommittee/Working Group Updates

Land Use Subcommittee

Jim Persey, Land Use Subcommittee Chair, reported that there is nothing new regarding text amendments. The Beaverton School District Facilities Plan went before the school district last Wednesday as to whether or not Beaverton schools can be considered a critical facility. The school district approved the Facilities Plan for 2010. However, the Planning Commission was a little more hesitant about making the text amendment since critics complained that it gave school district too much say regarding redevelopment. The City Community Development department decided to pull text amendment in the end.

NAC Engagement and Citizen Involvement Subcommittee

Sharon Dunhan, NAC Engagement and Citizen Involvement Subcommittee Chair, met with the subcommittee on April 26 where they retooled the survey introductory statement. As of now the survey has been completed and Sharon wanted to be sure to thank member Kent Robinson for his tremendous amount of work. Sharon will forward the survey out to the subcommittee first and then send it out to a broader net of stakeholders for further input. Sharon is especially looking for ideas at the end about options for what to call the NACs. Jason Wachs, Neighborhood Office, recommended BCCI members to take the survey and then come back with feedback for Sharon about what it was like, what was missing, etc.

New Initiatives Subcommittee

Franziska Edwards, New Initiatives Subcommittee chair, spoke about how the subcommittee met with Ken Rencher who facilitated the Urban Poultry forum to fill in the remaining details for the timeline they needed. At this point the subcommittee is generating questions for which to evaluate the Urban Poultry forum now that all of the data has been assembled and then to write out a report on the findings. With those findings the committee will look at the effectiveness of the public involvement methods and glean ideas to assemble a list of best practices going forward. At this point no new meeting date has been set as of yet. For anyone interested please see Franziska after the meeting for the group's contact information.

Updates on Events & Opportunities

Recycling Day (Saturday, June 4th)

Jason Wachs made note that a big difference for this Recycling Day event is they have a vendor taking plastic this year. He explained this means it will probably be more complicated for sorting, and that they are looking for volunteers to really know the items that need to be sorted. Jason did point out that they are still taking the same items as last year for the most part. There will be pizza lunch again also. Although there are several volunteers thus far, he is still looking for volunteers and to get the sign-up sheets back from NAC. They are looking for as many volunteers as they can get.

Living Greener Summit 2012 Facility Proposition

Lani Parr, Neighborhood Office, said she sent a letter to Ray Bowman, chair. The letter was from Sister Delores from St. Mary's School that asked if the BCCI would host the Living Greener Summit at their site next year. It would be the third week in April or May. Lani said we don't need to decide right now but that the feedback from NACs from this year's event was that hosting it at the library was convenient. Ray Bowman said someone should tour the facility and scout it out to see if it would work. Ray volunteered himself, Ali Kavianian, Yamini Naidu and Jason Wachs also said they would join. Jason pointed out that the biggest benefit of hosting the event at the library is that people come to library not knowing anything about the event. Ray Bowman, Chair, said the committee would table this for further discussion.

2011 Service to Beaverton Awards (Tuesday, July 19th)

The Service to Beaverton Awards is seeking nominations. They are currently having difficulties getting recommendations. The deadline for nominations is 4PM on May 31st. if you nominated someone in the past and they won you can nominate them again.

Youth involvement Fair Recap

Yamini Naidu discussed the Youth Involvement Fair held by the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council at the Beaverton Library. She said they got a good number of volunteers for the Beaverton Recycling Day as well as a number of students interested in getting involved in civic government and applying for a board position with the BCCI. BCCI member Linda Kimble volunteered alongside Yamini. Mayor Denny Doyle attended and handed out raffle tickets and prizes. Linda said they could use a lot more media on it for future events as not enough people knew about it.

Issues, Concerns, Opportunities & Needs of NACs

Henry Kane brought up his concern that with regard to land use matters, citizens used to be able to testify but now they can't; they can only give written testimony to the Planning Commission. This is in reference to the soccer field for the Portland Timbers and the Type 2 Amendment discussed at the last BCCI meeting. The discussion was discontinued by the chair, Ray Bowman.

The meeting adjourned at 8:38PM.

Minutes prepared by Franziska Edwards, Recorder.