

Minutes to be reviewed and approved at the 7/25/2011 BCCI Meeting

**Beaverton Committee for Citizen Involvement (BCCI)
June 27, 2011**

Board Members:

Ray Bowman, At Large, Chair
Jim Persey, Greenway
Terry Lawler, West Slope, Treasurer
Melissa Riley, Central Beaverton
Franziska Edwards, At Large
Sharon Dunham, At Large
Kevin Frazier, Neighbors SW
Linda Kimble, Vose-Alternate

Rhonda Coakley, Sexton Mountain
Henry Kane, Vose
Yamini Naidu, Alternate
Carleen Prentice, At Large
Richard Pickett, Five Oaks/Triple Creek
Kristen Bea, At Large
Ali Kavianian, South Beaverton

City Council: Marc San Soucie,

City Staff: Randy Ealy, Lani Parr

Guest: Russell Okamoto, Penny Okamoto

The meeting was called to order by Ray Bowman, Chair, at 7:04PM

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 in the NAC Engagement and Citizen Involvement Subcommittee section as well as the Updates on Events & Opportunities, that a few typos are present. Also, the page numbers were missing from the minutes. A revision was requested to insert "now rejected" regarding the possibility of a toll at the onramp at Highway 217. With these 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, informed the Board that she is still working on the mailing situation with the new account established with Rivermark Community Credit Union. Currently she is not receiving the mail as it was sent to an office in the city and as such does not have a current statement of our account. Ms. Lawler reported that the last balance of our account with Rivermark was \$669.29. Ms. Lawler will check into the issue further and report back at the July BCCI Meeting. The Board accepted the Treasurer's Report.

City Council Report

Councilor San Soucie was pleased to announce that the Budget Committee unanimously passed the budget for this fiscal year. He also informed the board that the City's taxable valuation increased from last year due to annexations within the city. Also, at the Mayor's recommendation, property tax rates decreased by 5 cents from last year.

In upcoming news, at the July 12th City Council meeting there will be a second reading of the ordinance to adopt the Urban Renewal Plan. If the process moves forward as anticipated, the City Council will adopt the Urban Renewal Plan in addition to passing a resolution calling for a special election and authorizing ballot title in November. Once that takes place, City staff will no longer voice opinions on the Urban Renewal Plan, only disseminate information to the public regarding it. Currently City Council has support for the Urban Renewal Plan from all park districts as well as strong support from the citizens who have participated in the development process.

At the July 19th City Council meeting, Holly Thompson, City staff, will be giving the IAP2 Award Presentation to Mayor Denny Doyle and City Council as Beaverton won the 2011 Community Vision Public Involvement Planning Project of the Year for the Beaverton Community Vision. Also on the July 19th City Council agenda is a presentation by Chief of Police, Geoff Spalding, on the public facilities currently used for the police departments, municipal courts, etc.

At the August 16th City Council meeting, City Council will be discussing the Application and Resolution for Four Agency Active Transportation and Complete Streets Project. All four cities have come together to take advantage of the Federal money Metro currently has available to install a new bike route. Beaverton would be bringing in over \$5,000 in Federal funds for this project.

In upcoming summer events, the first Beaverton International Celebration will be held in partnership with Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District's Party in the Park on Saturday July 30th from noon to 6pm. This will be the first year Beaverton has hosted this event, and it will continue to be an annual event showcasing our community's diversity.

Lastly, the City of Beaverton is undergoing the process of hiring a new City Attorney as our current City Attorney has returned to Washington County. Bill Scheiderich is currently the Acting City Attorney until a replacement is found.

City Report

Randy Ealy informed the Board that he had been meeting with the Sister Cities Board prior to the BCCI meeting to discuss the upcoming International Sustainability Leadership Project that is taking place July 18th – August 5th. He was pleased to announce that all host families have been connected with the international students that will be attending. Organized tours will be taking place and the syllabus includes an impressive number of local business acumen from the community.

The Sister Cities board will also go through a strategic planning session in September.

The City is also taking a closer look at hiring a Volunteer Diversity Outreach Coordinator. A job description is still in the process of being drafted to present to City Council for approval.

In legislative news, the State legislature is wrapping up their agenda items. Mr. Ealy informed the Board that tax credits are scarce these days for community development prompting the Senate to pass Senate Bill 817 which adopts the Oregon Low Income Community Jobs Initiative, creating tax credit for qualified investments in low-income community businesses. The Bill is currently in the House for a vote.

Mr. Ealy also informed the Board that currently public employee retirement legislation has not gone anywhere. Currently the percentage of employer contribution to retirement is being negotiated.

City Council has also authorized a master developer for the downtown area of Beaverton.

Lastly, Mr. Ealy mentioned that there are currently several initiatives being looked at administratively and that he is looking forward to working with the respective committees in the coming summer and fall months.

Celly Presentation

The BCCI was given a presentation by Russell and Penny Okamoto, Founders of Celly Inc., about Celly, a free text messaging service that can be used by communities, schools, and local governments. Mr. Okamoto, previously a chief computer scientist at GemStone Systems, created this service to allow people to communicate as a group. How the service functions is that one person sends one message that goes to all members in the group, similar to group email but done through text messaging. The service also has several features like group-to-group messaging, moderation capability, educator- student functions, and so on. Mr. Okamoto said the service can be used for any size group, for friends, family, neighborhoods, schools, classes in schools and so forth.

The important feature of this service is that it enables the individual to send information without sending your phone number, allowing for anonymity. Mr. Okamoto explained that the service is only 8-weeks old, but already Sam Adams, Mayor of Portland using it, along with the Gang Violence Task Force in Portland, and the service is currently being piloted at Westview High School.

The question was asked how when you receive a text message you can't see the phone number but you can see the name. Mr. Okamoto explained that you create your own username, much like social media platforms. He went on to explain that a user cannot get spammed since users have to ask to join a group or be invited to join.

The service is good for small business since business don't have to buy their own short code and will be good for emergencies since even when phone lines are down, cell phones are still normally operational. It is not meant to replace the existing emergency alert systems, it is only simply meant to augment the existing systems. Furthermore, he stated research shows that people who are very impoverished typically will still carry a cell phone, and that Celly provides a way to inform impoverished individuals about various services in the community

Celly will have Smartphone applications in the future but the service currently works via SMS text messaging in addition to an internet/email platform for those that don't use text messaging services.

For more information go to www.cel.ly. To start using Celly for your neighborhood text "START" to 23559.

Updates from the Subcommittees/Working Groups

Land Use Subcommittee

Jim Persey, Land Use Subcommittee Chair, stated there are currently no new text amendments but that he anticipates more to come in the future.

Mr. Persey made note that a Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SAC) composed of 11 people will be meeting to discuss the Fanno Creek Trail crossing at Hall Boulevard. The first meeting will take place on June 29th. The purpose is to invite interested citizens to come learn about potential solutions to find a safe way to cross Hall Boulevard without damaging the traffic flow. Currently the committee has only planned four meetings but there is a possibility an Open House event will be planned in the future. The Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District (THPRD), City of Beaverton and Oregon Department of Transportation have convened the all-volunteer, citizen-based SAC to help identify the two most viable and effective improvement options for this crossing. Those options will be proposed to THPRD and the City. The agencies will then decide on a final solution.

Neighborhood Involvement Subcommittee

Sharon Dunham, Chair of the Neighborhood Involvement Subcommittee shared information from the Subcommittee's recent meeting. With aide of BCCI Member Kent Robinson the subcommittee put together a survey that first went out the subcommittee internally. So far 7 out of 9 members have completed it. Ms. Dunham requested that members of the BCCI take the survey tonight before the end of the evening to gain further feedback. The intention is to distribute it first to the subcommittee, then the BCCI and then after final revisions to disseminate it to a larger audience.

Ms. Dunham is requesting more ideas for renaming the NACs in an effort to express the purpose and intention of the associations better without citizens confusing NACs with Home Owners Associations. All input and feedback is welcome.

New Initiatives

Franziska Edwards, Chair of the New Initiatives Subcommittee, discussed the agenda at the most recent meeting. The New Initiatives Subcommittee met the previous week to discuss a document drafted by BCCI Member Bill Berg that examines the effectiveness of citizen involvement techniques used during the formulation of the Urban Poultry Ordinance. The document is currently in a draft stage only; the New Initiatives Subcommittee will be presenting the document for discussion at the August BCCI meeting.

Updates on Events & Opportunities

1. Recycling Day Recap (Lani Parr & Jim Persey)

Lani Parr, Neighborhood Office, passed around statistics from the Beaverton Recycling Day that took place earlier in the month. Based on the numbers, volunteers serviced 1,205 cars, an increase from 2010 and feedback from city staff was that the event ran smoothly. The new service of recycling plastics this year was also successful; the event took in over 4,000lbs in plastic. An impressive 400+ hours were logged by the volunteers.

Jim Persey passed around a memorandum of the hours logged by NAC volunteers. He noted that NACs have until July 15th to make corrections and approve or disapprove the information. Mr. Persey will have a full financial report of all the monies earned by the next BCCI meeting for the Board to approve.

Issues, Concerns, Opportunities & Needs of the NACs

Mr. Kane again discussed his concerns with the Planning Department land use application process. Ray Bowman, Chair, asked that this item not be discussed further, as it has been discussed already at previous BCCI meetings.

Rhonda Coakley, Sexton Mountain, discussed an issue the Sexton Mountain traffic commission is working on. There is a section of road between SW 155th Ave and Weir Road that presently doesn't have a proper sidewalk, only a makeshift one composed of bark dust. Ms. Coakley noted that the area is extremely dangerous for bicyclists as they cannot ride on these pathways, forcing them to ride with the traffic on SW 155th Ave. Ms. Coakley has already written as NAC chair and concerned resident and it is currently being considered.

Ms. Coakley also discussed the upcoming Picnic in the Park taking place on July 22nd at Carolwood Park for the Neighbors SW, South Beaverton, Greenway and Sexton Mountain NACs. The NACs are hoping to encourage attendees of the Picnic in the Park to also attend National Night Out. Ms. Coakley is pleased to announce that Big Al's will be sponsoring the National Night Out this year and that with the several new businesses

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due to open in Progress Ridge, she sees this as an opportunity for local business to come and participate.

Lani Parr, Neighborhood Office, passed around the Boards and Commissions manual. She stated the Neighborhood Office put this together for how to be an effective board member. The Neighborhood Office is looking for feedback about if anything is missing.

The meeting adjourned at 8:38PM.

Minutes prepared by Franziska Edwards