

City of Beaverton

Neighborhood Association Committee Meeting Minutes

NAC: Denney Whitford / Raleigh West

Date: Oct. 27, 2011

Board members present:

Chair: Ernie Conway

Vice Chair: Andrew Bynum

BCCI Rep: *vacant*

Treasurer: Martha Schauffler

Recorder: Tracy Thornton

Quorum present? Yes No

Meeting start time: 7:05 pm

Community Policing Report: Officer Shaw filled in for Officer Corning. He brought crime statistics through September 7. There was one arson on Heather, which is unusual, plus several run of the mill crimes (for our NAC). The department now has a prescription drug drop box in front of City Hall. It is open during regular business hours, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. There is also a drop off event at City Hall this Saturday. No liquids and no sharp objects (e.g., needles) can be dropped off. A landlord/tenant forum is scheduled for Nov. 2 from 6:00-8:00 pm at the Library. On Nov. 12, there's another car seat clinic 9:00 am to 12:30 pm at City Hall. Officer Shaw also handed out holiday travel safety tips.

Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue Report: No report. Since they have not showed up for the last several meetings, Ernie will contact TVF&R to remind them about the next meeting in January.

Guest Speakers:

Kim Haughn and Michael Mills from Washington County Department of Land Use and Transportation came to discuss the issue with a crosswalk in front of the Edgewood Downs facility. Scholls Ferry Road is a county road, so these folks have jurisdiction over the area. Mid-block crossings are now a possibility, but they are not added without consideration. There are two areas of concern—outside Edgewood, and in front of the Raleigh Hills Fred Meyer (both on Scholls Ferry Road). The county now has a minor betterment program that might allow for small segments of sidewalk to be completed, which could mitigate the problem that causes people to want a crosswalk in front of Edgewood. The sidewalks are inconsistent along Scholls. The cost estimate for a mid-block crossing with a rapid flashing beacon is \$35,000, which we would have to fund. With a painted crosswalk, about 2 in 10 cars will stop for a pedestrian; with flashing beacons, compliance is more like 8 in 10. There must be 300 feet between a mid-block crossing and another crossing, and there is room for that here. A related problem: school kids can't go through Camille Park during the renovation that's going on there now, so they're having to walk farther on the parts of Scholls that don't have adequate sidewalks.

For more information, contact Kim (503-846-7822, Kimberly_haugh@co.washington.or.us) or Michael (503-846-7949, Michael_mills@co.washington.co.us). After this meeting, they will determine what it will take to get some of the sidewalk issues on Scholls covered by the minor

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betterment program. This may require neighbors to give e-mails of support for such a project, which we didn't think would be a problem.

Neighborhood Issues / Concerns: Beth and Kerry Rakoncay, who live on 105th next to Camille Park, brought up issues with the Camille Park improvement. They have set up a Facebook page called "Save Camille Park" where the issues are being documented. For example, one of the areas where they are putting in a path is in an area that is underwater nine months out of the year. They're removing the basketball court, which was heavily used by older kids; the play equipment that's being replaced is only good for younger kids. Many trees have been removed, more than seems necessary. There's a serious concern about accountability on this project with THPRD. There's also concern that homeless people may use the new path to get to the woods behind the tennis courts, where they have been camping. The police will not come investigate unless it's an emergency, and THPRD doesn't believe people are camping there. The security concerns were covered by a TV news crew in September. THPRD met with them but did not feel the security concerns were valid.

They would like THPRD to slow down, before it's too late, and take another look at the master plan. They feel like there was not enough communication with the neighborhood about what was happening. They would like THPRD to take the neighbors' and park users' concerns into account. They need to keep play areas such as the basketball court. Currently, there is a path to nowhere in the park. Ernie mentioned that the changes were designed to make the park more natural environment, and the path may be a viewing area or observatory. He also mentioned the THPRD trails meeting that they could attend to offer input. Ernie will pass the information on to the city liaison.

New business & announcements:

Ernie proposed that we move annual election of officers from January to October, starting 2012. The next term (2011) will be shortened to accommodate the change. The motion was approved.

Old business:

Treasurer's Report: We have \$3,943.35 in our Rivermark account.

Approval of minutes: Minutes of the September meeting were approved as written.

Other issues: We're still looking for a BCCI rep, and we will take nominations for any of the officer positions even if they are currently filled. Anyone interested should come to the January meeting. As usual, we will have no NAC meetings in November or December. We will elect officers at our next NAC meeting in January.

Meeting end time: 8:18 pm