

Minutes of the Five Oaks Triple Creek NAC Meeting

Tuesday, April 10th, 7:00 PM
Elmonica School Cafeteria
16950 SW Lisa Court, Beaverton, Oregon

Attendees

David Kamin, Board Member, Kelly Ross, Sarah Skelly, Dennis Seely, Vice Chair, Gayle Seely, Recorder, Richard Pickett, BCCI Rep, Jim White, Beaverton Police, Sgt Groshong, Beaverton Police, Dave James, Chair, John Hooson, Treasurer, Ruth Ann Nicklin, Lance Bicket and crew, TVF&R, Zane Leek, Robert Staughan, Terry Taylor, Ann McKernan

Minutes

7:00 - 7:05 Welcome & Introductions

Dave James opened the meeting at 7:07.
We went around the room and introduced ourselves.

7:05 - 7:10 Approval of Minutes, Treasury Report, & Additions to Agenda

The Minutes were approved.
Treasury Report: Current balance is \$7,130.64 in our account.
And we owe \$400.00 for plants but we have not received an invoice yet.
We have sent a deposit for the Cinnamon Roll Booth at the Beaverton Farmers Market.

7:10 - 7:35 Announcements

May 12th we will be doing the Opening Day at the Beaverton Farmers Market. We will be manning the Cinnamon Roll booth again and we need volunteers for several shifts. We will decide how many people on each shift after we find out how many volunteers we have.

The Living Greener Summit is this Saturday April 14th at the Beaverton City Library from 9:00 to 1:00. Several sustainability subjects will be covered.

There is a Voter's Forum will be on April 19th at Beaverton City Hall. It starts at 6:30 and is likely to be televised. Mayoral Candidates and City Council candidates will be attending. There will also be Attorney General candidates attending as well. Bring your questions about City Government. The City Hall is located at 4755 SW Griffith Drive, Beaverton, OR 97005.

Beaverton Recycling Day will be Saturday June 2nd, from 9:00 to 2:00 p.m. There are two shifts, and the sign-up sheets are going around right now. People are encouraged to bring canned food as a contribution. The location is at Rose Biggi and Millikan Way (former Westgate Theatre site)

On Saturday, April 28th, at the Nature Center, there will be a Green Gardening Fair and Spring Native Plant Sale. The Nature Center is located at 15655 SW Milliken Way, Beaverton, OR 97006

Monday July 16th will be the NAC Picnic in the Park at Autumn Ridge.

Last Wednesday there was a Planning Committee Meeting to get approval to extend the regular hours of the new Walmart opening on Cornell.

Saturday, April 21st from 9:00 to 1:00 there will be a Work Party at Autumn Ridge Park. This is part of the ongoing Five Oaks Triple Creek NAC project to rid the park of invasive species and to replant with native plants. Contact David Kamin if you have any questions at davidk@johnlscott.com.

7:35 - 7:50 **Beaverton Police Report**

We have 2 officers this evening, Sergeant Mark Groshong and Officer White. Chief Spalding has set up a new team, the Neighborhood Response Team. Sergeant Groshong is the Manager of this group, and Officer White will be our liaison. They work Wednesday through Saturday from noon to 11:00 p.m. They are not going to make calls or deal with crime, but more work on responding to issues like: Livability issues, including noise issues, visual issues, and even criminal issues. Graffiti is going to be handled by another group.

John Hooson says we need a major clean up near the path that goes by the apartments and the lake near Waterhouse Lake (Jenne Lake). Sgt. Groshong says he will go by there tomorrow and check it out.

Home Security issues related to our NAC: we have the highest theft to vehicle rate in the City of Beaverton. This may be based on the affluence of the area, being as they are property crimes. He suggests that you know your neighbors. Give them your phone numbers, contact in, etc. And ask them to report to you if anything odd is happening. Use motion sensitive lights as much as possible.

Officer Groshong will be trying to attend most of the NAC meetings. Ruth Ann reported that there is a car in her neighborhood that makes a lot of noise. The officers gave Ruth Ann advice for how to report this kind of nuisance.

7:50 – 8:15 **Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue (TVF&R) Report**

Our crew this evening are from the Murray and Butner, Station 61. They just came from the Aloha area.

There were 148 calls in our NAC since the first of March. 85% were medical calls, some were mistakes that the call originators cancelled.

Please change the batteries in your smoke alarms. Smoke alarms save lives. Just because it says 10 year on your lithium batteries, does not mean they are really going to last that long.

Please have at least one fire extinguisher in your home. A medium sized one will usually be all that is necessary but any size will do. Place the extinguisher somewhere on the way to your exit. If you encounter a fire starting, your first objective should be to start getting out of the house so you can call 911. If you want to use the extinguisher, at least you should have your exit near you in case the fire gets out of hand. You should rotate your fire extinguisher periodically, by turning it upside down and tapping it with your fist or a rubber mallet, so that when you need to use it, it will still work.

8:15 – 8:25 **Beaverton Committee for Citizen Involvement (BCCI) Report -**

Richard Pickett. Learn more about BCCI at www.BeavertonOregon.gov/BCCI. Most of the topics Richard has to present have been covered in the foregoing announcements.

8:25 – 9:25 **Presentation** - Sarah Skelly, Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District. Sarah talked with us about the urban wildlife in our neighborhood, with photographs and props.

She is one of 4 park rangers with the THPRD, and is stationed at the Tualatin Hills Nature Park which has over 200 acres in the middle of Beaverton.

Our region is unique because we are bordered by mountain ranges, we have a number of large rivers and watersheds, and we are under the Pacific Flyway.

Anna's and Rufus Hummingbirds migrate to the south from here. The Anna Hummingbirds also stay around here because of all the feeders in our neighborhoods.

We have lots of Swifts, which are like swallows but slightly larger.

Sarah is a fan of what she calls "Bird Nerd" websites.

Stan Ghert is speaking on Coyotes on April 27th at the Oregon Zoo.

A book recommendation from Sarah about our local wildlife is *Living With Wildlife in the Pacific Northwest*. It is a large book and has excellent recommendations on how to deal with various species, particularly if they seem to be taking over.

We currently have a turtle program being conducted on Willow Creek: we are trying to get rid of the invasive species of turtles and trying to support the indigenous turtles. The invasive turtle is called the Red Slider and it has a red ear. The indigenous turtle is called the painted turtle and has a lot of red linear markings but not a red ear. Another native turtle is the pond turtle, which has very few markings.

Some of the species we talked about that are residents in our area are coyote, owls – 4 species, salamanders, minks, turtles, hummingbirds. And raccoons!

We did not have time for **Open Discussion** because listening to Sarah Skelly was so interesting.

9:30 **Adjourn**

