

City of Beaverton  
Neighborhood Association Committee Meeting Minutes

**NAC: Denney Whitford / Raleigh West**

Date: Sept. 27, 2012

Board members present:

- Chair: Ernie Conway
- Vice Chair: Andrew Bynum
- BCCI Rep: Ray Bowman

- Treasurer: Martha Schauffler
- Recorder: Tracy Thornton

Quorum present?  Yes  No

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Meeting start time: 7:03 pm.

**Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue Report:** No report.

**Community Policing Report:** No report.

**Guest speakers:**

*Radon awareness:* Tiffany Beiser from the American Lung Association spoke about radon. Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas that can accumulate to dangerous levels inside your home. You can't see, taste, or smell it, but it can still affect your health. It comes from the ground and enters your home through cracks in the foundation, open pipes, etc. Radon can leak into any home, old or new. Everyone should have their home tested for radon; even if your neighbor's home tests negative for radon, your home could still have a problem. Radon is very harmful to your health. It can damage your lungs and increase your risks of lung cancer. Radon is the leading cause of lung cancer for nonsmokers. It's simple and inexpensive to test your home. It's recommended that you start with a short term test; if you get a test back that indicates a problem, you should follow up with a long term test. Radon problems can be fixed by a contractor (the ALA has a list on their website). Radon kits can be purchased at the ALA office in Tigard (across from Bridgeport Village) or online. Short term kits are \$12 and long term kits are \$32.50; online orders add \$1.50 for shipping. Kits can also be purchased at home improvement stores. The best time to test is in the fall and winter when your heating systems are up and running.

*Walmart:* Store manager of the new Apple Way Walmart store, James Reither, and Doug Badger from Walmart Public Affairs came to answer questions and talk about the new store. The grand opening is scheduled for January 9, 2013. The store will employ 70 people (full and part time). Mr. Reither has been with Walmart for 15 years. The new store is not a typical Walmart; there aren't aisles and aisles of toys, Halloween costumes, etc. The focus is on fresh produce and products from Oregon and the Northwest. Hiring will start in mid-October.

The Apple Way store is a 25,000 sq ft building, much like the store that was there before (but without the wall down the middle). The Walmart on Cornell is a 42,000 sq ft building and has a lot more general merchandise than the Apple Way store will have. Apple Way will have a pharmacy, dairy and deli foods, frozen foods, produce, and other grocery items. Walmart is open to carrying all kinds of different foods. This store is part of the Walmart program that

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allows you to purchase anything online and have it shipped to the store for pickup. Mr. Reither grew up in the Portland area and has ties to the community.

Walmart does have programs to work with the community for fundraising and such and a budget for community programs. To get support (monetary or otherwise), such as for Recycling Day, send an introductory letter and the store will take it to the employees as appropriate (the earlier the better).

**BCCI Report:** BCCI Rep Ray Bowman was ill and not able to attend the meeting. Lani Parr from the City of Beaverton gave a report on upcoming events:

- Oct. 3 is the next NAC Leadership meeting.
- Oct. 11 is the Fall Voters' Forum, which will cover Oregon legislative races, state labor commissioner, and the estate tax ballot measure. The forum will be at City Hall. There will be a reception at 6:30 and the forum starts at 7:00.
- Oct. 29 is NAC leadership land use training so that NAC board members can get a better understanding of the City's land use process.

**New Business:**

Lani brought some new DW/RW NAC logos for us to review. The City is trying to get higher resolution images and is updating all the logos. Suggestions are welcome. We have a long NAC name—if we want to rename ourselves, we need to vote to change our bylaws. (And we'd need to change the neighborhood sign toppers.)

There was some discussion about how to increase attendance or participation, an ongoing problem for our NAC. Lani suggested that meeting attendance is down all over, as people are busier than ever. Some NACs are looking to community projects as an alternate way for people to get involved.

**Old business:**

A motion was made to accept the May and June meeting minutes as written. It was seconded and approved.

Treasurer's report: We earned \$298.51 from Recycling Day. Once the check is deposited we will have \$4,196.27.

Elections will take place at the October meeting. There were no new nominations. Andrew Bynum has indicated he would like to step down from the position of Vice Chair, and there were no nominations for this position.

The next NAC meeting is Thursday, October 25. Tobias Read and Mark Hass will be here to give their annual update (in their roles as current state legislators, not as candidates running for re-election).

**Meeting end time:** 8:17 pm