

**Beaverton Committee for Citizen Involvement (BCCI) Minutes
March 25, 2013 Meeting
Recorder: David Galiel**

Board Members:

David Harrison, Chair, At-Large, Sexton Mountain NAC
Bill Berg, At-Large, West Beaverton NAC
Melissa Oviedo, South Beaverton NAC
Craig Bass, Highland NAC
Trudy Harder, West Beaverton NAC
Yamini Naidu, Alternate, West Beaverton NAC
Jim Persey, Greenway NAC
Kristen Bea, Five Oaks Triple Creek NAC
David Galiel, At-Large
Katie Carpenter, At-Large

Richard Pickett, At-Large, Five Oaks Triple Creek NAC
Ramona Crocker, At-Large, Greenway NAC
Henry Kane, Vose NAC
Paul Cohen, Neighbors SW NAC
Sharon Dunham, At-Large, Sexton Mountain NAC
Terry Lawler, Treasurer, West Slope NAC
Rhonda Coakley, Vice-Chair, Sexton Mountain NAC
Nancy Moore, At-Large

City Council: Betty Bode

City Staff: Lani Parr, Neighborhood Program

Also Attending:

Denny Doyle, Mayor
Eric Squires (South Cooper Mountain)
Masami Nishishiba (PSU Center for Public Service)
Kalin Schmidt (JOA Public Involvement)
Luis Nava (DTF)

Cathy Stanton (Greenway NAC)
Daniel Vasquez (COB)
Cynthia Cilamillo (PSU)
Dorila Nava (DTF)
Valerie Sutton (COB)

The meeting was called to order and introductions were made.

- **Review and Approval of the Minutes from the Previous Meeting**

A motion to accept the meeting minutes from the February 25, 2013 BCCI Meeting
Motion made by Jim Persey,
Seconded by Terry Lawler
unanimously approved

Treasurer's Report

Terry Lawler, BCCI Treasurer, reported that, as of today, March 25, 2013, the balance in the BCCI bank account stands at \$1,058.56.

City Report

Denny Doyle (filling in for Randy who is spending spring break with his children, with Denny's support)

Introduced Yamini Naidu, one of 3 national leaders of youth (National League of Cities)

Denny Reported on his D.C trip.

Ed House, Beaverton Library Director, is retiring in June. Beaverton Library now has the biggest circulation of any Library in Oregon

In a national report, Beaverton ranked as the safest city in Oregon and the 2nd safest in the Pacific Northwest & moved up nationally from 64th to 55th in the nation.

City Council Report

Betty Bode

Eagle Scout candidate is creating Andrew Keller memorial project at SW Scholls Ferry and SW Barrows - putting up permanent flag post, bench, landscaping. Construction companies in Beaverton are donating their services to the project.

Goal for Bicycling Advisory Committee - currently "bronze" rating by League of American Bicyclists, goal to quality as "gold" - most bicycle friendly communities in US

Art sculpture - researching locations & design

Citywide effort to engage all citizens, get more multiethnic representation on boards and other city activities.

Shared article, "Enhancing Conversations Thru Cultural Intuitiveness"

Asked BCCI to provide an annual presentation to the City Council, summarizing accomplishments so far and plans moving forward. Lani will check schedule of presentations, BCCI will probably do this in the 4th quarter of the year.

Citizen-sponsored resolutions - council decided to keep the current system.

Bill Berg asked, are there things we should be doing specifically at BCCI to help cultural inclusiveness

Betty said, "just invite them to attend a meeting - they don't have to join or volunteer, just come to see what BCCI is doing:"

Presentation of civic engagement outreach initiative

Daniel Vasquez - Cultural Inclusion Coordinator

Designs and manages outreach to all ethnic minority communities in Beaverton
Started in October 2012

Distributed Shared Agenda Bill

Many come from countries where government is not trusted, and concept of citizen participation is foreign and suspect.

Increasing and diversifying civic participation is a process of process of building trust, developing relationships.

Example: Beaverton City Service & Resource Guide (NACs, Dispute Resolution Center, building permits, etc) has now been translated into 8 languages, available online at www.BeavertonOregon.gov

Dr. Masami Nishishiba (PSU Center for Public Service)

Beaverton approved a collaborative project with PSU to design and implement innovative solutions for inclusion and civic engagement. She working together with Daniel in December, then met with Diversity Task Force. Her role is as facilitator to focus energy and attention generated from the community itself.

Challenge: how can we bring people to the decision-making table who, because of cultural background are hesitant to step forward and participate, are not currently at that table?

Survey shows that people don't know what is available and how to utilize it - lacking basic information about city services and process and opportunities for input.

This led to "listening forums" sessions planned for May:

- Introduction To Civic Participation (2hrs) - May 16 (tentative date) - outreach for those completely new to civic participation
- Civic Participation in Action(4hrs) - May 18 (tentative date) - also include those who are already participating

Dr Nishishiba asked BCCI for help reaching out to members of the community to invite them to the 1st event, and asked for BCCI members to speak at the 2nd event about our own experience participating in local government.

Other Business

Chair noted that David Galiel is our new permanent Recorder (through the end of 2013)

Presentation on: South Cooper Mountain Development Concept & Community Plans

Valerie Sutton, Senior Planner

Joe Dills, Angelo (Assoc?) lead consultant

? Shmoltz, public involvement specialist

Link to online materials:

South Cooper Mountain PowerPoint <http://www.beavertonoregon.gov/DocumentCenter/View/5615>

South Cooper Mountain Map <http://www.beavertonoregon.gov/DocumentCenter/View/5614>

South Cooper Mountain Presentation <http://www.beavertonoregon.gov/DocumentCenter/View/5613>

Overview:

- Urban Growth Boundary expansion
- First Urban and rural reserves (remain in Wash County)
- South Cooper Mountain Annexation Area, now part of Beaverton
- North Cooper Mountain, on other side of reserve

Current focus:

Financing infrastructure

Transportation, particularly north-south

Works sessions and public hearings starting September 2014

Joe reviewed schedule and key milestones for project

Kalen talked about interviews, to understanding stakeholder needs and informing the (PIP?)

Planners received input about expanding "who should be involved" to include surrounding neighborhoods impacted by travel through the areas to be developed.

Betty Bode pointed out that Beaverton has a shortage of low-income housing and single-level houses with no stairs (important for seniors and those with limited mobility). Also shared that, of 29,000 residential units in Beaverton - only 33% have children's currently attending school

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Update by Rhonda Coakley

Review of 2 meetings she attended. Beaverton has 2 votes. It is not yet clear how BCCI engages with this committee.

The first meeting talked about public engagement policy

After the second meeting, Rhonda realized that the best contribution might be sharing best practices about what BCCI has already successfully done in Beaverton, so Washington County Committee doesn't have to "reinvent the wheel"

BCCI can bring long-term expertise to create a more highly-functioning committee

Has experience with long term trend to move more functions to cities, how to deal with long term issues that are not easily or quickly resolved

Subcommittee Reports

Land Use:

Jim Persey, Land Use Subcommittee Chair, nothing new, normal business.

Requested to present issue brought up at City Council for feedback from BCCI members:

To consider a change in Beaverton Code section B.1, shortening required notice for decision appeal meetings, regarding land use and traffic commission fee reimbursement, from 5 to 3 days notice.

Motion to agree w city attorney recommendation to make change to 3 days notice:

Motion made by Paul Cohen

Seconded by Craig Bass.

Motion passed.

NAC Engagement:

Sharon Dunham, NAC Engagement Subcommittee Chair,

Met on the 19th, 11 people attended, including 3 new members.

Ramona reported on her attendance at Neighbors SW NAC meeting

Recommended that NAC members attend meetings of other NACs

Facilitating Effective Meetings event held 3/18 was well received. Lani will distribute tip sheets.
Recommendation to encourage NAC members to meet for coffee to plan meetings in advance - coordinate speakers, incorporate fun, etc

Defined major priorities for Subcommittee:

- Effective meetings trainings
- Speaker resources
- Knowing your audience
- Best use of social media

Important to share best practices. Discussed various means to do so.

David Galiel suggested use of a wiki as a proven means to share best practices among NACs, community members.

Victor Sin reported on census project, reviewed demographic data that will be available in a few months.

Victor also reported on promotional campaigns to increase NAC awareness. Encourage NAC members to wear name-labels or t-shirts identifying themselves as NAC members at public events (possible slogan: "Ask me about my NAC"). Distributed city event list and has asked for volunteers to participate in Picnics in the Parks.

Committee reviewed draft of survey follow-up letter, revised, close to final draft. Will be sent out in April

New Initiatives:

Bill Berg, New Initiatives Subcommittee Chair,

Did not meet this past month

Idea: BCCI could co-sponsor sustainability forums

Subcommittee could meet halfway through the four forums, meet with the Sustainability Chair and review forums to date, provide feedback, ideas, help improve the last two forums.

Updates on Events & Opportunities

David Harrison proposed a motion to replace BCCI meeting in month of May with attendance at state sustainability event at Beaverton Library,

Motion made presented by Terry Lawler,

Seconded by Sharon Dunham

Motion passed unanimously

Issues & Concerns

Betty Bode will be out of town for April event, will try to send replacement or will review notes

Ramona Crocker:

Beaverton press release issued on 20th of March regarding beginning constructing in Spring for new public plaza at Round

Asking city to consider putting farmer's market in the Round.

Betty Bode notes - farmer's market may not be feasible at Round with design of South plaza - maybe West plaza?

Recommends reviewing city council meeting video from March 19 on Granticus, plaza design was reviewed there

Rhonda Coakley excited about South Plaza Park with approved artwork

Lani Parr – presented revised & improved Boards & Commissions Membership Manual

Eric Squires - invited everyone to CPO 6 meeting, discussions of April 4th issues impacting Beaverton - new water supply planning, westside service enhancements

More details at <http://cpo6.com>

Cathy Stanton - invited everyone to Washington County Public Affairs Forum starting April 1 will have all candidates present at upcoming meetings: April 8, 15 and 22. Timeframe: noon-1pm at Spaghetti Factory (Tanasbourne location).

Meeting adjourned at 8:55