

City of Beaverton
Neighborhood Association Committee Meeting Minutes

NAC: Denney Whitford / Raleigh West

Date: March 28, 2013

Board members present:

- Chair: Ernie Conway
- Vice Chair: vacant
- BCCI Rep: vacant

- Treasurer: Martha Schauffler
- Recorder: Tracy Thornton

Quorum present? Yes No

Meeting start time: 7:02

Community Policing Report: Officer Corning reported that Beaverton is the safest city in Oregon, according to CQ Press—for the sixth consecutive year. Beaverton’s crime rate is below the national average. Beaverton’s Police Department is one of the busiest in terms of calls. The Armed Forces Banner program is accepting donations. The banners will be placed along Murray Blvd. If you’re interested in honoring someone, contact Officer Kumo at 503-526-2261 or go to beavertonoregon.gov/armedforcesbannerprogram.

There’s a document shredding event at Tektronix on Saturday, April 20, 10 am to 1 pm. The limit is 3 boxes, and canned food is accepted as a donation for this free event. The PAL fundraising luau at Jenkins Estate, April 13, still has tickets left—call 503-469-9137 to get one.

Keep valuables out of your car at night. There was a rash of car break-ins last week in West Slope (about a dozen over the period of a week); it culminated in the stealing of a car. Most of these crimes are crimes of opportunity. The best thing to do is park your car in your garage. Motion detector or LED lighting outside is also a good idea.

Phil asked about doorstep thefts in the Royal Woodlands area—thieves stole UPS or FedEx packages off of people’s doorsteps in early March. Officer Corning will follow up on this.

Leonard asked about crosswalk laws—who has the right of way? Officer Corning said that the City of Beaverton code prohibits pedestrians from crossing a roadway within 150 feet of a crosswalk (not an intersection, but an actual crosswalk). But if they are not within 150 feet, they do have the right of way. If you think someone is trying to cross the street, you’re supposed to let them cross. Leonard had heard that in school zones, if a child is standing on a curb or has a foot in the street, the child has the right of way. If someone has stepped off the curb to cross a street and you’re trying to turn, the best practice is just to wait until they’ve crossed.

Mary Anne complained about the intersection between Scholls Ferry Road and Elm, just north of Allen. There’s a sign that says “Do not block intersection,” and yet people do regularly. Can the sign be more visible, or can something be done to make it more clear? We don’t know if Scholls Ferry Road is City or Country at that particular spot. Officer Corning will bring this to his traffic sergeant.

Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue Report: No report.

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New Business:

Volunteer positions are available at the Denney Whitford/Raleigh West NAC! We still need a BCCI Rep and a Vice Chair.

Sustainability Forums Presentation: Aaron Bogle from the South Beaverton NAC is volunteering with the Sustainability Forums. The first one has already happened and it was well attended. The next one is April 15 at 6:30 at the Library. The forums are to educate community members about sustainability and how people can do small things at home. They're hoping to get some people to join a sustainability action team (a working committee) to put together a plan for the City. Aaron invited everyone to come to the forums and participate. It's intended to be a community-driven effort; the City will just facilitate.

First Friday Presentation: Sharron Lent explained the First Friday event is sponsored by the Downtown Beaverton Association. It will start May 3, and runs the first Friday of every month until October. The idea is to get people to know downtown Beaverton. All participating businesses will have extended hours and special flags noting their participation. Some merchants will have items on the sidewalks along Broadway. There will also be a band on West Street (across from Broadway Saloon), some treats, and merchants will have specials in their stores. The event stays open until 8:00; 36 businesses will be participating. There will be drawings for prizes at various businesses. Art on Broadway will have different featured artists each month. There is an official First Friday band now; they play mostly 50s music. People are encouraged to bring folding chairs and watch the band.

Ernie asked about parking. Sharron suggested parking on Broadway on the other side of Lombard; there's public parking near Continental Bank off of Farmington, on the west end near Watson, and over near Bed Bath and Beyond.

The Downtown Beaverton Association has several groups helping local businesses. The Chamber of Commerce is part of the Downtown Beaverton Association.

Recycling Day is Saturday, June 1. Sign-up sheets are here tonight. This is how the NAC earns money (based on our number of volunteer hours).

Mayor's updates for the NACs: This year, the meetings are all in May. Monday, May 6 is hosted by Central Beaverton. Thursday, May 16 is hosted by South Beaverton. Tuesday, May 21 is hosted by West Slope.

Discussion of New NAC logo: We only had the logos available on Ernie's phone, so we'll provide a link to the logos online.

Mary Anne Osolin is involved with Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon, which works with the City of Beaverton. The City has purchased a building (it's not open yet) for housing Beaverton's homeless students. The City is working with Ecumenical Ministries to help find homes for these students. There may be lots of organizations doing similar work that we don't hear about. Mary

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Anne wanted to make the NAC aware of this. There are many ways to get involved, from donating money to volunteering your time or your home. It costs Ecumenical Ministries about \$1500 per year to send someone out to meet with the kids, so they are limited in how many kids they can reach. Mary Anne left some literature and contact information. Ernie said he would pass this information along to the BCCI.

Lani Parr with the Neighborhood Office talked about the Beaverton Cares program. It pulls together resources to help people with various needs. For example, there's plenty of food for people who need it; there are several food pantries in the area. 2-1-1 is Metro's hotline for finding resources related to healthcare, housing, and so on. If you know anyone who needs help with their taxes, the Beaverton Resource Center has many volunteers to help those who can't afford to pay someone. It's walk-in only, and they're available six days per week. If you have a resource you'd like to promote, let Lani know and she can make sure it gets into the Beaverton Cares program flyers.

Lani also reported that she visited with the principal of McKay Elementary. The school has 400 students. It's a Title I school; 60% of the students receive free or reduced lunch. The school is very interested in a reading program like the one West Beaverton NAC started at Chehalem Elementary which provides books to students in need. The principal also thought it would be nice to have welcome baskets for people who move into the neighborhood so that people are aware of the resources available.

Ernie reported that the new Orchard Supply Hardware business (in Tigard in the old Incredible Universe building on Cascade) is interested in helping the NAC with any projects we might have. Uptown Market on Scholls Ferry Road is working on brewing beer on the premises, and they will give a percentage of the profits to programs to benefit the community.

Old Business:

Treasurer's Report: In January, our balance was \$4,198.86. In February, our balance was \$4,199.34. If there are requests for the NAC to donate to a project, the deadline is the September NAC meeting, so that we can vote in October. (We don't meet in November and December.)

A motion was made by Ernie to accept the January and February meeting minutes as written. It was seconded and approved.

Our next meeting is at Thursday, April 25 at 7:00 pm.

Meeting end time: 8:00 pm.