

City of Beaverton
Neighborhood Association Committee Meeting Minutes

NAC: Denney Whitford / Raleigh West

Date: Sept. 26, 2013

Board members present:

Chair: Ernie Conway

Recorder: Tracy Thornton

Vice Chair: vacant

BCCI Rep: Michelle Lupo

Treasurer: Martha Schauffler

Quorum present? Yes No

Meeting start time: 7:03 pm

Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue Report: No report.

Community Policing Report: Officer Corning mentioned that the next car seat clinic will be Oct. 19. There will be a landlord training class on Nov. 2, taught by John Campbell. It's an 8-hour class and it's free. Call 503-846-2774 to register.

The decision has been made to use the City Hall building for the Police Department now that City Hall is moving to the Round. Chief Spaulding should visit the NAC soon to give information about the project to upgrade the building to support "essential" functions of the City. (In other words, the building has to be able to survive something like an earthquake.) To do those upgrades, they'll basically have to take the building down to nothing and rebuild. Currently the department is fragmented and there are security issues and inefficiencies, and they hope to correct those with the building changes. To help show the public the current conditions, there will be tours to show people the issues with the building. There will be a bond measure to fund these upgrades, but they won't go forward unless they have the support of the citizens, so there will be a lot of outreach, polling, etc. A bond would be on the ballot next May or, more likely, next November. More details and information about this project will become available as it is known.

Announcements: We still have volunteer opportunities! We currently still need a Vice Chair. We will nominate officers for 2014 at our October meeting.

Oct. 4 is the deadline for applying for any City Boards and Commissions.

We received a thank you card from Jason Wachs and his wife for the gift certificate we sent them after the birth of their baby.

New Business:

Ernie explained two recent annexations in our NAC that happened over the summer.

The building that was going to be the Recology Transfer Station off of Allen (on 107th) behind the Platt Warehouse did not end up working out. Another company now wants to convert the

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existing building to self-storage units and build some additional units. They already had a community meeting because they didn't want to wait for our September NAC meeting. There will be a public meeting before the Planning Commission coming up if you need more details or have concerns.

The Fred Meyer fueling station on Canyon, which is technically not in our NAC, is moving forward, although there have been some changes that have delayed it. They've been forthcoming with the NAC about their progress. If you want contact names for this project, ask Ernie.

Ernie is attending Washington County transportation meetings, and can provide information to anyone who wants it about current plans for future development. The next CPO-3 meeting is Oct. 17.

Ernie has a copy of the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for Beaverton. This is a list of all the projects that are approved, and the things we would like to do (even if there's no funding yet). The projects that are budgeted will be completed, and everything else will have to wait—perhaps a long time—for funding.

Rick asked about the old Greenwood Inn property. He suggested this would be a great place for a park rather than a big box store, especially given its location near the Fanno Creek Trail. There had been some talk of putting a community center there, but that idea seems to have died (there may have been serious environmental problems, as it's near a wetlands). It's not part of the urban renewal district. Ernie suggested he contact THPRD.

Rick also expressed a concern about Laurelwood, between Beaverton-Hillsdale Highway and Scholls Ferry Road. He suggested that we need a wider, paved shoulder (or, ideally, a sidewalk) and better lighting for safety reasons. Also, the speed limit should be reduced to 25. Earlier this year an 18-year-old boy was killed in a hit and run along this area. Rick himself was hit by a car in this area. There are several schools in that area—Jesuit, OES, Raleigh Hills School, Montclair—and kids from these schools all use that area for walking to school, running (e.g., track practice), etc. Ernie pointed out that if there are any changes to the road, they're going to have to put in sidewalks, bike lanes, etc., according to the rules, which would be very costly. Ernie will take these concerns and figure out whether this is already on someone's (county, Metro) capital improvement list and who has jurisdiction. (For the speed limit issue, he can contact Jabra Kasho, Senior Traffic Engineer, to suggest a traffic calming project. Reducing the speed limit is more complicated, but traffic calming options are available.)

Ernie congratulated Chuck on the Beaverton Valley Times article about his Sub Shop. Chuck reported that there's a new building going up along the new section of the Fanno Creek Trail (at the end of Fallbrook Place), and the property owner and Beaverton Arts Commission are interested in a mural there. Our NAC may want to consider helping to fund this project.

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The signal on Hall Blvd. for the Fanno Creek Road crossing has been approved. It's making its way through the process now. THPRD is paying for it (as of now). It will be an at-grade crossing, and the beacons will align at rush hour to minimize traffic problems.

The History Center is sponsoring some meetings about wayfinding signs for downtown. If you have ideas, attend the meeting (Thursday, Oct. 3). And the last First Friday is Oct. 4.

Old Business:

Michelle moved that we accept the June meeting minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Ernie and unanimously approved.

Treasurer's report: We received our check for Recycling Day: \$213.68. We will have approximately \$4,416.17 once the check is deposited.

BCCI Report: Michelle has a list of all the upcoming City events. The City received a grant from Energy Trust or Oregon for solar panels at the pump house at the reservoir at Sexton Mountain. The NAC engagement committee is going around to visit all the NACs. They're working on engaging the community to bring more people in and advertise through local business. The Visioning Committee has a meeting Thursday Oct. 10 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. They're redoing the vision for the next 20 years and want citizens to be a part of that.

Our next meeting is Thursday, Oct. 24. We will have a visitor from ODOT who will give a full report on the Hwy 217 overlay project and the variable speed signs.

Meeting end time: 8:20.