

City of Beaverton
Neighborhood Association Committee Meeting Minutes

NAC: Denney Whitford / Raleigh West

Date: Oct. 24, 2013

Board members present:

Chair: Ernie Conway

Vice Chair: vacant

BCCI Rep: Michelle Lupo

Treasurer: Martha Schauffler

Recorder: Tracy Thornton

Quorum present? Yes No

Meeting start time: 7:01 pm

Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue Report: No report.

Community Policing Report: No report.

Old Business:

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

Treasurer's report: Our current balance is \$4,203.05.

BCCI Report: Michelle did not give a report as the next BCCI meeting is next week.

New Business: Leonard asked about emergency preparedness. We will look at having CERT and Phil Kane speak about city/county preparedness and resources at the January meeting.

Ernie reported on the last CPO-3 meeting for Washington County. There will be an open house for the new plot on 107th between Beaverton-Hillsdale Highway and TV Highway that was annexed into the City. It's going to be a new service center for Beaverton Honda. We'll put a link on Facebook with the date and time.

Guest Speakers:

Lili Boicourt, ODOT Community Affairs Coordinator, reported on what's happening on Hwy 217 and plans for the future. It would cost about \$1 billion to widen 217, so that option is not on the table, but it clearly needs more capacity. They're looking to improve flow and safety. The focus is how to reduce the number of crashes, which will improve traffic flow and make travel times more consistent. Recent projects:

- The shoulders were widened in three spots to allow emergency vehicles to get through and so cars can get off the highway when there's a problem. There are still some spots without wide enough shoulders, but this is still an improvement.
- Traveler information signs are being added. These will give drivers more information about what's coming up, so that they can drive more defensively (e.g., "right lane closed ahead"). The signs use information based on sensors being fed into ODOT's traffic management system.

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- Advisory speed signs are being added (also using sensors), which will advise you to go a lower speed due to a crash or congestion. This will help mitigate the problem where you're driving 50 mph and suddenly the traffic in front of you is stopped. The signs will help you to slow down earlier. Some of the local roads will also have these signs (Barnes Road, Kruse Way) to let people know before they get on the highway that there's a problem.
- The new signs will also show travel times to certain destinations to help alter expectations.
- At the Hwy 26/217 interchange there will be weather advisory signs. When the sensors detect rain, ice, etc., that might make the highway more slippery, the signs will warn drivers to slow down.

These changes will be unveiled probably around February 2014. The construction is nearly complete. This week there will be more nighttime closures. Lane closures can happen after 8:30 pm, but full closures have to happen after 11:00 pm.

The idea to close some of the 217 exits is no longer being considered. The public was not at all receptive to that idea. There's a project under consideration (for 2018) to turn Allen/Denney into a "split diamond" interchange, which is like the one at Beaverton-Hillsdale Hwy and Canyon Road. This would reduce the number of accidents due to those two exits being so close together (they're the closest together along 217). There will be a public outreach effort prior to the project going to the Oregon Transportation Committee for adoption. Hwy 217 isn't a very well-functioning road, so ODOT spends a lot of time looking at it and trying to improve it.

Lili handed out a list of funded ODOT projects for the west side/Washington County. She left her contact information and can be contacted for any ODOT issues—even if they aren't directly her responsibility, she can help get you the information you need.

McKay Elementary School – partnering with the NAC: Megan Clifford, principal, provided some information about McKay. The Beaverton School District is starting community partnership teams throughout the district to match a school's needs with the resources in the community. McKay has its first community partnership meeting tomorrow. McKay has a lot of needs: about 67% of students are economically disadvantaged (measured by the number that receive free or reduced lunch; the percentage has gone up 8% in the last two years). About 36% of the students are English language learners, speaking primarily Spanish as a first language. There are about 400 students at the school. Bringing additional volunteers into the school in a variety of capacities would be helpful. Sherry Moore will be the liaison between the school and the NAC and the district's community partnership teams. Kevin LeRoy, McKay's AmeriCorps member, is responsible for after school programs and extra reading time in the morning. There's always a need for more volunteer help with these.

Announcements:

As we do not meet in November and December, our next meeting will be in January, 2014.

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Officer nominations: Ernie moved that we re-nominate all current officers. Tracy seconded the motion. The motion passed. We will vote in January.

Meeting end time: 8:23.