

City of Beaverton  
Neighborhood Association Committee Meeting Minutes

**NAC: Denney Whitford / Raleigh West**

Date: Jan. 23, 2014

Board members present:

Chair: Ernie Conway  
 Vice Chair: *vacant*  
 BCCI Rep: Michelle Lupo

Treasurer: Martha Schaffler  
 Recorder: Tracy Thornton

Quorum present?  Yes  No

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Meeting start time: 7:00.

**Beaverton Police Department Report:** Officer White presented crime stats from August 2013. There were 38 crimes in this neighborhood: no personal crimes, 4 thefts, one assault, 2 forgeries, 4 frauds, 4 vandalisms, 7 narcotics arrests, 6 DUIs. Upcoming events: Shredding, Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> from 10-1 at Tektronics. Car seat clinic, Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> from 9-12:30 at Kuni BMW.

The department is planning to put a bond on the ballot in November for approximately \$35 million. The goal is to bring all police personnel under one roof and to get the building up to seismic standards. The cost for the first four years is about 16 cents per \$1000, then for the remaining 16 years, the bond is covered by an existing but expiring library bond. There are tours and informational meetings going on regularly. Emergency management is currently located in two sites; they would be located in the upgraded building as well. City government is definitely moving into the Round. They're aiming for the end of June—by the end of the fiscal year.

Question: There has been some graffiti near McKay Elementary; what is the BPD doing about it?

Answer: It's very difficult to catch people doing this, and most of the offenders are juveniles. The City maintains a graffiti database. We don't have a big gang problem in Beaverton, but incidents of graffiti pop up occasionally, and schools do get targeted. It's difficult to deter because the consequences are very light (community service).

**Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue Report:** Since the last NAC meeting, there were 109 calls in the Denney Whitford neighborhood and 50 calls in the Raleigh West neighborhood, nearly all of them medical. Next month, TVF&R is kicking off a "Go Red" campaign in association with the American Heart Association.

A stroke happens when blood flow is blocked in the brain, such as by a clot. Symptoms include a drooping face, strength differences on each side of the body, and speech impairment. Someone may appear to be speaking slower than usual. It's important to determine that someone is having a stroke quickly, because quick treatment is very important. If any of those symptoms are present, call 911.

A heart attack is a stroke in the heart; there's a blockage, and anything past that muscle is tissue that can die if not treated quickly. Symptoms of a heart attack include arm pain, chest discomfort (tightness), nausea and vomiting, shortness of breath, sudden weakness, sweating, all lasting more than a few minutes. If this is happening to you, call 911. TVF&R has a program to determine who is having a heart attack when they arrive; if so, they contact the hospital so that it can prepare the proper specialists for your arrival. Studies show that you are treated 20 minutes faster following this program.

**Emergency Preparedness Workshop:** Michael Mumaw, Emergency Manager for the City of Beaverton gave a presentation and provided handouts and flashlights/glow sticks from the Community Emergency

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Response Team (CERT). It's hard to get people to think about emergency preparedness in Beaverton, since major events rarely happen here. Studies show that after a meeting like this, only 20% of people do anything to be more prepared, but we're at risk for serious events. If there was a volcanic eruption, we wouldn't get any lava but we could get a lot of ash, which might be even worse. If we had a 9.0 earthquake, the Portland area would be in trouble in terms of fuel. But there are also little events to consider, such as major snow storms. By preparing for big events, you're prepared for smaller events.

Some ideas for preparedness: Stock food that you normally eat. When you finish in the pantry, take food from your kit and then replace it the next time you go to the store; that way you rotate the stock. At Costco you can get buckets of dehydrated food that lasts 15-20 years. Use a tiered approach: ready to eat food and longer term food. Water filtration systems allow you to drink water out of a creek if necessary. In the handout, there's a calendar that shows how to prepare month by month—buy something, do something each month to build up your emergency kit and supplies.

In the case of a major event, there are a total of 650 City employees (that's everyone, not just emergency personnel), with a city population of 92,000. How long would it take for all of those people to get to everyone, assuming all of them were even able to? Consider becoming a CERT volunteer. Training is 7 consecutive Wednesdays from 7-9 pm, where you learn how to respond to a disaster and work in teams. The training ends with a 4-hour mock disaster drill on a Saturday. CERT currently has 200 active volunteers and about 200 in a reserve capacity. If you can't make Wednesday training, Tigard has the same training on Tuesday nights. Volunteers range in age from 16 to 80; there's something for all volunteers to do, and any skill set can be used. (16 and 17 year olds must attend training with a parent.) Recently, CERT volunteers helped search for a man who had walked away from his group home. The next training class starts March 5; go to [www.beavertonoregon.gov/CERT](http://www.beavertonoregon.gov/CERT) to sign up. There is no recertification requirement; volunteers choose their status (active, reserve, and some that never show up again, but can apply their training to their family and neighbors).

The American Red Cross has emergency kits available for purchase online. A 72-hour kit is still the bare minimum, but it's really not enough. It's better to be prepared for a week to two weeks, as that's what would be required in the case of a major disaster, such as a large earthquake. With regard to technology: try texting rather than phone calls, as the cell services might be overwhelmed. It's important to have an out of state contact, someone whom you can call long distance, to report to. Sometimes someone outside of the emergency zone can contact you within the zone when you can't dial out, so make this part of your plan as well.

For power, consider solar panels, hand-cranked items, UPSes for recharging small items. But don't plan to rely on commercial communication systems—phones, broadband—as they won't be active. If you have any questions, call or e-mail the City's emergency management program. Note that the program uses school district boundaries rather than the Beaverton City limits, so the City can bring its programs to anyone living in the BSD boundaries.

Expired fire extinguishers can be taken to hazardous waste drop-off events. Larger ones can be recharged, but it's not worth doing for a smaller one. Remember: your fire extinguisher is supposed to be shaken every 6 months to keep the dry chemical inside loose.

Between individual preparedness and CERT's community level of preparedness is a "map your neighborhood" program that was recently launched. This program helps neighborhoods work together on emergency planning.

**Old Business:**

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**Treasurer's report:** Our current balance is \$4,418.39. Rivermark sent a notice about a fee change, but it doesn't apply to us.

**BCCI Report:** Michelle attended the State of the City to hear the Mayor speak. There was an emphasis on the schools; he said that the local option levy will be divided up based on need. Michelle also attended a meeting for the Beaverton School District's WE program. There will be a ballot measure in May for maintenance on the schools; it will be about \$2.11 per \$1000. The BCCI's strategic plan is to integrate the Beaverton School District's WE program in with the BCCI. The Beaverton Education Foundation would like to see the schools work together with volunteers, supplies, and so on so that resources can be transferred around and not go to waste. BCCI is looking for underutilized resources in the City that can be used to support the schools.

**Minutes:** Martha moved that we accept the October meeting minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Michelle and unanimously approved.

**Vote for officers:** At the last meeting, all the current board members were re-nominated. Phil moved to elect the nominated board members and Michelle seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**New Business:**

**McKay Elementary:** McKay is a Title I school, where the majority of students get free or reduced lunch. The school is now doing Friday Food Packs for 10 children. They need volunteers (such as a business owner) to take a bin to collect dry goods each week and take it to the school. Also, the school wants to get the word out about the maintenance levy in May; McKay is an older school and has many needed repairs. For example, currently there is no wheelchair access to the school's lower level. The school has outdoor garden boxes and is considering creating some greenhouses (with the support of Orchard Hardware) for community gardening. The school is also always looking for volunteers in the school (a background check is required).

**Boarded up house on Denney Road:** What's the status? Ernie's understanding is that the owner had a land use application, but got an extension after the housing market declined, but he still plans to develop it into properties.

Since the last meeting, there were no new City of Beaverton land use notices or public meeting announcements specific to our NAC. Ernie was contacted by a church in unincorporated Washington County about an addition they're adding asking if they needed to do anything with the NAC. Ernie provided some information.

**Announcements:**

Our next meeting will be February 27, 2014.

From Megan, Neighborhood Program: The NAC training for new officers will be (tentatively) re-scheduled for mid-March. The NAC Land Use training will be February 25<sup>th</sup> (a Tuesday). From Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> to April 15<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday through Saturday, there's free tax assistance help at the Beaverton Activities Center for anyone living in Beaverton and Washington County. The Neighborhood Office staff is going to try to get around to NAC meetings more regularly.

Ernie suggested that we have some additional training on Robert's Rules for public meetings.

**Meeting end time:** 8:34.