

City of Beaverton  
Neighborhood Association Committee Meeting Minutes

**NAC: Denney Whitford / Raleigh West**

Date: Feb. 27, 2014

Minutes to be reviewed at the March 27, 2014 meeting.

Board members present:

Chair: Ernie Conway

Vice Chair: *vacant*

BCCI Rep: Michelle Lupo

Treasurer: Martha Schaufler

Recorder: Tracy Thornton

Quorum present?  Yes  No

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Meeting start time: 7:02 pm

**Beaverton Police Department Report:** Officer Corning gave his report. There was an officer-involved shooting earlier this month, but details are not available until the investigation is completed; there were no injuries to the officers involved. The HAWK system on Hall Blvd. has been installed, connecting the Fanno Creek Trail. Officer Corning explained how it works: normally, there is no light on the crosswalk. When a pedestrian activates it, you will see the bottom light, a yellow light, start flashing; then it will go solid yellow. This indicates that you should come to a stop—just like any other yellow light. Then the two red lights will come on (solid), also indicating you should stop. The pedestrian will cross the street safely. After a set amount of time, the red lights will start flashing. That means that the signal is now operating like a stop sign: as long as no one is crossing at that point, you can continue (after coming to a full stop). You cannot proceed through the SOLID red light after stopping, just the flashing red.

Officer Corning asked whether there were any traffic concerns. Sherry brought up a concern about the southbound 217 off-ramp to Canyon that had been identified at a City Council meeting a year ago, where cars are turning and pedestrians are trying to cross. Officer Corning noted that there is no crosswalk there, so pedestrians crossing there should be going down a block to the crosswalk.

Ernie noted that concerns with traffic signals not working well, areas that need stop signs, etc., can be brought directly to City Engineers, who will review the areas in question. The police don't change the way traffic is controlled, but rather focus on enforcing current traffic situations.

Officer Corning reminded everyone that tours of the current police facility are available. There's a new website for the new Public Safety building, with lots of good information: [renewforourblue.com](http://renewforourblue.com). This will give you a good idea of the less than optimal conditions in which the police operate. Check the website for information about tours.

**Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue Report:** No report.

**Guest Speakers:**

*Jennifer Nelson, Outreach Coordinator, Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation District*, spoke about Riparian Restoration Work in Washington County. This District is a special district, much like the fire department, with legislative abilities in the county. All the work is currently funded through grants and partnerships, not through tax dollars. Their primary private partner is Clean Water Services. One of the reasons your water bills are so high is because the sewage base rates are high. Our water is treated in Beaverton, and the Tualatin River (almost all the water from creeks and streams in Washington County go into the Tualatin River) had high levels of phosphorus, which caused a lot of algae growth. This caused human health concerns, in addition to being bad for fishing and recreation. One of the problems

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was that the waste water treatment facilities needed to be upgraded. Now we have state-of-the-art facilities that do an excellent job of removing phosphorus from the water.

Also, some of the money from your bill goes to the Riparian Restoration program. Water that comes out of the waste water treatment process is very warm, much too warm for native fish (especially salmon). Clean Water Services helps them work on problems like this to protect native wildlife, manage erosion, monitor stream temperatures, and battle invasive species like ivy. One way they do this through streamside restoration programs. Jennifer explained several concepts and programs related to restoration, and how this work has significantly improved water quality in Washington County.

Other services include community education, including working with schools (such as high school science teachers); student watershed research projects; and adult conservation education, including many workshops, such as “weed watchers.”

*Beaverton Community Vision Update* – Teresa and Jaann (chair) gave an update on the activities of the Vision Advisory Committee (VAC). Their job is to gather the community’s input on their vision for the City, and then bring that to City Council and the Mayor. Of the original 100+ items identified by citizens, 94% are in process or completed. We’re now at the 5-year mark, so the VAC is going back out into the community to ask, “What’s next?” They’ll be visiting the NAC again in a more question-and-answer format to gather information. The VAC is kicking off the next idea-gathering phase at the St. Patrick’s Day weekend Farmer’s Market. The questions will be more targeted this time. They provided printed copies of the 2014 Annual Report. They welcome feedback on where else in the community they can bring this information about the City’s vision.

**Officer Reports:**

**BCCI Report:** Michelle reported that BCCI received a priority list from City Council and the Mayor. There are three different categories: what we’re actually doing, what we want to be doing in the next year, and what we want to be informed about but won’t actually be doing. The top priority this year is to use the Community Vision to identify activities that bring the vision to life, to help people identify with what we’re doing. They also want to grow the NACs and encourage community involvement. Work will be going on in the Creekside neighborhood; BCCI will be promoting the new Public Safety facility; and the comprehensive plan is being updated. The City will take volunteers from each existing committee plus some outsiders to give input to the comprehensive city plan.

The BCCI will begin working on redefining transit in Beaverton, especially with north-south travel, looking at other ways to get around Beaverton. The Murray-Scholls library needs to be expanded, and neighborhood cleanup is another focus.

The BCCI heard about medical marijuana dispensaries in Beaverton. The decision has been pushed out six months so that regulations can be discussed before a final decision is made.

The NAC engagement subcommittee has come up with a list of 9 qualities that will make NACs very successful—what is going on in the NACs that are doing really well, what can be improved. The BCCI reps were then asked what they could do individually to improve NAC involvement.

**Treasurer’s report:** Our current balance is \$4,418.95 as of January 31, 2014. We’re earning about 56 cents per month in interest.

**Minutes:** Martha moved that we approve the minutes as written. Michelle seconded it and the motion passed unanimously.

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**Old Business:**

Michelle and Sherry got together to speak about some of the goals McKay Elementary had and how the NAC could help, especially in terms of getting matching grant money. They're working on getting an updated list of businesses from the Chamber of Commerce so that they can ask whether they will take a bin to collect items for the school. The bins are for more than just food—the school also needs books, so that students can own their own books, and other supplies. They're trying to determine what sort of programs would be best for both the needs of the school and the matching grant program.

There was discussion about what the NAC could do on a small scale to test out a book drive or something similar. We debated whether to pursue a matching grant application, which would be due at the end of the day tomorrow if we wanted the money for this quarter. The next deadline is in July. Or, we considered using money from the NAC account; however, we can't start a project now and then ask for a matching grant later for the same project, so we'd have to think about it as separate projects.

Ernie moved that Michelle submit a matching grant application for the purpose of creating a book collection project for McKay, which consists of purchasing bins, signs, and advertising. The grant will be offset by volunteer hours spent in identifying partner businesses, setting up the project, and collecting of materials. We will review what was submitted at next month's meeting. Tracy seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Action item from last month: Someone asked about the vacant property on Denney Road (near Scholls) in the last meeting. Ernie gave an update: It has been sold to Habitat for Humanity, where 8-12 units will go in. As part of the purchase process, the current structure could not be torn down, but it will be torn down before the new construction begins. TVF&R will use the house for a controlled burn for training. Ernie has contact information if you need it.

**New Business:**

A guest provided information about Villages NW, a group that works to help elderly people "age in place," or continue to live in their own homes with some assistance from a community of volunteers. An informational meeting will be held at the library at 2:00 on Saturday, March 1. No RSVP is required.

Everyone is invited to a NAC orientation training on Tuesday, March 12. The theme is "what does an ideal NAC look like." RSVP to Jason Wachs.

**Announcements:**

Our next meeting will be March 27, 2014.

**Meeting end time:** 8:54 pm