

City of Beaverton  
Neighborhood Association Committee Meeting Minutes  
To be reviewed and approved at the April 24 meeting.

**NAC: Denney Whitford / Raleigh West**

Date: Mar. 27, 2014

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: 7:00 pm

**Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue Report:** Lt. Steve Sager with TVF&R from Station 53 handed out information about ballot measure 34-211, which will be on the May ballot. There is more information on the TVF&R website as well (tvfr.com). In 2000, TVF&R secured a levy, which was used to hire 44 firefighters and paramedics to ensure proper service levels. That levy expires this year, so the board of directors decided to ask for an increase from 25 cents per thousand dollars of assessed value to 45 cents per thousand. (Example: if your home is assessed at \$230k, the increase would be about \$46 per year.) They need the additional cost because of increased call volume due to increased population and an aging population. The increase would keep the additional firefighters/medics and add even more people and units or stations to areas where response times are not optimal. Decisions about where to place stations and staff will be based on data collected on areas throughout the city, with a focus on increased response times. This levy should cover the costs for the next 10 years. The replacement levy would begin being collected in November of 2015 (the previous levy expires in June 2015).

**Beaverton Police Department Report:** Officer Corning reported that there's a car seat clinic on April 5 at 9 am. There's a document shredding event on Saturday, April 19. It's free, but bring a can of food to donate. The event runs from 10 am to 1 pm at Tektronics.

He then talked about identity theft, which is flaring up now. Identity theft is a very common crime. The latest scam involves someone calling claiming to be from the IRS, then demanding to be paid thousands of dollars immediately. The caller claims that if you don't pay right away, they will put a levy on your house or take your possessions. The IRS does not do any outbound calling; if anyone calls claiming to be from the IRS, tell them not to call you again and call the police. The scammers are using the information they collect to file tax returns in your name and getting mailed refunds from the federal government. If you're concerned with a call from someone claiming to be from the IRS or a bank, call them directly to verify. Your bank, the IRS, etc., should never have to verify your information if they call you; they already have your information.

Some other tips for avoiding identity theft: Don't leave your social security number in your wallet. (Someone noted that Medicare cards have SSNs on them.) Don't write your PIN on your debit card. Review your credit card statements each month to make sure there are no fraudulent charges. When you receive credit card offers in the mail, don't just recycle them, as someone can take them out of your recycle bin and send them in with their address. It's best to shred them before throwing them out. Check your credit reports annually (you are legally allowed to have a free copy from each of the three reporting agencies each year; go to [annualcreditreport.com](http://annualcreditreport.com)).

If you have your identity stolen or are a victim of a scam, report it to the police. You can also contact the FTC for more information.

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**Guest Speakers:** Our scheduled guest speaker was unable to make it.

**Old Business:** The parade celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Whitford on Scholls Ferry Road has been moved to May.

**Officer Reports:**

- **BCCI Report:** Michelle was not able to attend the meeting. Ernie reported that Michelle submitted a matching grant application for a McKay book drive, as discussed in the previous meeting. Sherry from McKay's PTA reported on the progress on the project; she and Michelle are working on finding businesses to help with the drive and recruiting volunteers from the school.
- **Treasurer's report:** Martha did not attend the meeting so there was no treasurer's report.
- **Minutes:** We did not have a quorum, so we did not vote on the minutes from February.

**New Business:**

Judy Janowitz, from CERT: In October, the CERT program adopted the "map your neighborhood" program. It's like a block program for safety, but for emergency preparedness. A person who could be a block captain shows a DVD and shares the 9-step program with neighbors. According to one report, in Japan after the tsunami, 90% of the people who survived did so because of neighbors helping each other, not because of outside assistance. The goal is to get households in the Beaverton School District to participate. The DVD is online on YouTube, posted by Tigard (search "Tigard map your neighborhood"). By learning the steps for handling emergency situations, you will feel more secure and confident should the worst happen. If you're interested in becoming a block captain, you can contact CERT. Our neighborhood is in the "red" zone (the city has been divided into colored zones), so we would listen to channel 4 on any walkie-talkies or radios for information during an emergency; however, CERT asks that you don't use that channel to communicate, as CERT will be using that channel.

Dina Farrell reported on a proposed new apartment complex near the Raleigh Hills Fred Meyer on Beaverton-Hillsdale Highway. It will be 140 units, 4 stories tall. It's known as an urban complex, which means that it's not designed for families; it's one bedroom or studio apartments. There will be two entrances, one on BHH and one on Laurelwood. This is already a very congested area. They would put in a sidewalk in along part of Laurelwood as required and they will do their own traffic study. They expect to have an answer from Washington County in late April. It's a tricky area, as the east side of Laurelwood is unincorporated Washington County and the west side is City of Beaverton. Traffic is a big concern, so mitigating those issues and pushing for more sidewalks (there was a pedestrian fatality on Laurelwood) are priorities. There's a meeting on Wednesday, April 2 at 6:30 at the Raleigh Hills K-8 school cafeteria. For more information, please attend the meeting or contact Dina (503-522-1535, [dina.farrell@msn.com](mailto:dina.farrell@msn.com)).

Ernie noted that there's a plan to put sidewalks from Laurelwood to the Raleigh Hills School (on Scholls). Also at that school: some parents have requested that a crosswalk be put on Scholls Ferry Road. But there used to be a crosswalk there that was removed at the request of parents. The school district is looking into the issue.

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[www.beavertonoregon.gov/foodcarts](http://www.beavertonoregon.gov/foodcarts).

**Announcements:**

Our next meeting will be Thursday, April 24, 2014.

**Meeting end time:** 8:13 pm.