

Minutes to be reviewed and approved at the May 13, 2014 Five Oaks Triple Creek NAC meeting.

Minutes

Five Oaks Triple Creek, Central Beaverton, and West Slope Neighborhoods

April 7th, 2014

Elmonica School, 16950 S W Lisa, Beaverton, OR 97006

7:00 - 7:10 Welcome, Introductions, & Announcements –

David Kamin, Five Oaks Triple Creek NAC Chair

Welcome to the Mayor, the city staff, and the members of all 3 NAC's.

Announcements:

On May 10th there will be a *Spring Health Forum* put on the citizens Advisory Committee at Elsie Stuhr Com Center, at 5550 SW Hall Blvd, Beaverton 97005. The subject is going to be dementia and driving.

CERT has a new program called "*Map your Neighborhood*" Please check it out. The Training for CERT is free.

Every year the city sponsor *Flicks by the Fountain*, so please go online and vote for your favorite flick for this summer's season.

Waterhouse Trail: one section of the Willow Creek trail north, about 100 feet in length, has a plan for improvement, but the THPRD currently does not have the funds to build it. They are applying for other funds, in order to complete the construction.

Until April 15th there is a Free Tax Assistance at the Beaverton Activity Center on Tuesday thought Friday from 11:00 to 7:00 pm and also on Saturday. Think of it as Free tax health.

Several *Car Seat Clinics* are coming up. The dates are 4/19, 5/3, 5/17, and they will be held at the Kuni Collision Center, 3725 SW Cedar Hills Road, from 9:00 to noon.

Also a *Document Shredding Clinic* will be held on April 19th at Tectronix campus, 13975 SW Karl Braun Drive, Beaverton, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The very popular *Voters Forum* will again be sponsored by BCCI. The date is May 1st, and it will be held at the Beaverton City Hall at 4755 SW Griffith Drive, Beaverton, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

As the NAC Chair David Kamin gets mail from developers who want to do things in our NAC. One such developer is holding a meeting April 15th at 6:00. They will be talking about a new cell phone tower which is 1605 Walker Road. There currently is a 70 foot tower, they will be putting in a 100 foot tower. Please feel free to attend if you are interested. There will be signs posted around the neighborhood.

7:10 - 7:30 Highlights of how your NAC is building community and opportunities for you to volunteer in your own neighborhood:

A. Five Oaks Triple Creek NAC

- a.) Autumn Ridge Park Restoration: Summary
 - 1635 volunteer hours
 - 1000 middle school hours
 - Planted 5000 shrubs
 - Spent about \$3,000.00
 - Next work party is April 26th, partnering with THPRD
- b.) Boosting the NAC Outreach Project
 - Regina Ford and Gayle Seely are heading up a series of receptions that

will be held in the community centers of apartment complexes in our NAC to introduce the concept of a NAC and to learn what these citizens might find interesting.

B. Central Beaverton NAC

a.) **Booked for Success Reading Program at William Walker Elementary**

The NAC is collecting books for children in the community, especially since there are a lot of low-income families and they don't have money to buy books for home.

You can donate books at a number of locations (Jason listed)

They did a fundraiser with McMenamins to raise money for this – and recently raised over \$600.00.

b.) **Theater in the Park at Schiffler Park – Sunday, July 13 (6-8 p.m.)**

Over 800 people attended last year, and this year the play that will be performed is "*Side by Side by Sondheim*"

c.) **First Friday Live Music**

They sponsor this – please come and visit the businesses during this fun time. The next event is May 5th. It should be a lot of fun!

C. West Slope NAC

a.) **Development of Neighborhood Park**

The NAC is working closely with THPRD to get the first park in their neighborhood. They may have found some funds that can be used to develop the park.

There is also a neighboring property that THPRD may be making into a Nature Reserve.

There is a strong interest in having a Community Garden on the plot until the Nature Park is fiscally possible.

The NAC is working on getting some easements to get some improvements for access to several difficult areas.

7:30 - 8:30 Guest Speaker: Beaverton Mayor Denny Doyle –



Mayor Doyle is introduced.

He notes that two of our City Councilmen are here: Mark Fagin and Marc San Soucie. Also joining us is Sandra Fowler Hill, the President of our local Rock Creek College.

The mayor announces that there may be additional money available for the Neighborhood committees in the coming year.

He states that we are blessed to have the lowest unemployment rate in the metro area in our City of Beaverton. That is in part because we did not sit back and wait for things to get better – we developed tools to help things improve.

The Mayor introduced a short film on business development in Beaverton.

After the film he said there are many more initiatives planned for 2014.

Here are some of the priorities.

Working with our Visioning Partners, the City will initiate a 5 year plan. It will continue to support its community associations to provide a welcoming environment to everyone.

The City will be moving forward with the Creekside District, including redesign of the landscape, traffic planning, and also, Mayor Doyle expects to actually get back a large portion of our Federal taxes.

The City will move into the South Office Building in the Round, improving the building, the environment, and the parking. The City was able to purchase the building for an excellent rate. All the civic functions that are at City Hall right now will move over there. All the contracts, the lawyers, etc, are mostly done. The 2nd and 3rd floor have just reached 100% occupancy, which pays the city about a million dollars a year.

“Renew for our Blue” is the plan for the Griffith Building, where City Hall is now located, is going to be renovated so that the Police will no longer be cramped and have to share everything. The building is NOT earthquake proof, and so when there is a big earthquake, if you call 911, there will be no one there to answer – the building may well come down.

Mayor Doyle announces, based on the latest statistics, that the City of Beaverton is not only the safest city in Oregon, but the safest city in northwest. We just got named again as one of the top 24 places in the US to retire.

South Cooper Mountain project is a new project in south Beaverton. The City has a grant from Metro to do the planning. The City is looking for a balanced and healthy community along our southern border. We have 1000’s of more jobs that we expect to be coming here and we need places for people to live.

Those who frequent the main City Library have reported that it is judged to be one of the best libraries around. Based on the volume of books checked out, it is the number one library in Oregon. As an aggregate, with all our Library branches, we are second only to Multnomah County. The Library is currently doing an overdue book drive – exchange your guilt for canned food. Great idea! Coming up soon!

One of the projects in the works is the Canyon Road Project. It will be a radical change from Highway I-217 to Hocken Avenue, and it is expected to cost the City \$15 Million. The City has been going after Federal Tiger Grants, and the project is currently in the MTIP four-year schedule of transportation projects to receive funding, which may get us to the \$15 Million. The freight companies are very excited about the possible changes, because it will expedite their ability to do business and deliver freight.

The City is working with the TriMet Board for Beaverton Transit Options. We need to figure out how we can move people not just north and south, but also east and west.

The City is also working on a program in the city to ask our residents to buy local, and buy diverse, and that is going to be one of our new focuses in the coming years.

The city is trying to get our businesses to work with women and minority groups, and many of our businesses are doing more of this.

The City is also very focused on trying to rebuild our financial reserves so that we don’t have to go out to the tax payers.

1 out of 4 people living in Beaverton was not born in the USA. The City is making an effort to welcome people now, and not wait for the kids to grow up and feel welcome. We have the 3rd largest Somali population in the US. We want our diverse public to believe that their voices count. We need to treasure what we have here.

THPRD has been recognized as one of the best park systems in the northwest.

The Beaverton Transit Center in the center of Beaverton is the busiest transit center in the whole regional system.

The City has a lot of city events. Our Plaza on the south side of the Round is finished: it is our Sister Cities Plaza.

The Mayor asks us all to please get involved. Volunteers are the heart of this community. Beaverton has a number of amazing volunteer groups.

The City of Beaverton Library, the Police Department, and many other organizations would not be successful without volunteers.

Questions: (Note: City staff is gathering further information on several of these questions and will forward the answers to the NAC when they are available.)

Mayor Doyle was asked about the increase in graffiti in the neighborhood. A young man, a teenager, posed the question. The Mayor advised him to contact the Police business number. The Police Department managed to solve a similar problem across from Beaverton High School.

A man from the Cambray area asked for a speed bump, or some kind of way to slow the traffic in his neighborhood. City staff will follow up and talk about the options.

The same person also spoke of vandalism in the same area. He has personally observed people sleeping in their cars in his neighborhood. Mayor Doyle advised that they keep calling the police with the license plate number.

Mayor Doyle adds that there are some things in the works to improve the traffic on 217, but the reality is that the funding is not available to make significant improvements.

A citizen asked how long before they break ground on 2nd and Lombard? Mayor Doyle replied that SEPA, which is the non-profit involved, has their funding in place, but the other partner is still working on their funding.

The City is working on getting brown fields tax credits passed.

And the City is working on getting an official boundary denoted between the City of Hillsboro and the City of Beaverton.

Mayor Doyle offers an update on the Westgate Property. The City is looking at a way for the community to find something they would like to have on that property.

8:30 Adjourn –

Attendees are requested to fill out the survey's in their packets.

Thanks for caring about our neighborhood!

The Five Oaks Triple Creek NAC will next meet on
Tuesday, May 13, 2014. Please join us!

