

City of Beaverton
Neighborhood Association Committee Meeting Minutes
To be reviewed and approved at the May 2014 meeting

NAC: Denney Whitford / Raleigh West

Date: Apr. 24, 2014

Board members present:

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

- Treasurer: Martha Schaffler
- Recorder: Tracy Thornton

Quorum present? Yes No

Meeting start time: 7:00 pm

Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue Report: No report.

Beaverton Police Department Report: Officer Corning reported the Police Department has developed a free app designed to pool all the resources in the area (and beyond) for crime victims, mental health issues, etc. It's very comprehensive, listing hotlines and educational information about how to get assistance if you are a victim of a crime. It can be found in the App Store—search under “Beaverton Police.”

The next car seat clinic is May 3rd at 9:00 am at the Beaverton Police Department. The last shredding event was very well attended, with over 2,000 cars. The Department collected 26 barrels of food.

Guest Speakers: Lt. Adam Spang and Sgt. Brick Humphrey of the Beaverton Police Department spoke about the Renew For Our Blue public safety center campaign. Some news: The department has victim advocacy volunteers to help crime victims find resources and additional help in the community; the volunteers are on call 24/7. This year, Beaverton was named as the safest city in the Pacific Northwest with a population over 75,000 (by CQ Press). Volunteers and community involvement help support the department's mission.

The current police building was designed as an office building, not as a public safety facility. Now that City Hall is moving to the Round, the department can create a true Public Safety Center, with courts, police, and emergency management all in one place. The department averages over 100,000 calls for service per year. Some of the calls they get now didn't exist when the building was built (such as identity theft and high tech crimes). Over 100 volunteers operate out of the building; these volunteers are critical to several police events (such as shredding and car seat clinics). There are over 39,000 appearances in the municipal court every year; it's a very busy court with high volume. It's a court of record, which means that everything is recorded; any appeals go to the Oregon Court of Appeals rather than Washington County. Emergency Management uses over 300 volunteers trained to help the Police Department in events, searches, or major disasters.

In 1982, the Department was located at 5th and Hall, where the old library was. In 1986, the department moved into its current place, expecting it to be a 5 to 10 year solution. An advisory committee was created about five years ago to look at possibilities for improving the functionality and design for the department. The least costly option was to remodel the current building, which will cost \$35 million. The plan is to consolidate, prepare, and renew.

The police training facility, evidence facility, and emergency management are located away from the main police facility. The new facility would consolidate these functions. Should an earthquake happen, it

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would stay standing rather than needing to be evacuated. We'll need more officers as the City grows, and this new remodel will allow for that. The current area for taking a statement from a victim is right inside the door of the current City Hall; it's a small cubicle with clear glass walls (it's called "the fishbowl"), which doesn't offer much privacy to victims.

In a true public safety center, security is a large concern; security is a big problem in the current City Hall, as people can freely move throughout the building and different areas overlap because there's not enough room to handle all the people. Infrastructure is in need of updating; for example, the electrical infrastructure doesn't sustain current needs. Most offices have only one outlet, as back when the building was built, less work was done on computers or electronic devices. The computer forensics lab is now an important part of police work due to the rise of things like sex crimes and identity theft where criminals are using computers. Also, the HVAC system doesn't work to keep that room cool enough (it used to be a storage closet!). This important room is also open to a public space. The building's cardlock security system is overloaded, so new cardlocks in different areas can't be added. There are no dedicated evidence processing and storage areas, booking areas, etc., which a modern facility would have. These areas should be separate from other areas so that evidence can be properly and efficiently stored. The booking area has original doors (from the 5th and Hall building), and it has no drain (unlike modern facilities). There's also a need for locker ventilation and storage; vests have to be hung outside the lockers so that they can dry, and boots are placed above the lockers. New lockers would have ventilation into the lockers and electrical outlets. Not having a dedicated report writing area is a big safety concern; it's not totally separate from the booking room. The restroom outside the courtroom is used by defendants, judges, juries—everyone; for security reasons, there should be segregated restrooms so that a judge doesn't run into a defendant in the restroom. There is no private or secure area from transporting people in custody separate from the public who are, say, waiting in line to pay traffic tickets.

Estimated remodel cost: \$35 million. How much is this going to cost a Beaverton taxpayer? You're currently paying about \$4.08 per month for the library construction bond. You'll pay about \$7.67 per month from 2015-2018, when the library bond and the public safety center bond overlap. Then it will be \$5 per month, for just the public safety bond, from 2019-2034. It's essentially an increase of \$0.05 per \$1000 of assessed value per month after the four year period of overlap.

The problem the Police have is not just a space problem; it's a design problem. A 1980s office building is not designed for the functions of a modern public safety facility, which has unique needs that an ordinary office building doesn't meet. Remodeling the current building (which we already own) is the most cost effective option. If you're not sure whether there's a real need, go take a tour of the facility. You can sign up on RenewForOurBlue.com. Construction is expected to take 18 to 24 months. The upgrades should ensure that the building will last for 30 years. This is the first time since Beaverton was incorporated that the Police Department has asked for a bond.

Dave Mathews, scheduled to speak about the Yes for Beaverton Schools campaign, did not show up.

Old Business:

The Washington County CPO3 meeting is the 3rd Thursday of every month at the Garden Home Rec Center. The big thing on the agenda now is a new housing unit planned on Laurelwood and Beaverton Hillsdale Highway. It's on Washington Country property, but will have an egress onto a City street (Laurelwood). The developers have had a public meeting, and they'll be filing their paperwork with the County.

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On 107th Ave., a business application has been filed to build a storage facility next to Platt Electric, but the developer missed the deadline and had to start over. There's a public meeting on May 6th. The American Lung Association is going to host a "respiratory rally" on June 6th in Tigard. Information will be posted on Facebook. Also, in May, the ALA sponsors Reach the Beach, a bike ride from Beaverton to the coast.

Officer Reports:

- **Minutes:** Michelle moved that we accept the minutes from February and March. Martha seconded it and the motion passed unanimously.
- **Treasurer's report:** Our balance as of March 31 is \$4,420.02. We received a dividend of \$0.56.
- **BCCI Report:** Michelle reported that the Beaverton Visioning Committee gave a report to BCCI (the same report they gave at the NAC). Leadership Beaverton's project this year is for Monica's House, a domestic violence shelter from women and children. Statistics show that abused women won't leave a dangerous situation if they have to leave their pets. So the group is going to build kennels so that women can bring their pets to the shelter. More information can be found on the Leadership Beaverton website. Also, Jason Wachs talked to BCCI about ways they can support the NACs.

Michelle and Sherry have been working on finding businesses to distribute bins to collect books and other materials for McKay Elementary. Michelle has put together a packet for volunteers; they have 5 so far and are aiming for 8 to 10 people to deliver the boxes. Collection will happen during the last three weeks of May. The school is getting involved with finding volunteers as well.

New Business:

Ernie received an update from the City with a breakdown of all the NACs based on census information. He will give a recap of who and what makes up our neighborhood at the next meeting.

Ernie did not get an update on the school crossing on Scholls Ferry Road in front of Raleigh Hills K-8 school, but hopes to have one for the next meeting.

It has been suggested that we move the NAC meetings to a school, which might attract more people who are familiar with the location.

Ernie will look into making some new NAC signs. The cost of having them made is high (we could only afford to get 4 new ones). Then we would look at having businesses store the signs and put them out for us.

Announcements:

Our next meeting will be Thursday, May 22, 2014.

Meeting end time: 8:15 pm.