

City of Beaverton
Neighborhood Association Committee Meeting Minutes

NAC: Denney Whitford / Raleigh West

Date: May 22, 2014

Board members present:

Chair: Ernie Conway

Vice Chair: *vacant*

BCCI Rep: Michelle Lupo

Treasurer: Martha Schauffler

Recorder: Tracy Thornton

Quorum present? Yes No

Meeting start time: 7:03 pm

Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue Report (Station 53): No report.

Beaverton Police Department Report: Officer Corning reported that the BPD has been starting to get calls about dogs—and kids!—being left in cars (now that the weather has started getting warmer). Dogs can't sweat, so they can very quickly be harmed when locked in a vehicle. If it's 70 degrees outside, after 10 minutes it's 89 degrees inside the car. Police have the authority to forcibly enter a vehicle if they see a dog or child in distress. If you see a dog or child locked in a hot car, call the police (animal neglect is a misdemeanor). You can use 911 in the case of a serious emergency; otherwise, use the police dispatch number.

Officer Corning reported on some laws people don't know much about or forget about. We have a "move over" law: it protects emergency vehicles and staff on the side of the roadway, as well as ODOT vehicles or tow trucks. The law says that you have to move over at least one lane, or to the farthest lane away from the vehicle on the side of the road, if you can. If you can't, then you must slow down. Beaverton's judges are very liberal in their interpretation of the law; they expect you to slow down to a crawl when passing vehicles on the side of the road.

It is misdemeanor to leave your home and drive your car without having your driver's license with you. Officers can't take you to jail, but they can write you a ticket.

Beaverton municipal code says that you can't drive a car on the roadway using headphones. You can be stopped and cited for this in Beaverton. Judges are usually okay with using just one earbud, but you should not use two (the law says you can't wear even one). This is in conflict with the state law that says that hands-free devices are accepted, which is why one earbud is usually going to be okay.

Another city code violation that happens at intersections such as Scholls and Hall: it's a violation to cross private property to get to another destination, to get around traffic, or to cut corners. It can be a hard law to prove, but there are known problem areas that the police watch out for.

It is illegal to make a U-turn anywhere unless there's a sign saying that you can do it. It's an even bigger no-no to do this across a yellow line. (In California, it's the opposite.) Outside of the city, you can make a U-turn only if you can see at least 500 feet ahead of you and behind you.

In the state of Oregon, a yellow light should be treated like a red light. If you can't stop because of conditions, that's fine. But most of the time you have time to stop. Saying that you didn't see the light turn to yellow is not a defense.

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New Business: Ernie was going to give a recap of the NAC demographic data, but he postponed it until next month.

Guest Speakers: Jason Wachs from the Neighborhood Program reminded everyone that the City is still taking nominations for the Service to Beaverton awards. The deadline for nominations is May 27. They especially need nominations for emerging leaders (for kids under 18) and educators.

Recycling Day has been cancelled this year. The Westgate site we normally use has construction going on and wasn't available. The City looked at 14 different places, but none of them worked. The money budgeted for the NAC volunteers will be used instead for people who help with Picnics in the Park and other City events throughout the month of June. NACs can also suggest their own ideas for outreach projects that require NAC volunteer hours.

Our picnic is June 20 at Whitford Middle School. Because the picnics were pushed back to June, when weather can be iffy, the picnics are at schools where there are covered areas (rather than parks).

On July 16, Jason will be leading a meeting to cover the demographic data the City and Portland State gathered about each of the NACs. The meeting will discuss how to make use of this information.

Old Business: Michelle gave an update on the McKay Elementary book drive. We are now officially collecting at several locations. The collection bags come with fliers with information and a QR scan code for more information. Michelle suggested taking some pictures to post on Facebook and sending out a notice on the DW/RW e-mail list. The drive runs through May 30.

Officer Reports:

BCCI: Michelle also gave the BCCI report. There will be public hearings for the city budget on May 22, 27, 29. Craig Bass from Highland NAC says that we can reserve a spot at the Farmer's Market booth. A BCCI subcommittee is looking for neighborhood-related artwork for a wall at the new City Hall, and they're looking for local artists.

There's a survey in process from the Visioning Advisory Committee, called "What's Next?" It's online if you haven't received it yet. This is different from the "How are we doing" survey that was e-mailed.

Treasurer's report: Our balance as of April 31 is \$4,420.56.

More old business: A business at the end of 107th has applied to create a self-storage place. This is the same location that was going to be a recycling business. Ernie was the only one person who attended the public hearing. They need a conditional use permit because they're a self-storage business going into a commercially zoned area. There does not appear to be any opposition to their proposal.

There was a hearing on Wednesday, May 21 for changing the city code regarding guest houses to define an "accessory dwelling unit" more clearly.

Nike asked to change Jay Street and Kohl Parkway so that they are not classified as collector streets. They've been downgraded to side streets now that Nike owns all the adjacent property. This was a county issue.

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There was a hearing for an EMT station for TVF&R right behind the new Chase Bank on Beaverton-Hillsdale Highway. The location will be staffed between 8 am and 5 pm. Phil noted that there will be a medical satellite office there as well.

Ernie received the 2014-2019 CIP (capital improvement plan) for Beaverton. Denney Road will get a new water main from 105th to 100th next year. On the north side of Denney, they're going to fix the pedestrian/multi-use path from the Fanno Creek Trail to King Street (and eventually up to Lombard) this fall. Sidewalks on Laurelwood from Scholls to Beaverton-Hillsdale Highway are in the plan, but work is NOT scheduled, and thus has no funding yet. (Note that just because something is on the CIP plan doesn't mean that it's going to happen anytime soon.)

Minutes: Martha moved that we accept the minutes from April. Michelle seconded it and the motion passed unanimously.

Ernie discussed the possibility of moving our meeting location. Sherry Moore had suggested using McKay as a way of encouraging more participation from parents. Jason said that it might be a problem to meet at a school in the summer, but otherwise we should be able to use the space. To use the school, we need to fill out a facility use application every year. Ernie suggested that we could try videotaping meetings or doing an audio recording (like a podcast) so that people who can't attend the meetings can get the information. Michelle will contact Megan at McKay to look into meeting there starting in September.

Announcements:

Our next meeting, our last before the two month summer break, will be Thursday, June 26, 2014.

Meeting end time: 8:26 pm.