

City of Beaverton
Neighborhood Association Committee Meeting Minutes

NAC: Denney Whitford / Raleigh West

Date: Oct. 23, 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: 7:04 pm

Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue Report (Station 53): Did not attend.

Beaverton Police Department Report: Officer Corning reported that there is a Car Seat clinic on Oct. 18 at Kuni. The fall Citizens Academy just kicked off; another one will be starting in the spring. Contact Officer Barkley if you want to sign up for this 12 week course. The Westside Crime Coalition is doing free sessions for landlords to help with civil laws and prevent crime at your rentals. These occur every 2nd Wednesday at the PCC Willow Creek facility off 185th. It starts this month and goes through May; no registration is required.

There was a bottle bomb report near Hall and Hart. A resident reported hearing loud explosions the previous night and found an unexploded bomb the next morning (a CO₂ bomb). If you find such a bomb, do not touch it, especially if it's unexploded. Call the police. These bombs seem to be kind of cyclical phenomenon, so be aware of them.

Sherry asked about coyotes, which have been reported in the area. Officer Corning said that yes, we have coyotes, but he's only seen individual animals. Single coyotes are usually very skittish and not a big threat. However, you should keep your cats indoors as a precaution.

Ernie's "question of the month": If you're stopped at a red light at an intersection with two right hand turn lanes (such as the 217 off ramp at Beaverton Hillsdale), can the left-most (center-most) lane turn right on red, in addition to the far right lane? Answer: Yes, this is legal.

Officer Reports:

Minutes: Martha moved to approve the September minutes as written. Ernie seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Treasurer's report: Our current balance is \$4,423.34. We earned \$0.55 in interest in September.

BCCI: No report.

Old Business:

Leonard mentioned that we had discussed having some kind of award for Officer Corning because of his ongoing service to our NAC. Ernie moved that we get a gift certificate (in line with City policies; Megan will check on this). Martha seconded it and the motion passed unanimously.

Guest Speakers:

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Megan Cohen from the City of Beaverton gave a report on the demographics of our NAC. She reported on a survey of Census data that was put together with the help of Portland State University. The idea behind the project was to get a better idea of the makeup of our neighborhoods so the NAC can better serve its community.

Beaverton has grown 23% since 2000. Five Oaks Triple Creek is the largest neighborhood; West Slope is the smallest (this is mostly due to their respective geographic sizes).

- 5,754 people live in the Denney Whitford/Raleigh West neighborhood.
- There are 562 business (3rd largest in the City, after FOTC and Central Beaverton) in DW/RW; this includes home-based business (e.g., elder-care homes).
- There is a park within a half mile of every home in Beaverton.
- Over 43% of Beaverton residents over the age of 25 are college educated (it's about 40% in DW/RW).
- About 8 in 10 households have a computer in Beaverton; even though DW/RW has one of the oldest populations, just as many people own computers in our NAC.
- 6.6 of 10 people in Beaverton are white, but different races have increased over 100% in some neighborhoods in the last 10 years. One in four people in Beaverton are foreign born. 20% of DW/RW residents speak another language at home. (There are over 90 dialects spoken in the Beaverton School District.)
- 13% of the population of the City is below the poverty line. (Note that this doesn't mean that all ethnic groups have the same level of poverty.)
- 6% of City residents use public transportation to get to work.
- The median age in DW/RW is 43, the highest of all the NACs. The fastest growing segment of the City's population is people aged 65+.
- There is more owner occupied housing in DW/RW than rentals, but rental housing has grown 12% more than owner occupied in the last 10 years.

If we have any ideas based on this information for outreach or for bringing in speakers that are specific to the population in this neighborhood, we should let Megan know.

More Old Business: Safety issues on Laurelwood: Between Beaverton-Hillsdale Hwy and Scholls Ferry Road, Laurelwood is a City road, but the property on either side is both City and County. There are sidewalks where there has been new development, but most of it does not have sidewalks. The County is putting in a sidewalk from Scholls to the property line at the Raleigh Hills School (west side of Scholls).

The purpose of tonight's discussion: is there enough interest in the issues on Laurelwood to take further steps as a NAC, such as seeking funding for a smaller-scale project, like a small section of sidewalk? A new resident on Laurelwood wants to do landscaping in her yard, but doesn't want to start something if it's going to have to be ripped out in a year or two. Ernie wondered where the right of way is on the street. Laurelwood (the street) is part of the City because when it was part of the County, the County wasn't fixing the road. Residents wanted the road fixed, so the City said that if residents (north of BHH) were annexed, the City would fix the roads. One option is to give the road back to the County; another would be to have houses south of BHH annexed. This might help solve the problem of having a mix of City and County along Laurelwood, which is what's making any changes so difficult.

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There's a desire to have a sidewalk on Laurelwood on at least one side. The east side might make more sense based on the topography of the street.

Ernie asked whether we could get a list of property owners to send out information. (Megan suggested asking Jason. Megan said the City or County planning departments should have the information about right of way; we may even want to have a planning person come to a meeting. We could send out a mailing if necessary (either paid for by the City or from our account, depending on what it is).

If you're experiencing flooding on your street, you should call Clean Water Services. You can call the City, but they'll refer you to CWS. This has been a problem on Jamieson.

Because of problems with scheduling at McKay (they're booked in February and have Spring Break in March), Ernie suggested that we consider moving to quarterly meetings. Megan said to double check with Jason, but that should be doable as long as we change it in our bylaws.

New Business: Officer nominations do not require a quorum of board members, so we went ahead with the process even though Martha left early. Sherry is interested in being Vice Chair. Tracy is willing to continue as recorder if she can take the minutes from a recording, as she cannot commit to attending Thursday night meetings.

Tracy moved that we keep the existing officers with the addition of Sherry as Vice Chair. Ernie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

In January, we will have a discussion about how to move forward with the book project with McKay.

Announcements: None.

Meeting end time: 8:29