

City of Beaverton
Neighborhood Association Committee Meeting Minutes

NAC: Denney Whitford / Raleigh West

Date: 27 January 2011

Board members present:

- Chair: Ernie Conway
- Vice Chair: Andrew Bynum
- BCCI Rep: Julia Sathler

- Treasurer: Martha Schauffler
- Recorder: Tracy Thornton

Quorum present? Yes No

Meeting start time: 7:00 pm

Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue Report: No report.

Community Policing Report: Officer Smith from the Beaverton Police Department reminded us of the new technology that allows red light cameras to generate tickets for people who do not fully stop when turning right on a red light. A test period began Jan. 1, 2011 and will continue until Feb. 1, when the department will begin issuing real tickets. During an 8-10 day period in January, the cameras caught 96 people not stopping before turning right on a red light. BPD is doing this to improve safety, particularly for pedestrians, not to increase revenues. In fact, the department is planning to reduce the fees for traffic violations; Beaverton has some of the highest fees in the state.

Regarding the new law banning cell phones while driving, Officer Smith said that the Oregon State Police is focusing more heavily on enforcing the law; Beaverton officers haven't seen many people doing it. It's difficult for officers to enforce it in patrol cars, given the dense traffic in Beaverton. People without handicapped permits parking in handicapped spots continues to be an issue, and there is an officer who focuses on enforcing handicapped parking. If a person with a handicapped permit remains in a car parked in a handicapped space while the driver runs into the store, Officer Smith said that probably wouldn't be an issue (i.e., an officer wouldn't give you a ticket), but he didn't know for sure what the law is in that situation.

Other issues: Be aware of bad weather this time of year, and take your time getting around. The NACs all have Facebook pages now, so look there for more information. The prescription drug turn-in was a great success last year and there should be another one soon; they're run by the DEA, so it depends on their schedule. There will be another shredding event at the Tektronics campus on Feb. 19th. Officer Smith had no new details on the homeless kids situation in Beaverton; he reminded us that the way the number of homeless kids was calculated includes kids who are staying with friends, and that there are not a thousand kids wandering the streets of Beaverton at night.

Guest Speakers:

None

Neighborhood Issues / Concerns:

There is no crosswalk on Scholls Ferry Road at the bus stop directly across from Edgewood Downs Retirement Center. There are two crosswalks at each of the two schools (Whitford Middle School and

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McKay Elementary) on either side of the Center; it's likely that the City or County (Scholls is a county road) would not want to put a crosswalk there since there are two so close by. Ernie will find out who the proper contact person is (Washington County, Tri-Met) about this and report back next month.

2011 officers were elected:

Chair: Ernie Conway

Vice-Chair: Andrew Bynum

Treasurer: Martha Schaffler

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BCCI rep: no volunteers; Ernie will find out whether Ray Bowman can be both the BCCI chair and our rep, or if we have to find someone else.

Ernie reported that THPRD is willing to do a walkthrough of the plan for the stretch of the Fanno Creek Trail that will go behind the Rollingwood neighborhood, but they'd like to wait for drier weather.

The pothole on Scholls Ferry Road at the Allen Blvd. intersection is the responsibility of Washington County, and should be reported to them. Ernie will find the proper number and report back in February.

Another crosswalk issue: why is there no crosswalk on Scholls Ferry Road near the Raleigh Hills Fred Meyer? Again, Scholls is a County road, so the County would need to be contacted.

Meeting end time: 8:15 pm