

City of Beaverton
Neighborhood Association Committee Meeting Minutes

NAC: Denney Whitford / Raleigh West

To be reviewed and approved at the January, 26, 2015 meeting.

Date: Jan. 22, 2015

Board members present:

- Chair: Ernie Conway
- Vice Chair: Sherry Moore
- BCCI Rep: Michelle Lupo

- Treasurer: Martha Schauffler
- Recorder: Tracy Thornton

Quorum present? Yes No

Meeting start time: 7:01 pm

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

Beaverton Police Department Report: Officer Corning gave dates for upcoming events: There will be a document shredding event, now at Sunset Presbyterian Church, from 10 am to 1 pm on February 14; there's a car seat clinic at the Kuni location on Cedar Hills on Feb. 21 from 9 am to 12:30.

Beaverton has hired 4 new police officers. The March Citizens Academy is full for March.

Officer Corning gave out the non-emergency police number for all of Washington County. Traffic complaints can be sent on an online form from the police department website.

Michelle reported a problem with speeders on Maple and 5th, for morning commuters trying to cut from BHH to 5th Ave.; Officer Corning will report it. Sherry noted that she complained about an unnecessarily complicated school bus route, and the school district changed the route based on her request.

Ernie presented Officer Corning with the gift card the NAC approved at the last meeting.

Announcements/Old Business/New Business:

Our meeting for next month may have to be cancelled because McKay is not available. Also, our March meeting falls on Beaverton School District's spring break, so we will not be able to meet at McKay that month either.

Ernie reported that this month we had planned to have someone address the NAC about the work being done on Laurelwood Road. For the benefit of new attendees, he explained the complexity of that part of our NAC: Laurelwood Road itself belongs to the City, but the property on either side may belong to Washington County or the City. The problem: on the north side of Beaverton-Hillsdale Highway, the property on Laurelwood was annexed into the City (one property deep on each side) because the people living on that street wanted their street fixed and the County said they didn't have any money. The issue with Laurelwood on the south side, the part in our NAC, relates to safety concerns because of the lack of sidewalks.

The new Capital Improvement Plan introduces a 5 year plan (instead of 2 years as in the past). Ernie went to a meeting to decide how to prioritize projects. Under the new plan, when something goes into the plan, it's guaranteed to be fixed, although not necessarily this year. Adding sidewalks to one side of Laurelwood (they don't know which side) is now on the plan, but it will likely be 2018 before the work can be completed, based on the priorities in the current plan. There's currently a big emphasis on creating a vibrant downtown and improving the Creekside District in addition to the urban renewal district.

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Making Denney Road three lanes with sidewalks is on the plan, but it got very low priority because of the very high cost. However, the project aggregates three different phases which wouldn't all be done at the same time, so the cost may be misleading when trying to evaluate it.

The County is planning to put a sidewalk (or "pedestrian facilities," according to the flyer) on Scholls Ferry Road between Whitford Middle School and Denney Road. The NAC has long advocated for better sidewalks anywhere on Scholls Ferry Road between Denney and Hall, so this is great news. Construction is expected to start in the summer of 2015.

Officer Reports:

Treasurer's report: No report. Martha will need to reimburse Tracy (or Ernie) for Officer Corning's gift card (i.e., write a check).

BCCI: Michelle gave the BCCI Report. The Visioning Advisory Committee did a cleanup in the Vose neighborhood. It was very successful. There was a BCCI presentation ("36 Years of BCCI") at the last City Council meeting. They're looking forward to a new year now that the holidays are over. Michelle passed around information on matching grants and the City's recent demographic study. There's another BCCI meeting on Monday.

Minutes: Sherry moved to approve the September minutes as written. Ernie seconded the motion and it passed unanimously with one abstention (Michelle wasn't here for the last meeting).

Guest Speakers:

Todd Kimble of Genesis Human Resources spoke. He explained that Genesis will work for any business that brings peace to the planet, and he described many types of businesses they're currently involved with. Todd is at this meeting representing a couple of people from the neighborhood as an example of the work he does. Kevin was featured on "Everyday Heroes" on Channel 2; he has autism, but he's passionate about cleaning up the environment. He does this by rescuing abandoned shopping carts on his bike using a special trailer. He does this without any payment. He hopes to work in a store someday, but has difficulty getting hired because of his condition. Todd is telling Kevin's story because he's looking for the right HR manager to give him a chance. Kevin would really like to work in his own neighborhood. If anyone in the neighborhood would like to give Kevin a chance, they should contact Todd (toddk@genesishumanresources.com; 503-960-4683). Terrence worked for 20 years for the Dept. of Environmental Quality. He retired but needs to go back to work. He's been volunteering as a court advocate for people with mental illness. He's very intellectual and would be a great person in a nonprofit who is looking for an advocate or liaison. Todd noted that the job search process has become very impersonal, and he's trying to make it more personal by sharing these stories. Ernie will check to see what we can post on our Facebook page about this organization. Michelle suggested that Todd be added to the City's speaker list so that other NACs could get this information, particularly those with a higher concentration of businesses such as Central Beaverton or Five Oaks/Triple Creek.

Land Use Issues: Ernie received one public hearing notice over the holiday break. It was for the church property that was purchased by Beaverton Honda (on 107th between Beaverton-Hillsdale Highway and Canyon Rd.). The business wanted to make an exception to the width of the sidewalks. There was some frustration in the neighborhood because some people said they didn't get the notice about the hearing; this may have been the common, and ongoing, problem of jurisdiction that we face in this part of Beaverton (City issues go to City residents, County issues to County, etc.).

There was an open house for 170th and Merlo to figure out what to do for the area to the southwest of Nike, because Nike has completed de-annexation of the City property they acquired. Jenkins is going to

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Walker was going to be improved, but that will wait now that Nike is doing more construction. They're looking at putting in a roundabout at the intersection of 170th and Merlo, because this is an ideal place for such a traffic control device. There will not be another public hearing on this, but you can submit information if you'd like.

There's an open house for the new high school in South Beaverton on Feb. 12th. There will be a public meeting for the Fred Meyer fueling station. They've redesigned what they want to do and addressed the issues that the Planning Commission had with their last proposal. They will be presenting at Central Beaverton's February meeting. Ernie noted that the developers on this project have been very good about keeping neighboring NACs (like ours) in the loop.

Other Business: Sherry gave an update on some of the matching grant project ideas at McKay Elementary. She will continue working with the principal on these ideas.

Ernie moved that we support the matching grant for McKay (assume the paperwork is completed and accepted). Tracy seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Meeting end time: 8:32