

Minutes of the Five Oaks Triple Creek NAC Meeting

Tuesday, March 8th, 2011, 7:00 PM
Elmonica School Cafeteria
16950 SW Lisa Court, Beaverton, Oregon

Board Members present

David Kamin, Dave James, Gayle Seely, Richard Pickett, Dennis Seely, Regina Ford

Attendees

Brian Stevens, Rebecca Fitzsimmons, Marc San Souci, William Standridge, Michelle Standridge, Ron Youngman, Sheryl Tichenor, Ruth Ann Nicklin

Agenda

7:00 - 7:05 **Welcome and Introductions** of NAC Officers and Board Members

7:05 - 7:10 **Approval of the February Minutes:**

A motion to approve the minutes was made and passed.

Treasurer's Report:

\$5,89.82 is our exact balance at this time

7:10 - 7:20 **Announcements**

- There is a "**Pooches on the Green**" Event on Saturday March 19th from 11:00 to 3:00 on the Green in front of the downtown City library.
More information is available at www.beavertonoregon.gov/pooches
- There is a request for volunteers for the **International Sustainable Leadership Project**. The organizers are seeking persons in the age categories 18 to 24 years old. Twenty five volunteers will serve in Beaverton during weekdays between July 18th and August 5th, 2011.
More information is available at:
www.beavertonoregon.gov/departments/sistercities/isl/participationBeaverton.aspx
- **Habitat for Humanity ReStore Grand Opening** will be on Friday, April 22nd. this next store will be located at 13475 S W Millikan Way, an old Tektronix location.
More information is at <http://pdxrestore.org>
- Join Metro's new Online Opinion Panel - called "**OPTin**".
Add your voice to decisions that affect your community: it's quick, easy and it is confidential. Join at <http://oregonmetro.gov/>
- There will be a **Senior Financial Health Forum** on Saturday March 12th from 10 a.m. to noon, entitled "Social Security 101". It will be led by Alan Edwards, Public Affairs Specialist with the SSA. View the flyer about this meeting at www.beavertonoregon.gov/mayor/scac/docs/ssaEvent032011.pdf
- There is a new **website for the project to widen Highway 26**, where you can learn more about the project and review the progress. Please access at URL: http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/Hwy/Region1/US26_Mod/Index.shtml

- **Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District** (THPRD) will be holding neighborhood meetings to present design concepts and solicit input from the community for the Pioneer Park redevelopment, 14545 NW Pioneer Rd, Beaverton. The meeting will be on Thursday March 31, 2011 at 6:30 P.M. at the HMT Complex's Dryland Training Room, on SW 158th Avenue and SW Walker Road. More information can be found at:
<http://www.thprd.org/bondprojects/project.cfm?id=87&projectname=Pioneer%20Park%20--%20park%20redevelopment>
- David James has received a new publication on our NAC, including our Bridge event and also Autumn Ridge Park clean-up and planting.

7:20 **Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue (TVF&R) Report**

The TVF&R did not attend. We assume that they are working.

7:30 **Beaverton Police Report**

Officer Van Cleve did not attend this evening.

We assume he is also working and wish him well.

7:40 **Beaverton Committee for Citizen Involvement (BCCI) Report**

Richard Pickett. Learn more about BCCI at www.BeavertonOregon.gov/BCCI

Richard was not able to attend the last BCCI meeting because of his illness, but he has some announcements to add from that meeting's minutes.

OPTin is an excellent opportunity to provide some input: Metro is asking individuals who are interested to join a panel, and they would be given 2 surveys a month to respond to. The partners of this effort are excellent partners. They are offering Powell's gift certificates as compensation. Richard has asked how the information that is collected gets parsed to the necessary community organizations.

The Living Greener Neighborhood Summit will be on Saturday on April the 9th from 9:00 to 12:30 in the main downtown library. There will be lots of prizes and events all day long so Richard encourages all to attend. Please visit:

www.beavertonoregon.gov/livinggreener

ISing Community Choir will be conducting events on April 29th, 30th and May 1st at the Bethel Congregational United Church of Christ at 5150 S W Watson Avenue, here in Beaverton. The admission charge is "free" and the program is entitled "A Road Less Traveled" featuring choral music out of the South and North America.

7:45 **Discussion about the new WalMart Grocery store being opened** where Ashley Furniture is right now on Cornell across from the 173rd intersection.

This is going to be a 44,000 square foot grocery store. Marc San Souci reports that this is apparently part of their new strategy to overcome the public resistance to their Super Stores. This will not be the largest grocery store in the area, nor the smallest. This will compete with the new Target Super Store, which will be carrying groceries soon.

Michelle Standridge and her husband are here at the meeting this evening because she is concerned about impact of more traffic from the new Store. She feels sure that the traffic will increase. Because of all the recent widening of the roads - 173rd, and Cornell - there is a problem with egress and she is concerned that there will be horrible traffic jams and that will lead to gridlock. She has spoken with the Jabra Khasho, at the City of Beaverton about possibly reducing the speed limit on Cornell. She questions the logic behind the 'science', which is the current way of setting speed limits, that reports

that whatever speed is comfortable for drivers is the one that is chosen to be posted. She questions this and believes that the road is not likely to be able to handle the load. Jabra Khasho has promised that he would look into doing a traffic study about the number of vehicles and speed on 173rd, which is what she is really concerned about.

David James will send a letter to the police department to ask them to watch out for the speeders on 173rd.

Marc San Souci points out that the speed limits are managed by the State of Oregon, and Washington County, NOT the City of Beaverton. There is a bill in the state legislature right now that might modify this structure of who sets the speed limits on the roads. But Marc has not read the bill, so he cannot comment on the chances that it will pass and what it will, in fact, change.

7:55 **Solar Beaverton Presentation** by Rebecca Fitzsimmons, City of Beaverton.

The City is rolling out a community residential solar program, **Solar Beaverton**, starting on March 1. Rebecca spoke of the 2010 pilot program, and give information on how to participate in the new program. Read the entire press release at

www.beavertonoregon.gov/government/press2011/SolarBeaverton_02-16-2011.pdf

Solar Beaverton has negotiated some excellent rates to encourage citizens to install solar panels so that they can cut down their fossil fuel usage. There are excellent tax credits in place and the ROI (return on investment) is likely to be around 7 years at the current energy rates. However, energy rates continue to go up, so it could also be sooner.

There are seminar's on Wednesday, March 9th, Monday March 21st, Tuesday, March 29th, and Saturday, April 9th. The flyer with complete information is at the bottom of these minutes.

Prior to the pilot program last year only 5 houses in Beaverton had has solar installed, but now there are 62 houses. The target that the Mayor has set is for 220 additional homes set up on solar over the next 2 years. Mark San Souci's solar has been a great success, and he has noticed that the panels generate power even on cloudy days.

A rule of thumb is 100 square feet of panels (4 panels) for 1 kilowatt of energy.

Marc has 262 square feet of panels. His panels are visually a pretty low profile. The panels can be seen from the street but they are not particularly noticeable.

The process involves several inspections, which allows you to take advantage of the tax credits.

The company that has been chosen to be the Solar partner for this year is a local company, owned by a Beaverton resident.

One of the tax credits comes from the Federal government, which goes to the local contractor to reduce the rate further. There is also a tax credit with the State of Oregon which goes over three years, and goes with the person even if he sells the property. There is also an additional tax credit against state income, to reimburse the person's installation costs, which can be implemented at any time.

Marc expects to recoup his net outcome – around \$3,000.00 – within 10 years at most.

David Kamin asks if Tax Credits are available to Beaverton School Districts, and the answer is yes. But the tax credits need to be sold, as in 'passed through' to someone else, since they are a non-profit organization.

Marc San Souci predicts that we will far exceed the Mayor's goal of 220 additional homes.

David Kamin recommends we try to convince apartment building owners to install Solar panels on their roofs.

8:10 - 8:15 **Autumn Ridge Park Update**, David Kamin.

Last weekend and the weekend before there were work parties, and on February 26th, when it was 19 degrees they had 25 people show up including a number of scouts. They planted 700 shrubs and the next day David and his family planted about 200 more. Then, the following Tuesday, the Park District planted another 200.

This last weekend there were close to 40 volunteers, including 16 young women from a local university and they were able to plant all the plants.

They have done approximately half of the park at this point.

The THPRD has scheduled 2 more work parties in the near future. The next work party will be April 9th and the following one will be May 7th, which will conflict with the opening of the Beaverton Farmer's Market, where our NAC always runs the Cinnamon Roll Booth, but we will work it out.

Five Oaks Middle School has decided that they would like to adopt the park, and are sending kids once a month to pull up invasive species plants.

The City of Beaverton is providing matching funds because of David's grant requests and are far ahead of the requisite volunteer hours that would be needed.

David has chosen quite a few different plants this time, including a number of berry bearing plants. David also planted an 'avenue' of dogwood plants right through the middle of the park.

8:15 **Adjourn**



Solar Beaverton the Time is Now!

Solar Beaverton Upcoming Workshops

- Wednesday, March 9** **Basics of Solar Workshop**
6:30 – 7:30 PM - Beaverton City Library
- Monday, March 21** **Financials of Going Solar**
6:30- 7:30 PM - Tualatin Hills Nature Park Interpretative Center
- Tuesday, March 29** **Net Metering (Spinning the meter backwards)**
7:00- 8:00 PM – Conestoga Recreation Center Room 203
- Saturday, April 9** **Basics of Solar**
1:00- 2:00 PM – Beaverton City Library
Living Greener Summit

More workshops and presentations always being added....
check solarbeaverton.org for more dates.

Solar Beaverton Program Information

Prices

System over 3kW: \$5.50 a watt

System under 3kW: \$5.75 a watt

*Zero down financing options available as well!

Base Price for a 3kW system	\$16,500.00
Energy trust incentive	(\$5,250.00)
OR Tax Credit	(\$6,000.00)
Federal Tax Credit	(\$3,375.00)
Final Cost	\$1,875.00

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