

## **Minutes of the Five Oaks Triple Creek NAC Meeting**

Tuesday, January 11th, 2011, 7:00 PM  
Elmonica School Cafeteria  
16950 SW Lisa ST, Beaverton, Oregon

### **Board Members present**

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

### **Attendees**

Douglas Sponseller, Ruth Ann Nicklin, Jim Prelack, Gery Keck, THPRD, and Michael Janin, THPRD, Dave VanCleve, Beaverton Police Department

### **Presenters:**

#### **7:00 Welcome and Introductions of New NAC Officers and Board Member**

Dave James opened the meeting. He requested that we all go around the room and introduce ourselves.

Dave suggested that we can all review the agenda ahead of time by reviewing online at [http://www.beavertonoregon.gov/departments/NAC/FiveOaks\\_TripleCreek/](http://www.beavertonoregon.gov/departments/NAC/FiveOaks_TripleCreek/)

#### **7:05 Approval of the December Minutes, Treasurer's Report, and Agenda Additions**

The minutes were approved.

The new treasurer, Regina Ford, is in attendance at this meeting, but the outgoing treasurer, Mr. Hooson, is not. David Kamin filled in with information about the amount that had recently been spent at the Autumn Ridge work party, which was \$12.00. That leaves a balance of approximately \$5,900.00. The transfer of access from the old treasurer to the new treasurer will be completed this month and a full report will be provided at the February meeting.

#### **7:10 Announcements**

2011 State of the City address will be on next Wednesday night at 6:30.

A NAC leadership and training is coming up on January 26<sup>th</sup> in the city library in conference room A. All new leaders should attend.

THPRD is seeking new members for its Natural Resource Advisory Committee. The group meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month from 6:30 at the Elsie Stuhr Center.

THPRD will be putting together a Parks Advisory committee that is a brand new group and will meet once every other month and discuss things that pertain to parks. Please go online to the THPRD to sign up for this group

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

The TVF&R did not attend. The weather this evening is ice, snow, and freezing rain, and we trust that they are out helping local citizens on the road or in their homes.

#### **7:25 Beaverton Police Report, Officer VanCleve**

- 1.) December crime stats:
  - 3 criminal mischief
  - 10 thefts
  - 7 vehicle thefts
  - 3 thefts from vehicles
  - 3 stolen vehicles and
- 2.) Camera's at the intersections are now photographing right turns. Beaverton Police have asked for 3 additional traffic units, meaning persons, to help with the expected influx of citations. The request is for a lieutenant and 2 officers. Once hired they will go to the Traffic unit of the City of Beaverton. Also, because of the likely additional traffic citations, the Court is asking for an additional clerk to process that paperwork. There will not be any new cameras at intersections. Existing cameras will be activated to go off if there is a violation.
- 3.) The City evaluated the pricing of their current fines by comparing them to other local areas and has decided to lower them because they have been higher than the regional norm.
- 4.) The City is also going to implement a fix-it ticket for problems with the condition of your vehicle
- 5.) Beaverton police now has their own Facebook page.
- 6.) Lots of exciting things will be happening this year and the mayor is asking for input from citizens regarding to the new police building.

**7:35 Jim Prelack, a volunteer speaker with the Oregon Food Bank (OFB)**

Jim Prelack joined us to discuss the many aspects to the Oregon Food Bank's operation including: Logistical, Educational, Volunteer Opportunities, Learning Gardens and more.

He has been volunteering with Oregon Food Bank for a number of years and has recently switched into a speaking role, to help the community understand the need for food help.

**Hunger is a growth industry in this region.**

Their new building, which is in our NAC, is one of the first buildings in the USA that have been built explicitly for the storage, packaging, distribution and managing the Oregon Food Bank.

In 2009 in any given month there was an average of 243,000 people who needed food at one time or another. At sometime in that month they did not know where their food was going to come from. Some people think of the people who use the Food bank as the homeless, but in fact they are usually the working poor, often working for minimum wage. Because that amount of money does not feed a family, usually by the end of the month, even with other supplementary services, food kitchens, churches, etc, these people find that their cupboard is bare. In many cases these people could be your neighbors.

Washington county has the ironic distinction of having both the highest per capita income in the state, as well as the highest per capita hunger. OFB West, based on 173<sup>rd</sup> near Five Oaks Middle School, supplies a lot of food resources throughout Oregon

– including up into Clark County. OFB has their own fleet of trucks and moves the food to various locations throughout the regions.

**What the Oregon Food Bank does:**

Their primary function is to repackage non-perishable foods, these are the foods with long shelf life. OFB often acquires large quantities of non-perishables, such as multiple truck loads of these items, either purchasing them with direct donations or with money from the government, private donors, companies that donate food or money. Many of the donations are from local, average people, from modest checks that they write. Many donations come from the farmers throughout the Willamette Valley.

OFB can extend the value of donations quite a bit farther than you or I because of their purchasing power.

There are also perishable: dairy products, meat products, etc. Many of these donations are from supermarkets – Albertsons, Safeway, QFC, etc – and these types of donations are intercepted between the sell-by date and the maximum-use date. These items are typically turned around in a 24 hour period.

OFB also provides classes on how to eat healthy meals on a low budget. They also teach people how to do organic farming, and in fact have several organic gardens that are manned by volunteers. Private gardeners also donate some of their produce to the OFB.

Canned goods are another category, particularly after the Oregon Blues Festival, where cans of food are collected as required for entry. This Festival is one of the biggest in the country, so this produces a vast amount of canned goods. OFB tosses out damaged cans, but even recycles those by feeding their contents to pigs.

OFB checks all their foods for recalls, etc, in case the government has posted a recall. There is also a letter carrier drive in the fall, and these items are donated to the OFB.

**Volunteering:**

So how does all this stuff get repackaged? A lot of hands.

In 2009 the volunteer hours equaled roughly 45 full time employees. Volunteers can be individuals, groups, families, companies, whatever works. On the website there are listed a number of shifts where volunteers are needed. They really need for people to sign up, versus just walking in the door. They do expect a legal release for kids who wish to volunteer.

There is usually a dry goods operation and a frozen goods operations going on at the same time. The frozen goods operation is conducted in a huge warehouse that is kept at 50 degrees Fahrenheit.

Community groups can order food off the website – from the OFB. They can then take delivery at the loading dock at the appointed time.

Regina Ford, our NAC treasurer, has volunteered in the OFB garden and spent quite a bit of time volunteering in the local garden, picking green beans. The garden produced many bushels of beans, and when she picked them and packed them in the bags OFB included recipes on how to prepare the foods. Recipes for beans, but also recipes for tomatoes and other produce.

Two ways that our NAC could do to assist are to

- 1.) Make private donations.
- 2.) Sign up as a group and come in and volunteer.

Our NAC will set up a link on our Facebook page.

If you want to learn more about Oregon Food Bank, here are 2 links:

The speaker's bureau can be accessed here:

<https://secure.oregonfoodbank.org/Organize-a-Food-Drive/Request-a-Speaker>

and the new volunteer application can be accessed here:

<https://secure.oregonfoodbank.org/Volunteer/Volunteer-Applications/New-Individual-Application>

### **8:25 Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District ( THPRD )**

**Gery Keck, Senior Park Planner**, and **Michael Janin, Supervisor of Security Operations** spoke on behalf of the latest news from the THPRD

They presented a printed version of a Powerpoint presentation on the new ***Parks Bond Measure Update***.

A summary of what THPRD does and who they are:

In the Tualatin Hills Parks and Recreation District there are 50 square miles that needs to be patrolled, and their area covers 220,000 people. There are 113 miles of trails, 6 recreational centers, and they offer 3000 classes per year. Classes are offered to toddlers up to 125 years old seniors. All age groups participate.

Recreation is a stress-reducer. And many local citizens know this and are taking great advantage of the choices.

THPRD is committed to a sustainability plan – meaning that people should not have to travel to recreate, but rather to walk out their front door.

The community approved the 2008 Bond Measure. One of the wonderful results is that new parks are being purchased at very low land prices.

There were 129 bond funded capital projects. 86 have been started. 26 have been completed. All have come in our under budget. All projects should be done by 2016. THPRD continues to work with clean-water services to keep things natural, sustainable, and to avoid overdevelopment.

The next project is Trail expansion. One, in particular, that Mike Janin is excited about is near our NAC. What is not well known about the trail system, is that THPRD is working on plans that will connect their trails up so as to come from Hillsboro, go all the way across the city, connect up with Fanno Creek, and then go all the way into Portland. The newest one starts at Barrows, goes up Mt Williams, and there will be a fishing dock.

Land in Beaverton used to be \$500,000.00 an acre, but due to the economy they are able to acquire new park land for considerably less. Land deals are taking a little longer, however, because of some of the complications from the economy.

Primarily, THPRD is looking to provide quality parks for it's citizens.

Conestoga Center and the Elsie Stuhr Center are both slated for expansions. They are upgrading several parks, including Waterhouse Park. These expansions include 'water pads'. The first one will be at Conestoga. The second one will be at Cedar Hills by Walker Elementary.

All the plans for all the projects are on the website. Every project has it's own webpage, and all meetings related to each project are posted on these pages. Conestoga will include a new waterfall.

There will be ADA improvements throughout the park systems.

Their sports programs are booming, from kindergarten through seniors.

They will continue to use structural pressure treated wood for the underpinnings of most walking structures, such as boardwalks and bridges, but will move forward to use only plastic recycled products because of wear-ability and the fact that it is less likely to be slippery. There will be a trail that parallels the light rail and connects up from Tigard.

A first report on the performance of the bond is now available. It is produced by the Bond Oversight Committee, which is chaired by our NAC member, Mark San Souci.

Copies of the publication was made available to all attendees.

There are three or four rangers that are employed with the THPRD. They work with the Park Patrol officers reporting to Mike Janin. The Security department of the THPRD runs 365 days a year.

PLEASE keep the Park Patrol Security Office number near your phone, or in your cell phone, or both. The number is 971 246-0169. Please feel free to contact the Patrol any time, day or night.

Regarding free run dog parks: Lisa Novak, Superintendent of Special Programs at THPRD, is leading up the program to implement free run dog parks in the THPRD. There is one planned in the south of the district, but so far not in our northern region. They are also working with PCC to put a dog park in their new facility off of Springville road.

One of their challenges with the new trail system is mid block crossings on the larger highways, such as TV Highway. There are only four approved types of crossings, but they are trying to think of more ways to solve this problem. Several NAC attendees suggested some underpasses in conjunction with Clean Water Services, such as a 12 foot diameter pipe with a stream running through it that goes under the highway.

THPRD's Sustainability Program is chaired by the Superintendent of Sustainability, Bruce Barbarasch. They try to select products that are natural, local, save energy, are recycled, and save money. Most of the consultants that THPRD hires are LEED certified.

For more information, please go to  
<http://www.thprd.org/bondprojects>

### **8:50 Autumn Ridge Park Restoration Update:**

The work party on January 8<sup>th</sup> was very productive. There were 5 people attending. Cathy Stanton of the Beaverton City Council came and Dominique from the Oregonian. After 3 hours most went home, but David Kamin and Dennis Seely went down into a hollow to pull out some blackberries for another hour. While there they discovered 2 pine trees that had been planted last February, which they thought to have died, but which had succeeded in surviving in spite of the black berries.

There is another work party on February 5<sup>th</sup> (see attached flyer). For more information contact David Kamin at (503) 291-5715 or at davidk@johnlscott

### **8:57 Dave James Closed the meeting**