

Minutes pending review and approval at the March 10, 2015 FOTC NAC Meeting.



Five Oaks Triple Creek Neighborhood Association Committee (NAC) Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 10, 2015, 7:00PM
Elmonica Elementary School
16950 SW Lisa Court, Beaverton, Oregon

Meeting Attendees

Dennis Seely, David Kamin, Dave James, Gayle Seely, John Hooson, Richard Pickett, Regina Ford, Don Davis, Mira Vaole, Jose Perez, Alexis Ball, MSW (City of Beaverton), Ken Reiner, Erin Hatch, Jenny Bowns-Fears (New Seasons Market), Cameron Irtifa, Cynthia Peterson, Sheryl Tichenor, Ashley Wheeler, Greg Papoft and Firefighters from TVF&R Station # 61.

7:00 – 7:03 Call To Order

The meeting was called to order by Dennis Seely, Chair, Five Oaks Triple Creek NAC (FOTC). Everyone attending the meeting was asked to introduce themselves to the group.

7:03 – 7:05 Approval of the Minutes, Treasury Report & Agenda Additions

A **motion** was made, seconded and unanimously approved to accept the meeting minutes as recorded from the January 13, 2014 FOTC NAC Meeting.

John Hooson, NAC Treasurer, provided a Treasury Report. Mr. Hooson informed the Board that as of February 10, 2015 the ending balance in the FOTC NAC Treasury is \$8,127.97. The Treasurer's Report was accepted by the Board.

7:05 – 7:13 Announcements

NAC Chair Dennis Seely informed the Board that the Highland NAC is considering turning over the management of the Farmer's Market Community Booth (Cinnamon Roll Booth) to the Community due to the lack of NAC resources to assist with the work involved. Further communication is planned among the FOTC Board Members regarding our involvement in helping ensure the future of the Community Booth.

7:05 – 7:13 **Announcements**

The next two work parties at Autumn Ridge Park are scheduled for Saturday, March 14th, and April 18th, 2015 from 9:00am to 12:00pm. Volunteers will be removing Ivy and Blackberry bushes from the natural area in the park. Everyone is welcome to participate and light snacks and beverages will be provided.

The City of Beaverton recently created the Beaverton Brownfields Program in order to access and develop remediation planning related to brownfields within Beaverton's Enterprise Zone. As part of this effort, a Community Engagement Team has been established. An Open House is planned for March 9th from 4:30 to 8:30pm at the Beaverton City Library located at 12375 SW 5th Street. Ms. Carmela Browns lives in the VOSE NAC and is a participant on the Community Engagement Team. For more information, contact Ms. Browns at 503.430.1991.

The Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District (THPRD) is accepting applications for six positions on their Parks Bond Citizen Oversight Committee. The Committee was established to ensure that the park district meets the objectives of its 2008 voter-approved bond measure and that the funds from the bond measure are being used as planned. Applications will be accepted through February 23, 2015 and individuals interested in serving on the Committee will find applications available on the THPRD website at www.thprd.org.

Free Tax Preparation help is available through a partnership between the City of Beaverton, CASH Oregon and AARP from February 3rd to April 15th at the Beaverton Activities Center located at 12500 SW Allen Boulevard. Walk-in assistance is available only during the following hours: Tuesday through Friday: 11:00am - 7:00pm and Saturdays: 9:00am - 5:00pm. Tax preparation for English and Spanish speaking residents is available.

The next NAC Quarterly Leadership Meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 9th from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at the Beaverton Building in the Beaverton Executive Suites (Room 390) located at 12725 SW Millikan Way. Topics will include the upcoming NAC Involvement & Awareness Challenge and the survey results relating to the Picnic in the Park Events. Questions regarding the meeting can be directed to Jennifer Yamashiro at jamashiro@beavertonoregon.gov.

NAC Vice-Chair David Kamin informed the Board of a letter he received from a resident, living in Stonegate at Waterhouse, making neighbors aware of a possible animal rights protest that could occur in the neighborhood. The protest is possibly related to some research that is or has been conducted in the Seattle area. Both the Beaverton Police Department and the Washington County Sheriff's Office are aware of the potential protest.

A free Car Seat Clinic is scheduled for Saturday, March 21st at the Kuni Collision Center located at 3725 SW Cedar Hills Boulevard. The clinic will run from 9:00am until 12:30pm.

7:13 – 7:20 **Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue (TVF&R) Report**

Firefighters from TVF&R Station #61 reminded the meeting attendees that February is American Heart Association Month and encouraged individuals to attend training on conducting hands-on CPR and to become aware of where the nearest AED device is located.

In the event of a cardiac event, individuals should call 911 first and then apply hands-on CPR. Hands-on CPR can keep a person alive if performed properly. There will be a large display through the month of February at Washington Square devoted to the Hands-On CPR Campaign.

Responding to several questions, the Firefighters shared information on what is involved in CPR Training and what a person could expect to learn. Also mentioned by the Firefighters was PulsePoint, a smart phone application that was developed to make individuals aware of any cardiac incident in their general area as well as where the nearest AED device is located. More information regarding hands-on CPR and PulsePoint is available at www.tvfr.com.

7:20 **Beaverton Police Report**

Officer VanCleve was not available to provide a monthly report. The next report will be made at the March 10th meeting of the Five Oaks Triple Creek NAC.

7:20 – 7:31 **Beaverton Committee for Community Involvement**

Board Member Gayle Seely, NAC Representative to the Beaverton Committee for Community Involvement (BCCI), provided the report from the January 26, 2015 BCCI Meeting. The BCCI Meeting was the first meeting for newly elected Chair Ali Kavarianian.

Ms. April Olbrich attended the meeting to share information about the Tualatin Valley Watershed Council. The Council's mission is to foster better stewardship and understanding of the Tualatin River Watershed resources; address natural resource issues; and ensure sustainable watershed health, functions and uses. The Council which has 20 stakeholders was formed in 1993, authorized by the Washington County Commissioners in 1996 and became a non-profit organization in 2004. More information is available at www.trwc.org.

Board Member Richard Pickett provided information regarding his recent roll as the BCCI Board Representative to the Capital Improvement Plan/Stakeholder Review Committee. The Committee was created to review potential projects, throughout the City of Beaverton, to determine their numerical ranking relative to several criteria. The criteria included items such as; bicycle and pedestrian safety, quality of life, transportation flow, and the connection to the Beaverton Community Vision. The projects varied in size and cost and were requested from a number of sources including residents calling into the City. The Committee held several meetings and the project rankings and recommendations, from the meetings, will be used to help determine the projects to be included in the next Capital Improvement Plan.

7:31 – 8:06 **Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Presentation**

Alexis D. R. Ball, Equity Outreach Coordinator, City of Beaverton informed the meeting attendees that one in three residents living in Beaverton is a person of color. This number is in stark contrast to the one in one hundred residents being of color living in Beaverton in 1970. The current statistics provide added proof of the challenges ahead and the need for outreach activities within the City of Beaverton.

According to Ms. Ball, 25 percent of the residents of Beaverton were born outside the United States and 28 percent of Beaverton residents speak a language other than English at home. In the Beaverton School District, there are 90 different languages spoken by students. The City of Beaverton is changing and organizations throughout the City need to be more welcoming, inclusive and responsive. The benefits to the community of engaging all members of our community are immeasurable.

There is an interest and a need for the City to become more engaging with our diverse residents. The question is how best to go about getting individuals involved, who due to past experiences in another country may be suspicious of government at all levels. One possible place to begin is to conduct community meetings that are welcoming to the public.

Ms. Ball shared the recommendations from the Mayor's Diversity Advisory Board in the form of a booklet entitled City of Beaverton; Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Plan. The booklet provides demographic information regarding our changing population. In the booklet, challenges have been identified and goals have been created to address areas such as; Language Access, Individual and Family Support, Public Safety, Economic Opportunity, Health and Wellness, City Practices and the future need for a Multicultural Community Center. The Plan has been adopted by the Mayor and City Council and implementation is in process.

Jenny Bowns-Fears, Community Coordinator, New Seasons Market was in attendance and she shared the fact that her company has recognized its responsibility to the community by providing space to conduct informal English language instruction at the Cedar Hills Boulevard location. One day each week residents wishing to improve their English can drop by the store and hone their language skills.

The 13-member Diversity Advisory Board meets every second Monday of the month and the meetings are open to the public. The City of Beaverton; Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Plan is available at www.beavertonoregon.gov/DAB. Ms. Ball can be reached at 503.526.2503 or at aball@beavertonoregon.gov.

8:06 – 9:00 **Discussion of a NAC Signature Event and Livability**

In the way of an update, the idea for a community garden on a triangular piece of property from NW 176th to NW 178th has run into complications due to the ownership of the property. In addition to the ownership issue, there are issues of where to get water, management of the site, insurance and fencing.

8:06 – 9:00 **Discussion of a NAC Signature Event and Livability**

Vice-Chair David Kamin provided a brief history of the Autumn Ridge Park Restoration Project and the close working relationship that our NAC has developed with THPRD during the past 7 years that we have been conducting work parties at the park. With matching grants from the City of Beaverton's Neighborhood Program Office, we have been able to remove invasive plants and replant the park with native plants. Given the relationships developed over the past seven years, the idea was introduced that natural areas or area park work could become our Signature Event in the NAC.

The comment was made that a recycling location should be explored to handle items like cans and bottles. The general feeling at the meeting is that the majority of the stores in the area do not offer adequate services for recycling the cans and bottles from the beverages that they sell. Recycling machines at the stores are few and often not working and contact with a manager at one store has not made any recognizable difference in resolving the issue. In a final comment on the issue, Ms. Bowns-Fears, shared that her store, on Cedar Hills Boulevard, offers a program where residents can drop off their cans and bottles, the store will count the items and the deposit money is given back to the resident or the School District if requested.

More discussion is planned regarding a Signature Event.

9:00 **Meeting Adjourned**

Minutes submitted by Richard Pickett.

