

Five Oaks Triple Creek NAC Minutes

March 9th, 2010

Officers & Board Members Present

Melissa Nourigat, David Kamin, Gayle Seely, Jo-Ann Conzen, David James, Richard Pickett

NAC Members Present

Officer Van Cleve, TVF&R Station, Alan, Julia & Stephan Aldous, Chuck Oliver, Frank Schmidt, Gary Dent, David West

Visitors Present

John Somoza, April Olbrich, Todd Watkins

Treasurers Report: \$5,700.00 approximately on hand. We have only spent about \$25.00 for refreshments for the last work party at Autumn Ridge Park

Minutes were read, with correction, and approved

TVF&R Report: Officers with TVF&R Station 61:

The lead officer reported that the TVF&R and excited about a few FJ Cruisers that will be out in May. They will be responding to some of the new non-emergent calls. They are expected to take some pressure off some of the emergent calls. That is really it that is new for the Beaverton area, but they do have some new stations opening in their regional system: West Linn opened yesterday, Progress is scheduled to open in April.

An explanation of "Emergent" calls vs "non-emergent" calls is as follows: for instance: chest pain, or seizure, or a fire, would be emergent. Sick, nagging pain, water problems, are examples of non-emergent calls. They have about 40,000 calls in their system and they are trying to be more efficient with their response times.

"Unknown if injury ABA" is the kind of call they get a lot of. The FJ Cruisers should help by being able to go to a number of these kind of calls.

Drivers are reminded to please remember to pull to the right on the road when there is a siren. The officer did acknowledge that he has noticed a number of people have been doing better at this, but it has been a problem with Beaverton area drivers in the past.

The Officer is leaving some printed information on kitchen fires. There have been a number of fires of this type lately, and he wants to remind us of the safety issues around this problem.

Police Report: Officer Van Cleve reported that there have only been two burglaries in this NAC area during the month. Recently Mayor Doyle has commented that Beaverton has

been voted the safest city in the northwest for the 3rd year in a row. Also, Mayor Doyle has announced that they are looking for another location (new building) for new Police Headquarters and City Hall.

Office Shawn Todd is the new Community Resource Office.

April 10th, Car Seat Clinic

April 19th, a free shredding clinic

Announcements:

Proposed widening of Bethany Boulevard:

Washington county is going to be forwarding an Advisory committee because they are thinking of widening N W Bethany Boulevard between N W Bronson and West Union Road. There will be an open house on March 30th from 5:00 to 7:30 at the Oak Hills Elementary School regarding the proposed improvements. Representatives from Washington County, along with representatives from the Design Engineering Firm who will be doing the work, WHPacific, will be present to present plans and answer questions.

A link to the project is <http://projects.whpacific.com/bethanyblvd>.

Autumn Ridge Park Re-development Project:

There was a very successful planting work party in February. 45 volunteers attended. They were able to remove 7000-8000 sq feet of blackberry and ivy and then planted 1000 new plants.

"Give a Day, Get a Day" Promotion:

David Kamin explained how the new promotion from THPRD in conjunction with Walt Disney Parks, will work. "Give a Day, Get a Day" is designed to encourage community volunteerism, and volunteers can earn a free admission ticket to a Disney park if they donate a day of their time to an approved community effort. May 15th is next scheduled work day.

If you want to participate, the process is as follows:

1. Go to <http://www.Disneyparks.com> and follow the links to the "Give a Day. Get a Disney Day." program.
2. Follow the links to SEARCH & SIGN UP
3. Enter the zip code of our organization
4. Click Search
5. Scroll to the bottom of the search results
6. Click the link in the message "[Click here](#) for information for HandsOn Network partner organizations you can contact that will have additional qualifying opportunities."
7. Find our organization
8. At the bottom of our organization entry, click the link in the message "Note: If you have already contacted this organization, found a qualifying opportunity and confirmed a date and time to

volunteer, [click here](#) to complete the sign-up process."

9. Enter the required information

10. Review the information for accuracy

11. Click Continue

12. Click Complete Sign Up with HandsOn Network

13. Read the WAIVER, RELEASE, AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT

14. If you agree, click "I have read and agree to these terms."

15. Click the button that says "Click here to proceed"

16. Enter a password in both fields

17. Click Submit

18. Click the button that says "Click here to record your sign-up for the date and time indicated above."

19. Enter the required information. The title of the opportunity should be 'Invasive Plant Removal at Autumn Ridge Park'.

20. Enter the project date and times of the project you would like to participate at.

21. Click the button that says "Click here to record your sign-up for the date and time indicated above."

*Disney will contact you within two weeks with information on how to claim your ticket.

May 15th is next scheduled work day. There was an abundance of enthusiasm during the last work day and several areas were too cleared, and in several other cases too many plants

BCCI Report:

Richard Pickett is our BCCI rep and he has 4 items to report on today:

- 1.) Two weeks ago the Beaverton City Council voted unanimously to create an agency for Urban Renewal Activities. It will be called the Beaverton Urban Redevelopment Agency. This action will allow the City to move forward with exploring the use of Urban Renewal as a financing mechanism for redevelopment in a specifically identified area within the City. Any sites selected would be presented to the voters.
- 2.) Annual Neighborhood summit: There will be a focus on 3 main items:
The date will be Saturday, April 10th, 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at City Hall.
 - Energy Trust
 - Water conservation
 - Electrical vehicles

The mayor is excited about having electric charging stations in the city for electric cars.
- 3.) Voters Forum, Tuesday, May 4th, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at City Hall.
There are a number of city council seats and a number of voter issues.
- 4.) "YOUR CITY", the newsletter for the City of Beaverton will be mailed out soon and there will be information regarding "CASH Oregon". (CASH is an acronym Creating Assets, Savings and Hope.) CASH Oregon is a partnership with AARP Tax-Aide and provides tax preparation and filing assistance to citizens of Oregon. Local sites for assistance are the Beaverton City Library and the Elsie Stuhr Center and appointments are required. More information is available by going to the City's homepage at www.beavertonoregon.gov, then selecting Beaverton Cares on the right-

hand side of the page, then selection No. 2. Residents can also contact CASH Oregon at their website at www.cashoregon.com.

The Importance of Bees –

A presentation by **Steven Aldous**, Rachel Carson Environmental Middle School

This is his 8th grade project.
Asks the audience who has eaten fruits and vegetables in the last year, week, day.
Honeybees pollinate 30% of the food we eat. They are not native to the Americas, they were brought from Africa and Asia in the 1620's.
The honeybee population has declined 30 – 50% in the USA in the last few years.
Lots of information was included. The report will be attached.
CCD (Colony Collapse Disorder) was first recognized in 2006.

Steven has assured us he will forward a copy of his presentation so that Five Oaks Triple Creek NAC can publish it in Minutes next month.

He provided a printed copy of his presentation as well as a 2 page printed article on "Gardening Tips - attracting bees".

Invasive Plant Species

A presentation by **April Olbrich**, of the Tualatin River Watershed Council

Tualatin River Watershed Council is a non-profit organization formed in 1996
Members are very diverse

One of their positions is a Citizen position, and they would welcome anyone who would be interested in volunteering in this position.

Meetings are first Wednesday of the month at Cleanwater Services in Hillsboro, right next to Jackson Bottoms. The council has 3 or 4 areas that they have been working on including education and outreach. Volunteers are welcomed.

They like to work with land owners, big and small, private and public. They also like to get plants to landowners for restoration projects.

Tualatin Basin is defined as a 712 square mile basin bounded by the coast range.

Part of their mission is not only plants but invasive aquatic animals and insects.

She passed out a number of pamphlets and brochures out to the audience, including:

"Discovering the Tualatin River"

"Gardening with Native Plants"

"A 3 fold pamphlet on identifying Invasive Species"

Some of the general information that April shared was:

There are 2 new invasions taking place and both are very dangerous.

- 1.) Garlic Mustard. It is water born, shoe, hoof born, and has a bad history in east and mid-west for not allowing anything else to grow. They have been finding this all around the metro area.
- 2.) Himalayan Knott Weed. Also water born. It is hollow stemmed, and reminds of bamboo, in initial stages like dock. It also will not let anything else in if it gets going.

Butterfly bush is voracious and takes over.

This Saturday at Bales Thriftway on Bales Road there is a plant sale, and she will have

examples of these invasive species and also.
She advises that in controlling invasive species you should consider using chemicals once.
A new group has been formed and it is called “Early Detection Rapid Response” – the Nature Conservancy has put the program together.
On May 13th there will be a presentation on this group.
April will be happy to provide a copy of her full Power Point presentation to the NAC and to anyone else who wants to read it. It is 60 slides.
Please send an email to trwc@easystreet.net
April can also be reached at P. O. Box 338, Hillsboro, OR 97123-0338

Walker Road Pedestrian Bike Bridge Update:

A Presentation by Todd Watkins, Washington County, Senior Engineer, Road Operations & Maintenance Division

Todd prefaced his discussion with the fact that most of the roads in Washington county were put into place far in the past and were intended for rural use, and in many times not even vehicles.

There has been a ‘pinch point’ on Walker Road at Willow Creek. A few years ago they began to consider the possibility of a pedestrian bridge at this point. When the stimulus money became available the pedestrian bridge was an excellent candidate. The county determined that there were a number of projects that they could implement. Signage change, video detection, paving projects. They still could not decide to do the Walker Peds Bridge because they had a number of other projects that would take a lot of the budget.

But, good news! now it is approved. By the end of June 30th the pedestrian bridge should be completed. The bridge will be a very simple one and will be designed so that the materials can be reclaimed if and when Walker Road ever gets widened.

Todd asked for the NAC’s input on choosing the type of cement block that will be used and passed around photos of 4 different choices.

There are a number of other pedestrian bridges in the county.

The bridge will be freestanding and offset from the culvert. It will be aluminum. They want the construction time to be only two weeks so that the road is not impeded for long.

Todd passed around a photo of a Pedestrian bridge on Springview Road near PCC campus that his bridge will be similar to. It will be 40 foot span in order to be above the flood plain. There is a sidewalk on the east and west side, so the path will be connected with an asphalt path, on both sides, to the bridge.

Total cost of the bridge is about \$90,000.00 with the bridge itself being about \$30,000.00 of this total.

The funds are coming out of the Road Maintenance Fund for 2009-2010. David James asks if possibly there could be another \$90,000.00 in the 2010-2011 budget for a bridge on the

north side of Walker? Todd said he can put it on the list. The funds are part of the Minor Betterment Program, which is a program that has \$6,000,000.00 with a list of projects that could provide the most service to the people of the county.

They are not going to put in a second bridge on the north side of Walker Road at this time. They will consider putting signage up to direct people to the south side of Walker Road to cross. There was considerable discussion about the safety factor involved with bicyclists who have to go back across Walker Road to continue on their route.

They are happy to be able to put in something for pedestrians and bicyclists.

Melissa asks Todd to come back in May to discuss the completion date, the crossing signage, and to schedule a ceremony. He commits that he will come back in May.

The NAC members select the 'chiseled' pattern for the cement block.

The construction area will be restored with native plants. David Kamin recommends that we invite the kids from Rachel Carson to join in the replanting. Todd recommends that we encourage the same kids to 'adopt' this bridge and environs on an ongoing basis. This could also be tied into the THPRD's Trail system. They could not be here tonight, but they are aware of this and interested in being part of it in any way they can.

Land Use Permit Submittal –

Presented by Chuck Oliver, Tiland Schmidt, and Gary Dent of the Dent Investment Group

The area under discussion is at 150th and Walker Road. Walker Road will be slightly widened – or readied to become widened later – as a result of this project. Power poles will need to be moved. David Kamin points out that there is a large oak tree that will also need to be moved.

Sidewalks will be extended. 19 feet will be pulled out to build or be reserved to build the additional lane needed to widen Walker Road.

The small commercial building will be about 3,000 square feet, with 2 retail tenants, and good parking. One of these will be SubWay. To the east side will be coffee Kiosk, Black Rock Coffee will be tenant. The other retail tenant has not been signed. The City of Beaverton requires that all drive-thru have an escape lane, and there is one in this plan. There is a berm, however, to slow down people who make that decision.

One of the attendees lives in the immediate area and he cautions that the traffic at this corner is a bottleneck now. And that this building will come back to 'haunt them'. The Land Use Presenters are having a traffic engineer study this situation soon and they believe the lights can be re-timed, they can be moved, and perhaps a new lane could be added. However, the traffic engineer is required to evaluate and report by the City of Beaverton and they are required to abide by whatever the Traffic Engineer's report and the City of Beaverton decide.

The traffic count may be around 1100 a day, but that does not really tell the whole story, because most of that traffic is two clumps of time, morning and evening commute times.

The surfaces will be asphalt for the parking surface but concrete for the pathways and walkways to be compatible with Nike.

Lighting pollution is a big issue in this area. The City of Beaverton is very harsh on the lighting issue.

The attendee who lives near the site reports that the gas station has been armed robbed 4 times, at gun point, and that the robbers took the owner at gun point to the bank at night.

This attendee has a landscape design company that exits via that intersection, and he has 4 trucks that will need to be considered.

The presenters are expecting to be able to go before the city in about 6 to 8 weeks. The next steps are to get the plans done and get ready to get ready to present to the city. At the Pre-Ept with the city of Beaverton they were more worried about pedestrian traffic than vehicle traffic.

The set back is slightly reduced and the landscape is slightly increased. They are at 16.9% landscape.

The building will be two-toned brick. The printed drawing of the building is a little cooler in color than the actual color of the brick on the top, but it will be a light colored brick. The bottom half of the building will be dark brown and will be compatible with the top. The construction will be steel framed with native landscaping.

There will be a hedge between the property and the apartments behind the site..

The lot is now about 23,000 square feet.

Adjournment was at 9:20