

City of Beaverton
Neighborhood Association Committee Meeting Minutes

NAC: Denney Whitford / Raleigh West

Date: Oct. 22, 2015

Board members present:

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

- Treasurer: Martha Schaufler
- Recorder: Tracy Thornton

Quorum present? Yes No

Meeting start time: 7:03 pm

Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue Report (Station 53): No report.

Beaverton Police Department Report: Officer White reported on behalf of Officer Corning. He provided crime stats, explaining how the stats are sometimes skewed by certain locations. For example, several car thefts may occur in the parking lot of a busy place like Fred Meyer, and it may look like the entire neighborhood is having a lot of trouble with car theft when in fact it's just one area.

Upcoming events:

Car Seat clinics: Nov. 21, Dec. 19 at Kuni BMW on Cedar Hills Blvd. from 9 am to 12 pm.

Document shredding: Dec. 12 at Sunset Pres off Hwy 26 and Cornell. Please bring non-perishable food along with your shredding.

Questions:

The city funds 1.5 police officers per 1,000 residents; however, the department is always down people due to turnover, retirements, etc. They anticipate hiring more officers as the southern part of Beaverton grows. They're also looking at redistricting. The City currently has four districts; we may get a fifth district or the boundaries may shift. Right now, the department maintains a minimum of six officers per shift, but that might change or officers may shift as the demographics are changing.

The department got a grant from the Department of Justice for around 100 body cameras. Beaverton was one of three cities of our size nationwide to get the grant. They are now looking into how to use them legally, and what happens to the footage. The State Legislature is working on some laws now so that there are best practices in place and departments can develop policies around those. Currently, there are no policies in place, so the department is going to try out body cams on about 10 people and use that to develop policies and also make judgments about what kind of equipment to use. In addition, the City needs to figure out how to store all the data from the camera; this is a costly proposition that needs to be investigated, as well as under what circumstances the data can be shared with the public. The plan is to have body cams in place officially by July 2016. Most cops are in favor of the cameras.

Are there areas in Beaverton where you cannot bring a gun even with a concealed carry permit? Yes, guns are not allowed in public buildings, such as the courts or City Hall. Some people want to demonstrate their rights and will bring weapons into schools, for example. City of Beaverton has its own ordinances about loaded firearms. Concealed weapons are exempt. In Beaverton, you can wear an unconcealed weapon, but it can't be loaded—it's legal for people to do this. They can even have a loaded magazine in the gun, but they can't have a bullet in the chamber. Police officers can stop and inspect these guns (as often happens when people call the police when they see this). In Washington County, there are two classes every year to train for active shooter situations. More and more officers

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are also getting medical training for dealing with the kinds of wounds in these situation (heavy bleeding) and to triage.

THPRD report: THPRD is now sending a representative to all the NAC meetings. Heath Wright reported on the parks in our area. The Fanno Creek Trail parking area off Denney Road will be undergoing pavement maintenance. Elsie Stuhr Center just installed an outdoor recreation structure that's open to everyone. They're really low maintenance and simple in design, so THPRD may put more of them in. The MacMillan Park playground received a grant for new playground equipment and ADA pathways, in addition to more tables. In Raleigh Hills Park, cottonwood trees are creating problem with irrigation and the pool's foundation, so they'll be removed and replaced with trees with more vertical root systems. Harman Swim Center will be closed from Dec. 6 for 10 weeks for new gutters to be installed around the pool, new flooring, new front desk area, new lobby furniture, and new flooring in the locker rooms and tiling in the showers. It is scheduled to reopen Feb. 7, 2016. Some of the programs are being shifted to Beaverton Swim Center, including the therapeutic services. Unfortunately, all classes can't be added in other places, but similar classes are offered at Conestoga or Raleigh Swim Center.

Treasurer's Report: No report

BCCI Report: No report.

Presentations:

Michelle Castro from A Better Oregon. The state has a large shortfall in funding—not a surprise. We have 30,000 to 40,000 4- to 5-year-olds who can't attend Head Start now because of the budget shortfall, which means we are not doing as best we can for our kids. A Better Oregon is a coalition formed to help pass a ballot measure next year. The measure is aimed at raising the corporate minimum tax in Oregon. It's currently \$150, dead last in the US in terms of effective business taxes. This means that a very wealthy, profitable company can only pay \$150 in taxes. The ballot measure changes this tax to a percentage, 2.5% of sales. It's aimed at companies whose profits have risen and who do more than \$25 million in sales in Oregon. This tax increase will only affect larger companies. Most individuals pay more than \$150 in minimum taxes; this measure is geared at big companies who employ a lot of people, who are a part of our communities, and this is a solution that helps those companies see themselves as part of the local community. The money will go into the state's general fund, but it is earmarked for early education, health care, and senior services. Our Oregon is the organization that started this group, and they're funded through labor organizations, non-profits, small businesses, and other like-minded organizations. If the measure passes in 2016, it would be effective in 2017. After that budget cycle, the Department of Revenue projects \$9 million in the first biennium. For more information, you can check their website at www.abetteroregon.org.

Jessie Bond, Enhabit (formerly Clean Energy Works). They're a regional non-profit that works directly with homeowners, focusing on single-family, detached homes, as a third-party to help make your home work and feel better. Their roots are in energy efficiency, but can now do solar, radon testing, and seismic retrofitting. They work with local contractors (about 18 in the area who meet their labor standards). Homeowners can sign up for a no cost, no obligation assessment of your home. The contractors make an assessment and then based on your needs, they will give you a menu of options. Even if you're not ready to make any upgrades, you can get a free assessment. Enhabit also works with local lenders to help homeowners get funding. Enhabit works as a go-between to make sure homeowners are working with good contractors and that the work that's done is done correctly. Enhabit was funded out of a federal grant five years ago that was all about job creation. They work with women and folks of color (56% of their workforce). Today, they follow a private-public partnership model, foundation funding, plus a small fee from the contractors to help cover overhead. Although condos or

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shared-wall homes aren't eligible, Enhabit can point you to their contractors. They hope to work toward a model that allows them to serve a broader audience, but for now they only serve people in stand-alone homes that are owned and occupied by the owner. Their website is www.enhabit.org.

Consent Agenda - Approval of minutes: We did not get any minutes in the packet. Michelle took minutes at the last meeting, but she was not here, so we couldn't ask her if she knew what was going on. We will revisit this in January.

Old Business: Ernie noted that at the meeting with the Mayor on Monday that Neighbors SW did a Pages to Pillars program (modeled after West Beaverton) and it was a huge success. Vose did a different reading program, but it didn't work; but now they're following the Pages to Pillars model and believe it will be better. Ernie wondered if all the NACs should follow the same program. Sherry noted that these programs are all principal-based; whatever we do, we need to go through the principal, who will have to help get people on board.

New Business: It's election time. Ernie was considering stepping down as chair. He suggested the idea of co-chairs, so that two people can share the chair duties. This would require a minor change to the by-laws. Sheri Struk, who's on the Human Rights Advisory Commission, is interested in serving, perhaps as Treasurer (as Martha has expressed a desire to step down). Tracy is willing to continue as recorder, but cannot commit to attending every meeting until she's done with grad school.

Ernie moved that next year's board be as follows:

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 Sherry Moore
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Sherry seconded it. The motion passed.

Ernie has suggested that the City buy a WebEx license so that people could attend remotely. However, there's a concern that since NAC meetings are public meetings, we may need to have a place where people could meet in case they don't have web access.

Meeting end time: 8:35.