

City of Beaverton
Neighborhood Association Committee Meeting Minutes

NAC: Denney Whitford / Raleigh West

Date: September 22, 2016

Board members present:

Co-Chair: Sherry Moore

Co-Chair: Ernie Conway

BCCI Rep: Michelle Lupo

Treasurer: Sheri Struk

Recorder: Tracy Thornton

Quorum present? Yes No

Meeting start time: 7:08 pm

Michelle Lupo joined the meeting via WebEx.

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

Beaverton Police Department Report: No report

Tualatin Hills Parks & Recreation District Report: Heath Wright from THPRD noted that the aquatic center will be closed as it gets a new roof. The swim centers are introducing a new program for women's only swims. A new community park is being developed in Aloha near Mountain View Middle School. It will have a lighted field and be an all-access field. The Nature Park hosts a native plant sale on Oct. 8, 10 am to 2 pm. Garden Home Rec Center is going through seismic upgrades (since August), which should be done soon. The new Ridgewood View Park, on the east side of 217 at Meade, opened recently.

Treasurer's Report: No report (yet), as Sheri Struk is moving into the role. There were two deposits over the summer, one from Sherry Moore (from the volunteer clean up) and one from Ernie Conway (from Farmer's Market booth).

Guest Speakers:

Kaiser Permanente presentation: Neville from Kaiser discussed a development project at the building on the corner of Western and Beaverton Hillsdale Highway (BHH). The building is being redesigned to meet future health care needs, including additional offerings, such as technology and new ways of engaging the community at the office. This will be the first building of its kind in the region. There will be meeting space, for example, for use by community groups. The project will replace the existing building and the new building will go where the BedMart is currently (on the BHH side), with parking where the current building is located. It will be 90,000 sq ft, three stories. The main entry will be off Western, with the two existing entries (one off Western, one off BHH) remaining. They're working to relocate a bus stop closer to the corner of Western and BHH. The building will be very open, using lots of glass and wood material in order to make it look inviting. The new building will be built first; some patients will be shifted to Hillsboro to alleviate congestion while construction is happening. Then the new building will be open while the old building is torn down. The project should take about a year and a half. Traffic is not expected to increase, as another medical and dental office is opening in Beaverton on Walker Road and some patients will shift to that facility. Sidewalks around the building are being set to allow for future bike lanes.

In addition to other planning processes, this project needs to go through the Conditional Use process because the original business never went through the process. Even though the use is not changing, they will have to demonstrate that all the typical CUP issues (signage, lighting, traffic, etc.) are

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addressed. The zoning will not change. There will be at least one meeting before the Planning Commission to cover all the permits and processes for the project. If everything goes through as expected, the project will start next April, with deconstruction of the old building starting in late May.

Scott Whyte, City Planner, explained that extended hours conditional use is only triggered when a business is within 500 feet of residential areas, so that's not an issue with this business (and hours are expected to say about the same).

There are PDFs available of the diagrams presented at the meeting; contact the City for more information.

Proposed Text Amendment Sign Code Update – Scott Whyte, Senior Planner, City of Beaverton: A significant Supreme Court ruling in Arizona changed the way a lot of jurisdictions are approaching signs; basically, a city can't have regulations related to content. Beaverton's existing code is such that the City does indirectly regulate content, so the code needs to be changed. Another reason for the change relates to the changing technology of signs, with a lot of interest in things like electric message boards. Our code was last updated comprehensively in 1984, with only small changes since then. Goals for the update: ensure text is clear and easy to understand; ensure provisions reflect desired policy outcome; ensure provisions are enforceable and survive legal challenges. The City is doing outreach to several different groups (especially businesses and property owners) and receiving feedback in support of each of these goals. The results of a survey will be ready for a City Council presentation on Oct. 18.

The current code has specific numeric restrictions/allowances for many different types of signs, including what's not allowed (such as roof signs, flashing signs, obstructing signs, pennants and streamers, etc.); most of the non-allowed signs will still not be allowed after the update. There is currently a lot of interest in portable signs (sandwich-board type), in addition to signs with changing electronic messages, so these two will be considered in the update.

Potential changes: allowing temporary, portable signs under specific circumstances; allowing blade signs (small projecting signs from walls or awnings, such as multi-tenant businesses downtown); new design standards (allowing new materials, lighting); exploring limited use of electronic message centers. Electronic message boards have been controversial. A lot of businesses want them, and they offer a lot of flexibility. On the other hand, some can be distracting to drivers, especially those that are flashing or have changing messages or videos. The City would like to figure out a way to allow them in a limited capacity, perhaps regulating the intensity of the signs, the duration of rotating messages, or the size of the electronic portion as a percentage of the total sign.

Next steps: survey results will be in soon, then presented Oct. 18 at City Council. The sign advisory group will get a draft of the Sign Code in November, and they hope to be ready in January for a public hearing before the Planning Commission. For more information, contact Scott at the City.

BCCI Report: Michelle called in her report on the WebEx. Beaverton's Welcoming Week runs from Sept. 16 to the 25; go to BeavertonOregon.gov/WelcomingWeek to find events. Our NAC (along with Central Beaverton, West Slope, and Vose) will be hosting a Beaverton Neighborhood Forum on Monday, Oct. 3 at the Beaverton Community Center on 5th street (across from the library), 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm; refreshments and childcare will be provided; the proposed public safety forum will be discussed, free emergency supplies will be handed out, and there will be booths for CERT, Police, TVF&R. Applications for boards and commissions are due by Oct. 3, with terms beginning in January (see BeavertonOregon.gov/boards).

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The Wood Stove exchange program allows you to bring in your old wood stove and receive a rebate good toward another heating system for your home; apply today at woodstoveexchange.com; the purpose is to improve air quality by reducing wood stove use. The City had a housing forum on Sept. 14 to discuss some of the main challenges related to housing and what actions are being taken (and planned) by the City; there was a lot of input from the community as well. If you're interested in development in your area, you can check the City of Beaverton website under the proposed development link. Our NAC got six hours of volunteer hours for a recent event—thanks to everyone who came to help.

Emily from the City explained what was happening with the WebEx, which did not function as we had hoped for this meeting. We'll continue to look into ways to improve the process and allow easier access for more people. She reminded us that Beaverton is hosting another voter's forum on Wednesday, Oct. 19, starting at 6:30 at the Beaverton City Library.

Consent Agenda - Approval of minutes: Ernie moved that we approve the minutes from February, April, and May. Sherry seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 to 0.

Old Business: We will not be changing the date of the meetings, although we will continue to discuss options.

New Business:

Ernie noted that there have been increased incidents of graffiti in our NAC, particularly along Scholls Ferry Road. Ernie reported these to the City and to TriMet (as many bus stops are being tagged). Since then, the problem has moved from Scholls Ferry Road back into the Garden Home area. Heath noted that the Harman Swim Center has been tagged six times recently.

Next meeting: Oct. 27 at 7:00 pm; we expect it will be at the Garden Home Rec Center again, but check the agenda when it comes out.

Meeting end time: 8:20 pm