

City of Beaverton
Neighborhood Association Committee Meeting Minutes

NAC: Denney Whitford / Raleigh West

Date: February 9, 2017

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: 7:05

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

Beaverton Police Department Report: Officer Justin Haugen gave the BPD report. There's a Car Seat clinic at the Kuni auto center Feb. 18 and March 18. The next document shredding at Sunset Presbyterian Church, located at 14986 NW Cornell Road, will be April 22, with future events on June 10, and Aug 12. They ask only for a canned food donation for this valuable service.

The next Citizens Academy is on March 9 (but it's already full). If you're interested in participating, call Daneshia Barkley at 503-526-2516.

Work on the new Public Safety Center is on track and the department is very excited about it. The location is not totally finalized yet. With retirements plus the expected growth of the City, the department expects to hire 50 new officers.

Sherry asked for an update on the department's testing of body cams. Officer Haugen reported that testing had been completed. The roll out is expected to happen this spring; it will probably be gradual, as the officers will need to be trained on this new technology. Sheri asked if Beaverton's status as a sanctuary city could impact the federal grant that financed the cameras. Officer Haugen did not know.

The department is also getting new radios and expect to have better coverage. They are also moving from laptops to tablets. The department has switched to Ford Explorers, which are all-wheel drive vehicles and worked really well in this winter's ice and snow (unlike the old rear-wheel drive Crown Vics).

Ernie asked if we could get crime statistics for next time. Officer Haugen noted that this information is also available on the public website. Sherry noted that we have a graffiti problem; many others agreed that there is an ongoing and possibly growing problem. Officer Haugen said that it's not believed to be gang related. Ernie said that he has reported this several times to various agencies, but there are questions of jurisdiction that seem to stall the issue of getting it cleaned up. So he has covered some of the graffiti himself. Tri-Met is very quick to respond to reports of graffiti at bus stops.

Tualatin Hills Parks & Recreation District Report: Kelly McNutt, interim supervisor at Harman Swim Center, gave the report, as Heath Wright is on sabbatical. The SW Quadrant community park is under construction. The public naming feedback is complete; the naming committee will reconvene shortly to go over the 600+ names submitted (which shows that there is a lot of public interest in the park). The goal is to have a short list of names to submit to the Board in April.

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The HMT 50 meter pool will shut down again this summer for 3-4 months for phase 2 of the pool's improvements. It's an important facility, as it draws a lot of people into our area for special events. The other pools in the district are all 25 yards.

Free Fridays – open swims are free on the first Friday of each month at all THPRD aquatic centers. There will be a Dive-in Movie at Harman Swim Center March 24 (Beauty and the Beast, the 1991 version). Spring program registration begins March 4.

Recent inclement weather has affected THPRD's ability to provide service. To find out if a center is open during bad weather, call the inclement weather hotline at 503-614-4018, or go to thprd.org, Facebook or Twitter.

THPRD's holiday giving drive was a huge success, providing over 300 gifts to distribute, over 200 pounds of hygiene products, and over 2,600 pound of food for the Oregon Food Bank.

The Portland Winterhawks have approached THPRD with a public/private partnership to build an ice skating rink at the HMT location on Walker Rd. It would be funded largely by private donors.

Kelly will continue to be our rep until April.

Treasurer's Report: Sheri is now getting our bank statements at her address. She set up online banking; if other board members need access, they can request that from her.

Sherry noted that there has been a change to how money is distributed. The same pot of money is divided evenly among each NAC rather than based on the ratio of people who participate. Ernie asked who is responsible for the "adopt-a-road" program (Xander, according to Emily). Ernie wondered if they could help clean up the graffiti along Scholls Ferry Road. Emily noted that the adopt-a-road groups do a clean up at least four times per year, but that mostly involves picking up trash.

BCCI Report: Michelle gave her report over WebEx. BCCI is now in charge of approving the matching grants program, which used to go to the City and were reviewed quarterly. Now there's a subcommittee who will approve them in a timely manner to keep the motivation and flow going. Michelle can help with filling out the matching grant application if necessary.

BCCI created a list of frequently asked questions for snow and ice events (e.g., when will my street be plowed?) Go to <http://www.beavertonoregon.gov/438/Operations-Maintenance>.

Free tax assistance is available Jan. 31 to April 15. www.beavertonoregon.gov/taxprep.

A survey was released today for the comprehensive plan. It was sent to everyone on a NAC mailing list.

Guest Speakers: The Beaverton Comprehensive Plan Land Use Element update was provided by Cassera Phipps and Steve Regner, associate planners with the City.

In Oregon, cities are required to do comprehensive, long-term planning that serves as the basis for the city's land use decisions and infrastructure investments. Beaverton's plan has 10 elements. This process has been going on for a few years; we've taken a piecemeal approach to updating it. We've updated the public involvement element and the housing and economy elements. The land use element is in process now and should wrap up sometime in 2017, with transportation slated next for 2018

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Land use is different from zoning. Land use includes broad categories, such as residential areas or commercial areas; it's less specific than zoning requirements. Land use sets up the development code, which implements the policies.

Cassera and Steve presented a colored map of the city's land use types. The yellow spots on the map indicate standard density residential. Darker yellow/brown is higher density residential. Beaverton has many mixed use designations (dark purple on map). Light purple areas are station communities, near light rail stops. The city has two town centers (in pink), e.g., Timberland and Progress Ridge. Mixed use areas include corridors (orange on the map), such as main streets in Beaverton (Scholls, Murray, etc.); our designation is pretty vague, and can include anything from apartment buildings to car dealerships. Blue areas are employment areas –dark blue is more industrial, office areas are light blue areas. The Western Avenue employment area is being looked at more closely as an area where jobs can be provided for the community.

The city is trending toward more multi-family housing, although our NAC did not have much growth in that area.

The survey is designed to determine if we're heading in the right direction with our comprehensive plan. Meeting attendees provided discussion and feedback. The online survey is open until Feb. 20th.

Consent Agenda - Approval of minutes: Because the October minutes were not included in the packet online, we will approve them at the next meeting.

Old Business: Considering the WebEx feasibility for meetings: We'll take the recording Emily made from this meeting and decide how it worked and where to go next. Once it's ready, we'll include the link to the meeting in the announcement from the City. Emily thinks we should be ready to go for our March meeting.

New Business: Sherry mentioned that McKay Elementary has asked if we can provide books to them this year by Feb. 23 rather than later in the year as we did in the past. If you have any K-5 books in good condition, they can be donated. Sherry will come pick them up! Kelly said she would put information out for TPHRD.

Feb. 23rd, there's a meeting at Garden Home Rec Center to add a cell tower near Chuck E. Cheese in room 12, 6:30 to 7:30.

Far West Fibers will be closing on March 31. The City is looking for relocation options.

After the meeting concluded, attendees participated in a planning exercise presented by Cassera and Steve.

Meeting end time: 8:31