

City of Beaverton
Neighborhood Association Committee Meeting Minutes

NAC: Denney Whitford / Raleigh West

Date: April 13, 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: 7:00

Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue Report (Station 53): No report. Sherry suggested we ask them for a written report when they are unable to attend.

Beaverton Police Department Report: Officer Justin Haugen couldn't make it so he sent a report via e-mail to Ernie. However, Officer Steve Schaer was at the meeting to discuss the Rose Festival half-marathon route, so Ernie quizzed him on Officer Haugen's report points.

1. Body-worn cameras have been distributed. Whenever an officer goes on a call, the camera should be "activated." It's always recording, but doesn't keep the recording until it has been activated by tapping. The traffic division has been using video systems for years; they protect the officers and citizens and ensure that officers are doing their jobs properly. The department can use the recordings to address citizen complaints. The cameras also have microphones to record audio.
2. Crime statistics: the one stat from our NAC that stands out is an increase in theft. This is probably due to a fraud scam that the department uncovered at a gas station. Officer Schaer noted that there has also been a rash of thefts at gyms; thieves may go through people's purses or bags and take a credit card from the back of a wallet (that is, one that's less used) so that it won't be noticed as quickly. A discussion of how to avoid fraud followed.
3. Document shredding next Saturday, April 22, at the Sunset Presbyterian Church on Cornell and Hwy 26, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Officer Schaer advised that it's better to show up at around 11:00 am; if you show up early, you'll likely have to wait in a long line.
4. A car seat clinic is planned for this Saturday, April 15, at Kuni Auto Center.
5. The department recently hired four new officers, who are starting in the in-house academy this month. The chief is trying to back hire in anticipation of the loss of a large number of experienced officers to retirement starting around 2020. It takes a year to get a cop hired and on the street, and even longer to make them fully experienced.

University of Oregon is having a free scrimmage game at Jesuit HS on Saturday, April 15, so avoid the area; traffic is likely to be a mess.

Ernie asked THPRD representative Kelly about graffiti in the parks; she said she had nothing new to report. THPRD is working with the Police Department on the issue, which is an ongoing problem. You can report graffiti on the Beaverton Police Department website.

Officer Schaer, who works in the traffic division of BPD, noted that he deals with 3,000+ traffic complaints a year. If you see someone who litters, is driving erratically, talking on a cell phone, or otherwise violating traffic laws, you can go to the BPD website to report that. You need to have the license plate number, the date and time of the incident, a location, and a violation (what you saw them do). The

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department generates a letter and sends it to the registered owner of the vehicle, which does have some impact.

A citizen asked about panhandlers. Officer Schaer noted that typically, they are severely mentally ill and/or have substance abuse issues; most of them are committing crimes regularly, such as theft, littering, criminal trespassing, and so on. By giving them money, you encourage them to come back. You're not actually helping them; you're enabling their habit, so it's best not to give them any money. We have a pretty high crime rate at the Beaverton Town Square Fred Meyer because of the panhandling in the area. The lack of mental health facilities in recent years has turned this into a police problem.

Tualatin Hills Parks & Recreation District Report: Kelly McNutt reported that there will be an April 29 forum for new THPRD board candidates from 1-3 pm at Elsie Stuhr Center. There are three positions open.

The domes over the outdoor tennis courts are coming down April 25th.

Harman Swim Center will be closed on the 20th and 21st to replace the boiler. On May 5th Harman will be offering an open swim with TVF&R rescue team, who will go over some safety tips and re-enacting some rescues.

Garden Home Rec Center is getting its restrooms remodeled. There will also be sewer work along the Fanno Creek Trail near Garden Home.

First Free Fridays, with free swimming at any THPRD Aquatic Center, continue on the first Friday of each month.

May is National Aquatic Safety Awareness month. Each facility will have programs to promote water safety, particularly the things THPRD doesn't have any control over, such as how to stay safe in open water like lakes and rivers.

Kelly handed out some maps of new trail connections in response to a question from last month.

If you're having any problems with downed trees and debris on THPRD property, go to their website under Contact Us and send them an e-mail. The maintenance crews are currently cleaning up damage from the wind storm.

Heath will be back next month as our THPRD rep.

Guest Speaker: Steve Bledsoe from the Rose Festival Half Marathon presented information about the race which is taking place in Beaverton for the first time on Sunday, May 29th (that is, the Sunday of Memorial Day weekend). Part of the marathon will go through our NAC at Arctic and Allen down to Scholls and Allen and the Fanno Creek Trail. Steve handed out a pace chart to show when to expect disruptions along the route. The 217 southbound off-ramp on Denney Road will be shut down during the race, but the northbound off-ramp will be open so that you can still make a right turn on Denney to Scholls Ferry Road. To try to make the route as painless as possible, it starts at 7:30 am on a Sunday morning when traffic is expected to be light. The roads will be closed no longer than four hours; by 11:30 it should be mostly cleared. The course has been designed to be picked up as it goes, to open the roads as quickly as possible while also keeping runners safe. The course was also set up to avoid as many churches as possible given that it's a Sunday morning. They are expecting about 500 people, but hope it will grow over the next few years (to a maximum of 2,500). Ernie asked about having a lead rider to

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ensure people follow the right course. Officer Schaer noted that the CERT team will be providing volunteer support on the trail section, and THPRD will helping as well. People who along the route, especially along Hall Blvd., will be able to get out of their neighborhoods, but they may have to wait while the race is going on.

Sherry asked about clean up after the event. Steve said that volunteers at each aid station will be responsible for policing their areas. Another volunteer group will follow the race to pick up any discarded clothing, and there will be a sag wagon to pick up any racers who decide not to continue. Aid stations will be placed so that there should not be trash discarded in the Fanno Creek areas.

There will be about 40 officers plus other agencies supporting the race, including private security.

In Portland, the threat of vehicle intrusion into crowds or on the course as an act of terrorism is on people's minds, so city vehicles will be placed to block key intersections so that no vehicles can access the route. There will be no bag check for safety reasons. The Police Department is taking such threats seriously and preparing accordingly.

The race asks for your pace time at registration, and limits people to 17:00 minute paces. Runners or walkers who are slower than that pace will be asked to move to the sidewalk to finish the race as the course is opened up to traffic.

If you would like to volunteer, especially in your neighborhood, go to the race portal website for opportunities to work at aid stations in various locations, to help clean up, or to hand out medals. Or, get out and cheer people on during the race.

Treasurer's Report: \$1.32 was deposited as a dividend, otherwise there was no change.

BCCI Report: April 22nd is Beaverton Clean-up Day. This year's "Beaverton Awareness Day" will be called the Beaverton Volunteer Fair, and it will happen on June 10th at the library. Neighbor to Neighbor, a Community Problem Solving Workshop will take place on Thurs., April 27, from 6:30 to 8:30 at the Beaverton Activities Center; food and child care will be provided, and interpretation on request. This workshop is designed to help build community in your neighborhood.

Old Business: Last meeting, we didn't have a vote about sponsoring a trash can at the Tri-Met bus stop at Scholls and Heather, by Harmon Swim Center. Ernie moved that DW/RW NAC sponsor these trash cans. Michelle seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

We discussed whether we should have a mailbox for our mail because of previous issues with checks being mailed to the wrong addresses. Sherry researched the prices. A USPS box is \$38 for 6 months or \$72 a year. The UPS store is \$57 for 3 months, \$102 for 6 months and there's a set-up fee and \$5 for a key. Postal Annex is \$12 per month with a one year commitment; it costs more for a shorter time. Michelle moved that we test the USPS option for six months. Ernie seconded the motion. It passed unanimously, 5-0. Sherry and Sheri will work out the details.

Consent Agenda

Approval of minutes: Ernie moved to accept the consent agenda and meeting minutes from March. Sheri seconded. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

New Business:

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Ernie would like us to vote next month on the iPad and data plan that we would need to have WebEx meetings.

Norm lives on Elm in Royal Woodlands. His property backs up to an industrial area where Hoops is, and Hoops put up a fence along the back of his property when it went in. A section blew down in a recent wind storm. He wasn't sure who owns the property or how to go about getting the fence fixed. He has called the Mayor's office and left a voice mail but hasn't received a call back. Michelle suggested he try George Fetzer in code compliance at 503-526-2270.

Ron asked about road maintenance on Hall near Metzger. Ernie said that section belongs to Washington County, and you can report that on their website.

Michelle noted that we are going into Farmer's Market season, and we should be thinking about any Saturdays we can host the community booth. We will discuss this at the next meeting on May 11.

Meeting end time: 8:41.