

City of Beaverton  
Neighborhood Association Committee Meeting Minutes

**NAC: Denney Whitford / Raleigh West**

Date: June 8, 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

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Meeting start time: 7:01

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

**Beaverton Police Department Report:** Officer Justin Haugen brought crime statistics for May. Two areas stand out. First, burglaries, many in Chinese restaurants, including Mandarin Palace; the police have good information and are trying to locate the person. Second, theft, mostly from vehicles. A spike in thefts often indicates that someone previously locked up is out and back in the area. A hot topic on calls recently has been camping in cars or motorhomes. People (including business owners) call about vehicles parked in front of their home/business, but there is no law preventing this. The City Attorney's office is aware of the complaints from citizens and they are trying to come up with city codes that can circumvent the case law.

Ron noted an increase in homeless pedestrians. Officer Haugen noted that a lot of that has to do with the Rose Festival; Portland police push people out of areas they normally wouldn't patrol during the Festival, so they hop on a Max train and come out this direction. Beaverton's bike team does a great job addressing those issues. If you see a transient camp, tent, etc., call to report it. They partner with ODOT, THPRD to solve those issues. The department's goal is ensuring people are in compliance of the laws, not arresting people.

The main message of the department's recent meeting was the new building on Hall and Allen. They're still working with the Shell gas station to buy it, in addition to some of the neighboring church's property, to square off the whole area. The department is hiring, but all agencies in the metro area are competing for people, trying to find the best people, and figuring out how to recruit effectively. BPD expects a large number of people to be retiring in the next few years, so they're focused on staffing up in anticipation.

Body-worn cameras are going well and are easy to use. It's helped with court issues, but also when people complain about officers. The camera company, Axon, handles all the data storage. It's accessible by officers to review their own videos; viewing someone else's videos requires a request that needs approval. DAs and defense attorneys are looking for ways to gain easier access to the data.

Upcoming events, which are also on the department's website: Document shredding, June 10<sup>th</sup> and Aug. 12<sup>th</sup> from 10-1 at Sunset Presbyterian Church on Cornell Road. Car seat clinics, June 17<sup>th</sup>, July 15<sup>th</sup>, August 19<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to noon at Kuni Auto clinic on Cedar Hills Blvd., right across from the Goodwill; a car seat clinic at the Beaverton Police Department will take place on August 5<sup>th</sup>, also from 9 to noon. Chief's Forum, July 13<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 am to 9:00 am at Community Center on 5<sup>th</sup> St., across from the library; coffee and pastries will be served, but not a full breakfast. This program is like coffee with a cop; it's breakfast with the chief. August 1<sup>st</sup> is National Night Out, 6 pm to 8 pm at City Park next to the Library.

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The Rose Festival Half Marathon went well. Ernie noted one area of concern where signage was incorrect and sending drivers to a closed street. The Mayor really liked the event, and people who participated liked it because it was a run through neighborhoods rather than commercial areas. Next year, they'll try to do more marketing of it (the company running it, not the city). Sherry noted that the streets were very clean afterwards.

**Tualatin Hills Parks & Recreation District Report:** no report.

**Guest Speakers:** *Zach Phillips, Verizon.* This is not a public hearing but a public information meeting, or a chance to ask questions about the project. An official public hearing will be held before the Planning Commission, although not all projects require a public hearing, in which case written statements can be submitted.

Zach is a contractor working on behalf of Verizon Wireless, who is proposing a wireless communication facility 7200 SW Scholls Ferry Road on property behind State of Grace church. A new facility is needed because current coverage isn't very good and there's an increased demand and need for capacity. Trees and buildings create obstructions that affect quality. New technologies (video, social media, internet radio) need more bandwidth. There has been an explosion of how we use wireless technology. In 2015, 39% of households are wireless only. 70% of 911 calls originate from cell phones. Expected growth is 650% from 2013 to 2018 (and they're seeing that happening). People have an expectation of good coverage.

Typically they consider adding capacity to existing facilities, such as adding antennas, but each antenna can only handle a limited amount, and they only have a one-mile radius of coverage. Currently near the Scholls Ferry location, facilities are overburdened and quality suffers. Wireless communication coverage areas have to touch, but not overlap very much. To fix that, they shrink the cells and add a new site, so a smaller site carries as much traffic as the larger site, which divides the burden for a particular area among multiple sites. The objective of this project is to reduce the burden on sites, increase data rates, and improve customer experience. They are also starting to look at new technologies.

This proposal is for a 100-ft tower. They need a 100-ft because of the large trees in the area, which create obstructions, weakening the signal. A taller tower minimizes the need for more cell sites and creates an ability for other carries, if they choose to, to use the tower as well. The site will have a fence that matches the fence of the church as well as landscaping (per City of Beaverton requirements). It will probably be brown or green to blend in with the foliage (also typically a City requirement).

Health and safety concerns: Zach isn't a health expert and can't speak to that specifically, although he can provide links to more information. Signals dissipate; you don't want to spend a lot of time very close to them, but they do dissipate quickly as you get farther away from them. How much power is emitted? The radio design isn't done yet, so this is unknown at this point. Zach's focus is the project from a land use perspective. Ham radio is a much higher wattage.

Verizon complies with all federal, state, and local requirements and laws. The Feds control the signal and radio equipment and how it's used; state and local jurisdictions are concerned with design, meeting international building standards. This does not have a large platform for workers, which makes it less noticeable. Facilities are operated at a small percentage of FCC emission requirements and inspected by internal and third party entities at regular intervals to insure proper operation and compliance.

For more information, contact Zach directly: [zphillips@md7.com](mailto:zphillips@md7.com)

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Questions:

Ernie noted that people have expressed concerned that the Church annexed into the City so that a road would go through to from Scholls to Garden Home. This project started in Washington County prior to annexation, and WashCo was more generous with the setback than City of Beaverton is. This project is a Type 3, so a public hearing will be required and also a conditional use permit, so there is opportunity to comment.

What is the planned capacity of backup power? All these particular facilities have 8 hours of backup power in addition to 20 kw diesel generators, which are required for long-term power failures. The generators are cycled approximately once per week for 10-20 minutes as part of their regular maintenance.

How many trees will be removed? Will an access road be built? There will not be a new road. The existing driveway will be used. The City might require some improvements to the existing driveway, however. Verizon is not proposing to remove any trees at this point; there's a chance that could change as the project moves beyond the building permit phase.

What other locations were considered, and what's the criteria for selecting a site? This area has been considered for a long time. There are not a lot of places to look in the search area; it's often only within a one or two block area, particularly with capacity sites. The golf course was out of range, and they will not locate on school property.

Can someone who lives outside the area get a vote? Not a vote, exactly, but yes, any concerned citizen is allowed to speak at public hearings.

What's the timeline on this? The next step is preparing the application for land use submittal to the City sometime in July. Then a hearing will be scheduled. September/October is the best guess at this point, but a lot of things have to happen in the meantime. After approval of the application, there will be building permits and design review. Next spring is the anticipated completion, assuming a normal process. You can ask the City to add you to the mailing list for notifications about the project.

**Treasurer's Report:** Sheri reported that we spent \$38.00 for our new PO Box and had a deposit of \$1.33 in dividends. Our total is \$6072.80.

**BCCI Report:** Michelle e-mailed her report. There is a Volunteer Faire on June 10<sup>th</sup> from 10 to 1 at the Library. Our Picnic in the Park is June 19<sup>th</sup> in Camille Park, hosted by Denney Whitford/Raleigh West, Vose, and Greenway, from 6:00 to 7:30. The last two weeks in September are available at the Farmer's Market or a weekend at the beginning of August.

**Old Business:** Ernie needs to put in a matching grant for a data link iPad so we can record meetings on WebEx and post them. We should be able to get the funding this fiscal year.

Sherry suggested that we ask TVF&R to do reports remotely, as they haven't come to a meeting in several months.

**Consent Agenda**

Approval of minutes: Ernie moved that we approve the minutes from May. Sherry seconded the motion. The motion passes 4-0.

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**New Business:**

NextDoor.com is a site you can sign up for based on your address, and you get communications specific to your area. The Denney Whitford/Raleigh West NAC includes five different NextDoor neighborhoods (which are determined by users, not by city jurisdictions). The Garden Home group is one of the larger ones. They've been tracking some of the graffiti we're seeing; it seems to be moving out from Portland. If a street sign or traffic control device has been tagged, call the police's non-emergency number. If it's on a utility pole, the city won't take care of it. If it's on private property, call Code Compliance at the City and they will contact the owners to correct it. Ernie encouraged people to use NextDoor, report to the NAC, or report to the City the graffiti (and other) issues they're seeing.

**Meeting end time:** 8:00.