

City of Beaverton
Neighborhood Association Committee Meeting Minutes

NAC: Denney Whitford / Raleigh West

Date: September 14, 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: 7:02

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

Beaverton Police Department Report: Officer Justin Haugen reviewed crime statistics for August, which didn't show anything unusual. Regarding the Equifax breach, Officer Haugen suggests you go online, see if you're affected, and take necessary precautions. Recently at a 7-11 near the intersection of Murray and Farmington, a skimmer was found; this device is attached to ATM machines to capture credit/debit card information. These devices have been found throughout the Portland Metro area. Be vigilant when using ATMs; banks are pretty good about finding them on their ATMs, but ATMs at places like 7-11 are more problematic. The police department has seen an increase in police holds, or people being taken into custody who are having mental health issues.

Question: What is known about the problem at 5th and Western with people living in RVs parking there? Neighbors are having to go around the area because of concerns about all the vehicles and incidents with the people living there. Officer Haugen said this is a hot topic and the department is working on this. However, based on some court decisions, the way the police can approach the issue is complicated; they have to offer services to help people get out of the situation they're in, and this has been done with the group at 5th and Western. Most of the people have declined these services. The department is keeping the Mayor and City Council informed of the situation, but the police need the support of those groups before taking any additional action. The issue has been brought to City Council.

Question: Is there a city ordinance about leaving an RV on the street? Officer Haugen clarified that they can be ticketed, but it's unlikely they'll be towed or forced to move. The court ruling limits the police is about people having the right to live in a vehicle on a public street. Some of the people in these areas do have a criminal history, but not all of them.

Question: What is the timeline for dealing with the issue? It's been about seven months since this started. Officer Haugen said that there is no timeline yet.

Question: What can neighbors do? Call Sergeant Feist or Officer Howard at 503-526-2261 to report issues. Also, bring it to the attention of City Council and the Mayor; we elect them to advocate for us. You can watch City Council meetings online to see what they're like. Last Tuesday, two people spoke at the meeting about the issue. While this is the first time some people have seen the problem, the homelessness issue has actually been going on for years in our NAC. Issues that are brought up here in the NAC meeting will go to BCCI, which reports up to the Mayor's Office. However, this is not a NAC issue. It's a City and Metro issue and any action on our part needs to happen at the City Council level.

A neighbor noted that a long discussion thread on Next Door about this issue has been shut down and a Facebook Group was created to facilitate conversation. It's called "Let's Build Up Beaverton." At the last

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City Council meeting, it was noted that there are 16 areas in Beaverton where people are camping in their cars. Neighbors are trying to work with other groups beyond Beaverton to find out what's been tried, what works

Officer Haugen reported that the Beaverton Celebration Day Parade Run, Parade, and Bike Beaverton went well. Bike Beaverton had over 500 people participate.

Upcoming events:

- Car seat clinics - Saturday, Sept. 16 at Kuni Auto Center on Cedar Hills from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, and another one on Oct. 21 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.
- DEA Drug Take Back Day - Saturday, Oct. 28, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Beaverton Police Department. Drop off your old medication so that they can be properly disposed of. If you can't make that event, there's a drop box right inside the main doors at the police department as well.
- Document Shredding - Sunset Presbyterian Church on Cornell, Nov. 11, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Tualatin Hills Parks & Recreation District Report: Heath Wright reported that the Aquatic Center at 158th and Walker is closed down through December for its second phase of renovation. In our area, Vista Brook outdoor park exercise equipment is going in; the project started Sept. 5th and should be completed in late October. The Garden Home Rec Center is continuing to be refurbished. Camille Park tennis courts are being resurfaced, with the expected completion in late October; next spring, Natural Resources will be updating features in that park. The Portland Bureau of Environmental Services is running behind schedule on their project at the Garden Home Rec Center, but they are scheduled to end in late October. That work doesn't affect the Fanno Creek trail, just ball fields.

THPRD has women's only swims at Aloha and Sunset swim centers. Every first Friday of the month, year round, is "Free First Friday," where open swim is free for everyone on that day. There are several "Dive In Movies" scheduled at the various Aquatic Centers this fall. On October 20, Garden Home Rec Center will be hosting their Great Pumpkin Hunt. The Harman Swim Center hosts a pumpkin bob event in the pool on Oct. 28.

At a future meeting, we will have someone from THPRD security speak to us about park patrol, rules and rule violations, dog leash laws, camping, marijuana, and other issues security personnel are managing in the parks.

Guest Speakers:

Stacey Revay, Active Transportation Plan Will be rescheduled.

Mike Martin, Martin Apartments, off 96th and Beaverton Hillsdale Highway.

Mike led a presentation about a plan to replace a "zombie house" with two apartment buildings and 12 units with Hawaiian-themed landscaping. Parking will be available for 17 (possibly 18) vehicles with four additional spots on the road. A major bus route goes down Beaverton-Hillsdale Highway, so this amount of parking should be sufficient and it exceeds the City's requirements of 1.75 vehicles per 2-bedroom unit and 1.5 vehicles per 1-bedroom unit.

No conditional use permit is required for this development; everything meets code. This plan will get a design review. There will be a short fence in the front that starts about a foot off the ground. That's because the building is in a flood zone on one edge, so the landscaping and design has to allow for that.

Questions:

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Was there a traffic study? Yes, they did their own.

What is the price point on these units? Are they considered affordable housing? Affordable housing is usually considered rents that are affordable at about 70% of median income for the neighborhood. They don't know the exact numbers for Beaverton at this point. Mike wanted to make apartments that are less expensive than the surrounding areas, so they're working on that, but they may not necessarily be designated as "affordable."

Is there a date for a public hearing? They are still early in the process so nothing is set up yet. There are still issues being addressed. They are bringing the issue to the NAC early in order to get feedback from the neighborhood before they get too far along.

One of the design issues they're facing is that the building has a "flat" roof (technically it's a shed roof with a low slope). The City doesn't like this, but because this is modular housing that's stacked, this is the kind of roof that works. In addition, the lower slope of the roof keeps it from being too tall and towering over surrounding buildings. This roof is also good for fire protection, as it's easy for firefighters to get from the roof into the building and from the building onto the roof through a hatch.

Modular housing keeps costs lower; the modular units are state-inspected and follow all the building codes for a regular house. The units are shipped on trailers and then get attached to the foundation on site, so the buildings will go up very fast. The City of Beaverton will then inspect plumbing and electrical. Three similar buildings are going up in Portland right now; these will likely be finished before the Beaverton project.

4 units ADA accessible; the rest are upstairs. There are no patios or balconies, but there is space outside for children and a barbecue area. Concrete seating areas in front of the building. Sidewalks will be improved next to the property.

The anticipated economic lifetime of this building is as long as a stick-built house but likely longer; at least 100 years or more. The plan includes street lighting to Washington County's standards, because the county owns the street, not the City. Best case, they hope to start work on this project next spring. Whether street improvements are required is still to be determined.

Treasurer's Report: Sheri reported that our balance is \$6445.85, and she has two more checks to deposit.

BCCI Report: Michelle noted two events: On Saturday, Sept. 30th, BCCI is hosting a Neighborhood Emergency Preparedness Summit. It's a family friendly event to learn about how to prepare for disasters and other emergencies.

Beaverton's Welcoming Week starts Saturday, Sept. 16 and runs through Sunday, Sept. 24. There are several events throughout the community to emphasize the cultures we have around us. Go to BeavertonOregon.gov/welcomingweek for more information.

Old Business:

Ernie has not yet submitted the matching grant application for the iPad for WebEx during meetings. It's written but needs to be finalized and submitted.

Habitat for Humanity will be building homes soon in the lot on Denney near the corner of Scholls.

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Consent Agenda

Approval of minutes: Sheri noted the following correction for the June meeting: On page 2, the church's name is recorded as State of Grace and it should be Spirit of Grace.

Michelle moved that we accept the minutes with the correction noted by Sheri. Sheri seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

New Business:

NextDoor had a thread going about the campers at 5th and Western. They're aware that people are down and out, but the concern is about the criminal element and are bringing the issue to City Council. People are planning to go to the City Council every week and ask about the issue.

City Update: *Lani Parr, Neighborhood Program.* The City is assigning a city staff person to come to each NAC meeting; Lani is assigned to our NAC. She is a resource to take back concerns that come up and flag them with other city staff.

Sept. 28 through Oct. 8 is Restaurant Week in Beaverton, featuring 30 restaurants who offer a special menu item they don't usually offer. BeavertonOregon.gov/eat has list of restaurants who are participating.

The City has received a housing grant from Metro Equitable Housing, which provides money to create a toolkit to help preserve affordable housing in Beaverton.

Near Murray and Hocken, the Farmington Road project is finally complete.

There are a lot of boards and commissions with openings right now, although the Traffic Commission and the Library Board do not expect to have openings. The deadline for applying is October 2nd.

Meeting end time: 8:37 pm