

City of Beaverton
Neighborhood Association Committee Meeting Minutes

NAC: Denney Whitford / Raleigh West

Date: February 8, 2018

Board members present:

Co-Chair: Sherry Moore

Co-Chair: Ernie Conway

BCCI Rep: (vacant)

Treasurer: Sheri Struk

Recorder: Tracy Thornton

Quorum present? Yes No

Meeting start time: 7:03

Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue Report (Station 53): Lt. Whitney and his team dropped off some flyers with information about annexation Measures 34-280 and 34-281 which will be on the March ballot. They left for an emergency call before they could provide a more detailed report.

Beaverton Police Department Report: No report.

Tualatin Hills Parks & Recreation District Report: Sharon Hoffmeister reported in Heath Wright's place. The Aquatic Center on 158th has reopened. Registration for spring classes begins Saturday, March 3rd. THPRD collected 600 gifts in their holiday giving drive and over 1,000 pounds of linen, towels, and personal hygiene items, which were donated to the Union Gospel Mission.

A concept plan is being created for Greenway Park; a community-based task force will evaluate future needs of the park. THPRD's spring Native Plant Sale will take place Saturday, April 28. See THPRD's website for more information about these and other events.

City Update: Lani Parr reported that Beaverton is celebrating its 100th anniversary of incorporation and will be highlighting our history in the Your City newsletter as well as where we're headed.

Several food pods have opened in a dedicated area near City Hall. Their winter hours are 11:00 am to 10:00 pm with a wide variety of food options. Some carts are open at 7:00 am for breakfast and coffee.

There is a downtown design project open house on Feb. 22 (6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at City Hall) and Feb. 24 (10:30 am to 12:30 am at the Main Library). You can drop in on either day for interactive design workshops where you can share your ideas and talk with design consultants.

On March 8, the City is hosting a free downtown property owner workshop. Contact Rachel rthieme@beavertonoregon.gov for more information.

The City is supporting Family Promise of Beaverton, with \$50,000 in grant funds to be dedicated to help unhoused families in Beaverton. The program is expected to open in March 2018. See FamilyPromiseofBeaverton.org for more information.

Enrollment for spring basic CERT classes is open and there are 50 openings. Classes are conducted on Thursday evenings, 6:00-9:00 pm for 7 consecutive weeks with a final event on a Saturday morning. Register online at <https://apps.beavertonoregon.gov/Secure/cert/register.aspx>

BCCI will get an update on where Beaverton is with an ordinance about overnight parking/camping at their next meeting, and Lani will bring an update to the next NAC meeting.

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Guest Speaker: Todd Juhasz, Transportation Division Manager for the City of Beaverton, discussed the City's new Active Transportation Plan, which was passed by City Council on Tuesday.

The City has a Transportation System Plan, from which transportation projects are pulled. But it was subpar in addressing issues with bikes and pedestrians. The new plan's goal was to provide safe, equitable and redundant routes for pedestrians and cyclists of varying comfort levels. In the process of creating the plan, a citizen's advisory committee met six times; a technical advisory committee brought together experts from the region to share their expertise; the planning commission reviewed it and gave input; and then it was finally to City Council this week. The next step will be to create an ordinance to adopt the plan into the Transportation System Plan. One output of the plan is a "top 10" list of projects.

Having this plan will make it easier for the City to apply for grants from Metro to fund the projects it identified, because Metro requires cities to be consistent with its own active transportation plan to be eligible for funding. The plan also creates a methodology for picking projects in which safety, route directness and completion, redundancy of routes, equity, etc., are prioritized above cost. Metro's focus is moving away from vehicles and toward active forms of transportation.

The top priority projects identified by the plan are not necessarily the projects that will get built, as projects have to be approved by City Council, but the Transportation Division does try to guide Council decisions through staff recommendations.

People involved with Safe Routes to Schools had a lot of input into the plan, and one of the plan's goals was to improve routes to schools. Many parents drive their children to school, which creates a lot of congestion during peak hours. Parents are fearful that something is going to happen to their kids if they walk or bike to school because they see scary things in the media; however, statistics show that the number of incidents is way, way down from the 1970s and 1980s. Hillsboro and Portland both have dedicated staff members working directly with the school districts on transportation issues; Beaverton has an outside consultant but no internal staff dedicated to working with the Beaverton School District.

The Active Transportation Plan is available online:
<https://www.beavertonoregon.gov/DocumentCenter/View/21012>.

Questions can be directed to the Transportation Division; contact information is available on the City's website.

Board Updates:

- **Treasurer's Report:** Sheri reported that \$1.36 (our dividend) was added to our account this month.
- **BCCI Report:** The BCCI Representative position is currently vacant. Lani noted two events that BCCI is sponsoring:
 - March 17th, Volunteer Fair from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Library. This event focuses on different ways for people to volunteer in Beaverton.
 - April 23rd, Voters Forum for the May election at the Library. There will be a reception to meet the candidates at 6:30 pm; the forum kicks off at 7:00.

Consent Agenda

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The January minutes were not posted online so the board could not review them. Tracy will resend the January minutes to the Neighborhood Office.

New Business:

Lani will check with the Washington County Elections Office to see why we don't have drop boxes available in Beaverton for ballots prior to the day of the election. All the drop-off locations we have (such as the Library) require you to park and get out of your car if you go before Election Day.

Meeting end time: 8:17 pm

Next meeting is March 8, 2018.