

City of Beaverton
Neighborhood Association Committee Meeting Minutes

NAC: Denney Whitford / Raleigh West

Date: May 10, 2018

Board members present:

Co-Chair: Sherry Moore

Co-Chair: Ernie Conway

BCCI Rep: Rick Skayhan

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 reported that our neighborhood's crime statistics show nothing unusual, but there has been a recent increase in scam phone calls from people pretending to be the IRS because it's tax season.

The department is hosting two upcoming Car Seat Clinics, both from 9:00 am to 11:30 am: On May 19, the event takes place at Kuni Auto Center on Cedar Hills Blvd; on June 2, it takes place at the Police Department.

Two recent calls were in the news, and both were mental health related. One ended without a shooting, the other did; the person who was shot survived and was later charged. Officer Haugen has seen a noticeable uptick in mental health issues since joining the department.

The department continues to have a lot of transition and several new officers are starting.

Tualatin Hills Parks & Recreation District Report: Heath Wright reported that summer registration started on April 21, and spaces are filling up especially for swim lessons, but there are still spaces left in less popular classes.

THPRD is hosting women-only swims: Aloha Swim Center, May 12 from 3:00 to 4:30 pm; and Sunset Swim Center, June 3 from 5:30-6:30 pm.

May is National Water Safety month, and THPRD is participating with several promotions around safety in pools, open water, and boats. Events include a cardboard boat regatta at Conestoga on May 11 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm, and a chance to meet Finn, THPRD's aquatics mascot, on May 20 from 1:30 to 4:30 at the Tualatin Hills Aquatic Center. (Ernie asked if attendees would be able to swim with Finn, but Heath clarified that Finn is a special land dolphin and does not get in the water.) The district's outdoor pools are scheduled to open on Monday, June 25.

The Beaverton Swim Center is having a blood drive on May 17 from 2:30 to 7:00 pm. To sign up, visit www.redcrossblood.org and use the sponsor code "Beaverton Swim."

The Natural Resources & Trails section is holding an open house for the Greenway Park improvement plan on May 17 from 7:00 – 8:15 pm at the Conestoga Rec Center. This is your last chance to see the final draft of the plan and to offer feedback. You can also submit comments online.

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THPRD continues to coordinate with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to stock ponds around the district. The maintenance department continues to power wash outdoor basketball and tennis courts. There should be minimal impact to park users, and the schedule can be found online.

The district will host a Memorial Day program at Veterans Memorial Park on May 28 at 10:00 am. Throughout the summer, they will also sponsor free fitness events in parks; see THPRD.org/fitness-in-the-park for more information.

City Update from Lani Parr:

A “What’s on Tap” meet-the-mayor event is scheduled for Tuesday, May 22 at the BG Food Cartel from 6:30-8:30 pm. Mayor Doyle will be there along with other elected officials. It’s an informal opportunity to chat with city leaders. Kid activities will be available and dogs are welcome too.

Saturday, May 19 is Public Works week at Beaverton Farmers Market; come meet staff and find out what they do to keep up the city’s infrastructure.

Beaverton’s drinking water is safe, exceeding state and federal drinking water standards. The report is available online and question about the report can be directed to the city’s Water Quality Line, 503-526-2208.

Beaverton has been awarded a \$400,000 grant from the EPA for cleanup at the site of the future public safety center. Demolition on the site is expected to start this summer and construction should start in early 2019. The public safety center will be the first dedicated building for policy and emergency management operations in the city.

The Mayor’s office has seen a big staffing change. The library director Abigail Elder will be taking on the role of Mayor’s Office Director as of May 16th, where she will oversee all Mayor’s Office programs (including the NAC program). The city will be recruiting for a new library director.

The Budget Committee will hold public meetings on May 17th, 21st, 24th at 6:00 at City Hall. The budget documents are online on the city’s website. The committee will be voting on the mayor’s budget proposal for all city departments.

In response to a question from the last meeting, Lani confirmed that the city’s place-making grants are a one-time, not ongoing, funding source for now.

Guest Speakers:

Brian Baker, Events Coordinator – Beaverton Half Marathon

The city is working with Portland Running Company this year; the race will be bigger but it’s almost full already. Beaverton is working to increase these types of events and promote being active. Brian brought route maps to show the new route, which should have less impact on neighborhoods than last year’s route. There are volunteer opportunities available. See Beavertonoregon.gov/run for more information.

Sgt. Schaefer from the police department is working to mitigate traffic impacts. The route is similar to last year’s but they’ve made some changes to improve it. The race starts at the PRC store on Nimbus and Scholls. The promoters set up the course to go around churches, since the race starts at 8:00 am on Sunday morning, but also to allow streets to be opened back up as quickly as possible once runners are through each area. If you have concerns about being able to get out of your neighborhood on the day of

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the race, contact Ernie who can give your feedback to Sgt. Schaer so he can work out a solution ahead of time. Streets along the route will be impacted from 6:30 am to noon, but not all streets will be affected that entire time. Sgt. Schaer said it was nice to see people who are already part of the community organizing this event.

During the race, the Denney Road ramps to Hwy 217 will be closed in both directions (which is a preview to what will be happening with Denney Road soon anyway—see below). Hall Blvd. will not be closed as much as it was last year; the race is being routed around the Greenway section used last year to minimize the impact to people living in that area. Also, mailers have been sent to all addresses within 1,000 feet of the route with contact information and maps to educate people about the race's potential impacts.

ODOT is having an Open House on May 23 from 5:30-7:30 at Whitford Middle School about the Highway 217 auxiliary lanes project. You can give design feedback at the open house and learn more about the project.

City of Beaverton Code Services Officer, Mark Bennett

Code Services (aka Code Compliance) was under the Mayor's Office; in January, it moved under the Police Department. Code Services now leans more toward enforcement. Mark has been with the city for 15 years; four of those were in the Police Department, 11 in Code Enforcement. The city has two officers in Code Services who divide the city in two sections with Allen as the dividing line; one officer takes the area north of Allen, the other takes the area south of Allen. The department gets a lot of calls and is often the place people go when they don't know where to call; it serves as a kind of complaint department. Some of the issues Code Services handles are noxious and overgrown vegetation, dead trees, barking dogs (but loose dogs are handled by Washington County), rubbish complaints, messy yards, vacant houses, and some landlord-tenant issues.

It's not always clear what a problem is, so the officers start by investigating. For example, a complaint on a house may be a vacant house, a transient living in the house, a hoarder, or just a messy person; not all issues are handled by Code Services. They handle noise complaints during the day, but after hours it becomes a police issue. They handle regular graffiti on private property, but graffiti that contains gang symbols should be reported to the police non-emergency number (503-629-0111) so that the police can track it. Do not call 911 for nuisance complaints. The non-emergency number goes to the same dispatchers as 911 calls.

Crime and emergencies are handled by the police, not Code Services. Also, the department starts by asking for the caller's address to determine whether they're in Beaverton or not so they don't waste time on something that isn't their jurisdiction. (The non-emergency dispatchers serve all of Washington County and can direct your call appropriately.) Where the issue originates determines who is responsible for it.

Abandoned cars and parking issues are now being handled by the police. The city has an abandoned auto hotline (503-350-4058), or problems can be reported through an online form (under "Report a Problem").

Problems with transients, camping, trespassing, or any issue after hours (8:00-5:00, Monday through Friday) should be reported to the police non-emergency number.

Contact the Code Services Department at 503-526-2270. They are now housed with the Police Department on Griffith Drive. For problems north of Allen Blvd., contact Mike at

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mbennett@beavertonoregon.gov; south of Allen, contact jdouglas@beavertonoregon.gov. City Council is still working on an ordinance to address street camping. They reviewed a draft of the ordinance at their last meeting and will revisit it at their June 5th meeting.

The number of complaints grows in the spring and summer as vegetation grows and people are out and about more. There's a lot of gray area in what the department does. For example, if someone makes a complaint about odors, they use an "average person" test: if it's something that would bother a normal person, they will look into it more closely. The city code doesn't necessarily define terms really clearly. When someone appears to violate the code, it has to be verified first. The Code Services officers try to talk to the owner or tenant first; if that doesn't work, they send a form letter explaining the violation and asking the person to fix it in two weeks and including information on potential fines and court appearances. The third letter is a violation notice, which is a citation (\$500 per day).

Parking issues should now go to parking enforcement officers in the police department. Unfortunately, the department is still catching up on a backlog of complaints from January when these moved over, but there are now three community services officers working on it.

If something is not a code violation, the city's Dispute Resolution Center can help mediate between the two parties.

Board Updates:

- **Treasurer's Report:** Sheri reported that \$1.32 (our dividend) was added to our account this month.
- **BCCI Report:** Rick reported on the Candidates' Forum at the Library. It was very well attended and it was good to see the engagement from the community. The forum included candidates for Washington County Chair, Metro, and City Council races. People were able to ask questions of the candidates and THPRD's Director of Communications was moderator. The forum gave people a flavor of the candidates but didn't delve too deeply into issues. The next BCCI meeting is in 3 weeks.

Consent Agenda:

- Minutes from April: Sheri noted one typo. Rick moved that we accept the minutes with the correction and Sheri seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Old Business:

The Planning Director ruled in favor of the OBRC (Bottle Drop) facility. Those opposed to the decision have 10 days to appeal the decision to City Council (and they will). Rick noted that he attended the Five Oaks Triple Creek NAC meeting, and they took a position on the OBRC issue (in anticipation of facing the same issue in their NAC soon). The FOTC NAC opposes the idea of the Planning Director making unilateral decision without public input. (There is no OBRC facility currently planned in the FOTC neighborhood.)

Sheri noted that on our NAC website under Summer Reading Drive has Michelle Lupo's contact information; this whole thing should be removed from the website. Lani said she would take care of this.

Meeting end time: 8:11 pm

Next meeting is June 14, 2018.