

## MEETING MINUTES

Five Oaks Triple Creek NAC Of Beaverton, Oregon

Tuesday, 8 May 2018

Elmonica Elementary School: 16950 SW Lisa Ct, Beaverton, OR 97006

David Kamin, NAC Chair, opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:** The April meeting minutes were approved with one amendment requested by Mike Neff to add noise and odor as issues in the bottle drop site discussion.

**Upcoming Elections:** Two candidates in the upcoming elections came to introduce themselves and encourage community members to cast their votes.

*Kevin Barton:* Currently Chief Deputy Attorney (DA) assistant, running for Chief DA position. The current DA is retiring after 20 years. We are currently living in a safe community, and Kevin wants to ensure we stay safe and meet current challenges with fresh ideas. He has been in the DA office for 11 years as well as a law office in Portland. He has great community support ripe with endorsements from a significant number of community members and leaders.

*Brian Pearson:* Running for house district 27 and has come to learn and listen. Brian has a background in the military and working in business. He is focused on bringing fiscal responsibility to Salem and has great experience in balancing budgets and working with finances. He believes in running intelligent compromise and represents the Independent party to try and meet the needs of the community.

### **City Update by Katie Pizza, Public Information Specialist**

What's on Tap with Mayor Doyle will be held Tuesday, May 22 at the BG Food Cartel from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. This is a great opportunity to chat with Mayor Doyle, other elected officials and neighborhood leaders in a fun, informal setting. Light refreshments will be provided, and food carts and a no-host bar will be open for business. Kid activities will be available. The event takes the place of "meet the mayor" events that occurred in previous years at NAC meetings. The new format is based on feedback received from NAC leaders. We hope to see you there!

May 19 is Public Works Week at the Beaverton Farmers Market! Attend to visit with Beaverton's very own public works employees and learn more about the work they do to help plan, build, operate and maintain the city's infrastructure. Together, these employees are improving Beaverton's streets, landscaping and facilities through a number of important projects. Public Works Week is a national effort to energize and educate residents on the everyday importance of public works projects.

The water quality report is out. Our drinking water is safe, that's the bottom line. In accordance with federal and state regulations, the city produces a water quality report each year to share information about monitoring and testing results. We want residents to know about the quality and sources of your drinking water. We're proud to announce that Beaverton's water continues to meet or exceed all State of Oregon and federal Safe Drinking Water Act standards. The 2018 Water Quality Report (representing data collected in 2017) is now available. For questions about the report, where your water comes from and more, call the city's Water Quality Line at 503-526-2208.

Beaverton awarded EPA brownfield grant. The city has been awarded a \$400,000 grant from the EPA for cleanup of petroleum at the Beaverton Activities Center site, the future home of our new public safety center. The petroleum was from a diesel spill that occurred at adjacent property in 2006. Beaverton is one of three Oregon cities receiving a brownfield grant. Beaverton's voter-approved public safety center will

be the city's first dedicated building for police and emergency management operations. Planning and design is currently underway. Demolition of the existing Beaverton Activities Center is expected to begin in summer 2018, construction of the new project will begin in early-2019 and is expected to be complete in summer 2020. Learn more at [www.BeavertonPolice.org/publicsafetycenter](http://www.BeavertonPolice.org/publicsafetycenter).

New Mayor's Office Director effective May 16. The Mayor's Office welcomes Abigail Elder as its new Director effective May 16. Abigail has led the city's Library Department for five years. In her new role, she will oversee Mayor's Office programs including city recorder, arts, dispute resolution, facilities management, public involvement and communications, solid waste and recycling, and sustainability. A recruitment for a new Library Director will begin soon. A recruitment for the city's HR Director is still underway.

Budget Update. The Budget Committee will meet May 17, 21 and 24 at 6 p.m. at The Beaverton Building (Council Chambers). The primary purpose is to consider the Mayor's budget proposal for FY 2018-19, approve Supplemental Budget changes to the current budget for FY 2017-18, and hold a public hearing on the uses of State Revenue Sharing. The proposed budget will be posted on the Finance pages of the city's website beginning May 9.

#### **Beaverton Committee for Community Involvement (BCCI):**

The BCCI Board hosted the Voters Forum on April 23 instead of having a regular BCCI Board Meeting. There was a great turnout and a lot of information given about the current candidates for the upcoming election.

#### **Oregon Beverage Recycling Collective Facility**

Michael G Neff of Haglund Kelley LLP and E Michael Connors of Hathaway Larson LLP continued the discussion from last month by giving an update on the decision of the City of Beaverton Planning Division Director, Twete, regarding the Beverage Container Redemption Center (BCRC) on Beaverton Hillsdale HWY. The director supported the BCRC, finding it similar to a use currently allowed in the community service zone. However, the residents, businesses, students, and educators in the area of the BCRC feel this should be considered an industrial use instead of a commercial use and an appeal has been submitted.

City code states that recycling centers are to be limited to industrial areas. The term "recycling center" within the code is not well defined and is currently extremely broad in definition. The activities of the BCRC present a new type of use in Oregon—a recycling center, but a new type of recycling center. Instead of going to the grocery store, individuals are going to a separate recycling center. Within certain areas, once there is a bottle drop site in a given area, any grocery store can stop accepting bottles. Every day about 80,000 containers are being processed. Products are sorted in the back into aluminum, glass and plastic. Aluminum is pressed into bricks, plastic compressed, and glass is pulverized. These recycled materials are then put on pallets and trucks and hauled away. This land use shows all the hallmarks of an industrial use.

Currently the BCRC does not have land use approval, even though they have been operating for a year now. The facility was put in without any public review process even though code should require them to go through this process. This case sets precedent for the rest of the city and could broaden to allow other uses from the industrial area moving into commercial uses. This type of facility should certainly be allowed, but the point is that the city has already allotted industrial zones for these purposes.

A business owner next door to the facility expressed his view of how the facility has changed his business. He bought the building in 2006 and remodeled it and they have had no issues for 11 years until the BCRC appeared next door. Some main points include noise, safety, and odor.

The site is extremely loud as it processes the bottles, and the building doors are left open which magnifies the sounds even more. Owners have had theft, break-ins, and individuals doing drugs in their bathroom. Drug needles and cigarettes litter their parking lot and the surrounding area and are a threat to the neighbors and their children. The area now has vagrancy, loitering, and people bothering the business staff. Business owners have had to put in panic buttons and lock the restrooms. Green bags people use to turn in their bottles are being stolen. Residents and businesses are finding people going through their garbage bins. The site produces a terrible smell. The owner has never seen rats before, but now finds dead rats around. People are urinating in residents' yards nearby. The BCRC site has no controlled access, security lighting, or fence around the property.

The legal evidence in this situation hugely supports the BCRC as an industrial use, but even more important are the political ramifications. Showing the support of the community will be greatly effective going forward with the appeal process.

**Motion:** Our NAC is in favor of submitting our view to city council after the appeal stating that we support the appeal. Unanimous vote in favor with the five of seven NAC board members present.

NAC members are encouraged to attend the hearing when it is scheduling (date still to be determined)

**Matching Fund Grant update:** A NAC member has applied for a matching fund grant to have a tea cart with a solar oven at three events including our picnic in the park. The concept has been approved, but the events coordinator will need to sign off. NAC members will participate to run the cart and talk with people about this process.

David Kamin, Chair, Adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Please join us for our next meeting on June 12th. The NAC continues with monthly restoration projects at Autumn Ridge Park (ARP) and Willow Creek Greenway (WCG) from 9am till noon. Come join us on 5/5 at WCG. We will meet at NW Eastmoreland CT. You can also signup online at the THPRD volunteer website: [www.thprd.org/activities/nature/volunteer](http://www.thprd.org/activities/nature/volunteer).