

City of Beaverton
Neighborhood Association Committee Meeting Minutes

NAC: Denney Whitford / Raleigh West

Date: June 14, 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: 7:03

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

Beaverton Police Department Report: No report.

Tualatin Hills Parks & Recreation District Report: Heath Wright reported that the Summer Concert schedule is now available. The first concert is July 4th, featuring country singer Brittany Kellogg. The concert runs from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm in Veterans Memorial Park. A detailed schedule is available at thprd.org/summer-celebrations. In our NAC, there's a concert in Raleigh Park on Aug 23, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, featuring My Happy Pill (and Heath will be hosting).

Summer Nature programs still have availability for campers ages 4 to 13. The Nature Mobile will be around all summer long, from June 25 to August 24. In our NAC, it will be at Greenway Park on Monday afternoons from 12:30 pm to 3:00 pm, and at the Garden Home Rec Center on Tuesday afternoons 12:30 pm to 3:00 pm.

THPRD is working on ADA improvements to the parking lots at the Elsie Stuhr Center and Harman Swim Center. They are in the first analysis phase and are meeting to see what auditors have found.

The outdoor pools at Raleigh and Somerset West Swim Centers are opening June 25. A lot of cleanup work will be done before then.

The Parks Functional Plan, last updated 2015, is now being updated again. This district is working with consultants and the community; there will be community surveys this month and open houses will take place over the summer. They hope to have the plan approved by the Board this winter.

Free open swims continue on the first Friday of every month for people both in and out of district, as well as women's only swims at Sunset and Aloha Swim Centers. New classes start June 25. Registration is now open for a family triathlon scheduled for Saturday, July 28; participants must provide their own bike and are required to wear helmets.

City Update:

Lani Parr reported that Summer Reading sign-up started June 1 for kids, teens, and adults. This year's theme is "Libraries Rock!" Kids and teens can sign up through July 23 to read and win prizes; sign up for adults goes through July 31. Visit www.BeavertonLibrary.org/SRP for more information.

The Placemaking Matching Grant program received 15 applications and are recommending 5 awardees. More details on the winners will be coming soon.

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Two Beaverton NACs won national awards from Neighborhoods USA at an event in Alabama. Highland NAC received a second place prize for Neighborliness, and Five Oaks Triple Creek received a first place award for Neighborhood Beautification.

Our Picnic in the Park is scheduled for Aug. 1 in Camille Park. We need volunteers to work a table and hand out meal tickets.

Old Business:

Proposed Overnight Camping Ordinance

The City Council voted to approve the new ordinance (4-1). The ordinance goes into effect 30 days after the Mayor signs it. However, this isn't a final solution and there's more work to be done on the issue.

Oregon Beverage Redemption Center Upcoming Public Hearing

The public hearing regarding the appeal of the Director's decision on the BottleDrop facility will be next Tuesday at City Council. Ernie noted that another NAC (Five Oaks Triple Creek) took a position on the issue without inviting both sides to comment at their meeting, and despite the fact that the issue is happening in our NAC. Ernie thought it was important to make it clear that our NAC was not contacted by FOTC and chose not to take a position on this issue. He feels that their concerns (as described in their position paper, which was about issues with the process rather than neighborhood issues), should have been addressed at the BCCI level.

Rick, who was at the FOTC NAC meeting when this position was voted on, said that the discussion there was around the murky language in the code. They felt they were trying to be ahead of the curve in case a business like this decides to locate in their NAC.

A representative from OBRC explained that the public hearing is trying to resolve ambiguity in the City code. It's possible that the City will adopt a code amendment that bars this kind of business in a commercial zone (this is one reason OBRC has not moved forward with some of the improvements it has discussed with neighbors; OBRC does not want to invest in the site if they will soon have to move).

Michael Neff, the attorney challenging the City's decision, says that when OBRC came to present at our NAC, the use determination was already made, and he believes the process should have required a public hearing prior to that decision. He feels this is an important point for the Council meeting next week.

Ernie moved that we submit a statement, either in writing or by attending the Council meeting, saying that our NAC was not involved in the FOTC letter and we are not taking a position on the issue. Sheri seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-1.

ACTION: Ernie will write a statement and send to the NAC Board for final approval, and also attend the Council meeting.

Ernie suggested that if there are still issues after Tuesday's decision, we could bring both sides back at our September meeting to help mediate that. Tracy asked whether that's the NAC's role; perhaps the City's mediation program is a more appropriate place.

New Business:

Whitford School Safety Incident Recap of the Parents and Beaverton School District Meeting

Laurie Day, a social worker who works with issues of trauma treatment using techniques such as mindfulness, is very concerned about the escalation to violence in our community. The recent events at

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Whitford Middle School, where a child was beaten up during school hours, reflects this trend. Children have a fundamental need to feel safe, and she believes we have many resources available to heal and prevent such incidents, but it's not easy to get them into the schools. She presented her vision: Introducing mindfulness, the practice of healthy breathing, into schools across the country. She believes that if every teacher was taught the practice and spent a couple of minutes each day breathing with their classes, it would be transformational. Because people come from a range of family situations and backgrounds, there's an opportunity for the schools to intervene.

She has similar concerns about hunger and thinks we can all agree that no child should be hungry, ever, in America. She wondered whether each school knows how many students are homeless or dealing with hunger. Sherry confirmed that they do. Laurie believes that children can help each other, and even we as adults could use more of that. It's important to teach children empathy and caring from an early age. Sherry suggested that Laurie contact the Beaverton School District. Lani will provide Laurie with the appropriate contact information.

Board Updates:

- **Treasurer's Report:** Sheri reported that \$1.37 (our dividend) was added to our account this month.
- **BCCI Report:** Rick reported that Grace Wong, Assistant City Attorney, gave two presentations at the last BCCI meeting. The first was about public meetings, where you can legally have one and how you communicate about it. The second was about a task force on Beaverton's parking issues, which are somewhat related to the camping ordinance. The task force is looking at an ordinance to improve Code Enforcement's ability to deal with people violating parking rules in a variety of situations.

Ernie suggested that the City consider doing a training for NAC leaders about the distinction between neighborhood issues and BCCI issues.

Consent Agenda:

- Minutes from May: Sheri noted that the May minutes were not posted on the website, so we will vote on them in September.

Public Comment:

Sara Wergin from Northpoint Development introduced herself and explained that her business is working on developing a property at Hwy 217 and Allen Blvd in the industrial park there. (The site address is 5355 SW 107th.) They plan to tear down the existing building and put up a new building, which will be an all-enclosed, self-storage building and all loading and unloading will happen inside the building. They hope to have their pre-application completed at the end of June and may attend a future NAC meeting to present on the project.

Meeting end time: 8:10 pm

Next meeting is Sept. 13, 2018.