

City of Beaverton
Neighborhood Association Committee Meeting Minutes

NAC: Denney Whitford / Raleigh West

Date: September 13, 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): Lt. Price reported that since Aug. 1, they have responded to 259 code 3 calls (that is, a call when they use lights and sirens, which are usually medical calls or fires). October is Fire Prevention Month. Some tips: If you have a wood stove and haven't had it cleaned in a while, this is a good time to have it checked; there is an increase in chimney fires this time of year. Test your smoke detectors (monthly is recommended). Talk to your family about what to do when a smoke detector goes off and create an escape plan. Smoke alarms should be installed in each sleeping room and on every level of the home, including the basement. Hardwired alarms should have a battery backup. (Do not disconnect or remove batteries!) Cooking is the leading cause of home fires and home injuries. Don't leave items unattended in the kitchen. Leave a three foot radius around heating equipment such as space heaters. With school starting, it's a great time to talk to your kids and grandkids about calling 911 and to make sure kids know their home address—this really helps dispatchers when there's an emergency.

Beaverton Police Department Report: No report.

Tualatin Hills Parks & Recreation District Report: Kelly McNutt is taking over from Heath Wright (and is also now the supervisor at Harman Swim Center; Heath has moved to Beaverton Swim Center). A lot of THPRD people are retiring, which is creating open positions throughout the district. THPRD has stopped using the term "superintendent" and is using "manager," which should be less confusing.

Holly Thompson resigned from the THPRD Board of Directors to apply for the district's Communication Director position, which she got. There are still some center supervisor positions open, so expect some shifting in the coming months

Aquatics Department: Aloha and Sunset continue to host women's only swims. Call the centers to check dates and times. Dive-in movies are scheduled throughout the fall; THPRD can't advertise the titles due to their licensing agreements, but you can see hints about the movie on their Facebook page. Conestoga plans a run of Star Wars movies up to the release of the new Star Wars movie in December. The department has moved away from free first Friday open swims and instead is offering free open swims every week at one of the centers: Conestoga, first Fridays of each month; Walker Road, second Wednesday; Harman, second Saturday; Beaverton, third Friday; Aloha, fourth Tuesday; Sunset, fourth Sunday. This will spread out the opportunities for people to participate in free swims.

The outdoor pools have closed for the season; renovations at the indoor Aquatic Center are completed and it's now fully functioning. The Raleigh outdoor pool is due for a major renovation, and work will begin in the fall of 2019. The renovation will include updates to the pool and also the park itself, with more trails and accessible features.

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The Conestoga rec center will host an event celebrating Indian culture on Friday, Sept. 14 (including a dive-in movie), followed by the Beaverton International Celebration on Saturday, Sept. 15, which will include art, dance, and interactive activities. The center will also host a “monster bash and splash” on Oct. 26; this event will include games, trick-or-treating, and a Halloween-themed dive-in movie.

The Elsie Stuhr Center will hold its annual health and wellness resource fair on Oct. 6. The Garden Home rec center will hold its annual pumpkin hunt on Oct. 19, and Cedar Hills rec center will hold its fall festival on Oct. 30. Conestoga will host a veterans pancake feed on Veterans Day, Nov. 11, from 9:00 to 11:00; in addition, veterans get in free to all drop-in classes on that day. Garden Home will host a holiday bazaar on Dec. 1 from 9:00 to 4:00.

Cooper Mountain Nature Park will host Nature Days in the Park on Sept. 22 with interactive activities. There will be a SOLV riverside cleanup from 9:00 to 12:00 on Sept. 29 (registration is required). THPRD hosts a native plant sale at the Tualatin Hills Nature Center on Saturday, Oct. 6 from 10:00 to 2:00.

Elsie Stuhr and Harman are both slated for capital projects to improve their accessibility. The Harman project will be big; the parking lot will have to be regraded, there will be a graded ramp going into the front plus stairs on the side, and a new front entrance will be created. Harman doesn't need (and the law doesn't require) the 30 handicapped spots they have now, so they will reduce the number of these and create better access for families and others. The project will also create a designated loading and unloading area for TriMet and lift services.

Two large trees had to be removed in front of the Beaverton Swim Center because their roots were lifting the building off its foundation. The wood from the trees will be sold, with proceeds going to the Rotary Club, and wood chips from the trees will be used by the district. THPRD always tries to repurpose any trees that are removed from its facilities.

THPRD earned recognition by the National Parks & Recreation Board chair for working on creating equity, diversity, and inclusion in their organization.

Board Updates:

- **Treasurer's Report:** Sheri reported that our \$1.32 dividend was added to our account this month. We received \$300 for our participation in Picnic in the Park. Kelly asked what our money is spent on; we haven't spent money in a couple of years. Kelly suggested that we consider the holiday giving trees at THPRD during the holidays, and the board liked this idea. Kelly will remind us, and Sheri volunteered to do the shopping if we decide to fund this.
- **BCCI Report:** Rick reported that at the last meeting, they discussed land use and transportation and the importance of information is flowing back into the NACs from BCCI. BCCI is advising the City on how to improve the website so that information is easier to find (e.g., when to get a permit).

Rick recommended more input into BCCI from City divisions, in much the same way the NACs get updates from various agencies. He also suggested going around the table at the BCCI meeting and asking for ideas for how to improve the city. There's a need for more input from NACs to BCCI to the City level, so that NACs aren't trying to solve City-level issues.

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Another Candidates Forum is coming up on Oct. 18. The last one had a huge turnout and was standing room only.

Consent Agenda:

- Minutes from May and June: The minutes are posted and Ernie moved to approve as written; Sheri seconded. The motion passed.

City Update:

Lani Parr reported that Beaverton's Welcoming Week has kicked off with dozens of planned activities. See <https://www.beavertonoregon.gov/1959/Welcoming-Week> for more information. On Monday, Sept. 17, the City will host a Public Safety Center groundbreaking ceremony from 3:00-4:00. Restaurant Week starts Sept. 27; many participants have special menu items only offered that week. There will be a kickoff event on Thursday, Sept. 27 from 4:30-6:00 Lascala Food Hall.

Boards & Commissions recruitment is underway, and there are openings on every board. The deadline to apply is Oct. 1; apply online or contact the City if you need a paper application.

Ernie asked about the fencing around the property across 5th Street from Michael's, which blocks pedestrian traffic along Western between 5th and Allen (there's no sidewalk). Lani will check with the Planning Department.

Family Promise of Beaverton is working with NACs to see if they can find volunteer groups to work together to be an evening host one night (maybe one night during the week of Oct. 14-20). Most of the NAC board agreed to volunteer on Tuesday, Oct 16.

Old Business:

Miles provided Ernie an update on the OBRC issue. None of the parties involved appealed to LUBA, so the Bottle Drop facility will remain open in its current location. OBRC has signed a "good neighbor" agreement and is working on the physical improvements, will conduct a noise study, will provide on-site security during business hours, among other specific agreements.

New Business:

Raziah Roushan from the Arts Commission gave us an update on their activities and some of the opportunities available to our NAC. Painting electrical boxes as a way to deter graffiti is planned but awaiting funding to be available. NACs can work with the Arts Commission to connect with local artists for things like murals in our neighborhood. There are grants available, such as \$500 diversity grants. Applications are online.

For the Public Safety Center on Allen and Hall, Blessing Hancock from Olympia, WA has been selected as the public artist and she will be at the groundbreaking. She'll be seeking feedback from the community about what safety means to them to inform her project.

The future arts center is in fundraising mode now, but has a good start thanks to the \$13 million donation from Patricia Reser.

Meeting end time: 8:19 pm

Next meeting is Oct. 11, 2018.