

Neighbors Southwest/Sexton Mountain

Neighborhood Meeting Minutes

1/20/10

Present: Rhonda Coakley, Chair Person Sexton Mtn
Alton Harvey Sr., Chair Person Neighbors SW
Michael Wong, Vice Chair Neighbors SW
Bruce Miller, Treasurer Neighbors SW

Present: Officer Michael Smith, Beaverton Police Dept.

Others Present:

Greg Giersch, Candace Lowe, Shannon Watkins, Paul Cohen, Sharon Dunham,
Mark & Karli Sachter

Candace Lowe/Metro Perc provided complimentary coffee for our meeting.

Meeting called to order at 7:08pm by Rhonda Coakley.

Introductions were made to group.

Rhonda and Alton asked for Leadership help to include a Recorder, our most urgent need and sub-committee participants as it is currently limited to the amount of work we can do in our NAC with little support for the existing board members. No one volunteered to support.

Question was asked of new member attending (Greg Giersch) of what exactly is a Neighborhood Association. Michael Wong, Alton Harvey and Rhonda Coakley provided their description, along with others attending that we were the liaison into the City of Beaverton to support land development issues, participate in

neighborhood activities and to promote community volunteerism with local events.

Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue (TVFR) was not present

Beaverton Police Department reported by Officer Michael Smith.

- Reported City of Beaverton is rated #3 safest city in Oregon, #47 in Nation which is something to be proud of. Also spoke about concerns of recent crimes/murders related to economic challenges, alcohol related arrests including highest level of drunk driving arrests 726.
- Officer Smith reminded us of two new laws:
 - 1). Cell phone law and only able to talk on hands-free devices. No one under 18 yrs old can use any form of cell phones.
 - 2). Move Over Law – move over 1 lane for emergency vehicles including tow trucks, ODOT vehicles and all law enforcement vehicles. If unable to do this safely, must slow down 5 miles below the stated speed limit. He stated that most people are 98-99% compliance when setting up sting operations to ensure law is enforced.
- Lengthy conversation regarding traffic laws in the city of Beaverton. 45 minute Open forum to address questions from attendees to include legal turns at main intersections to include Brockman and Murray Blvd. in addition to Farmington and Murray. Also discussed legal cross walk laws for motorist.
- Attendees expressed huge concerns of the safety on Scholls/Hall Blvd near Washington Square.
- Officer Smith committed to reporting back with documented stats of #accidents/violations at this intersection both with Beaverton Police Dept, Washington Cty Sherriffs dept and City's engineering dept..

- Attendees suggested NAC host a “Traffic Law 101” training at one of our upcoming NAC mtgs. Office Smith stated he would check in with Engineering and planning to verify if we can schedule.

Paul Cohen reported the re-Grand opening event on Feb. 12th at Amato’s Gallery, also Amato’s Floral in Beaverton’s Old town. Local artists will be featuring their artwork for show and sell. Event 5:30 – 9pm. Paul stated they have invited nearly 500 people with over 60 confirmed in attendance due to utilizing Social Media efforts.

Topic of Facebook (social media) surfaced and Paul & Mark Schacter thought it would be a great way to post our meeting information and local city events which could increase attendance. Discussion of name ideas to include “friends of SW Beaverton” to make it more enticing for people to get involved. No one understands what a NAC or Neighborhood Association Committee is, so naming a Facebook page as “Friends” of SW Beaverton, could open new opportunities of outreach that don’t involve postcard mailings. Rhonda asked if Mark and Paul could take action to ensure this was set up properly and agreed to provide assistance. A meeting would be scheduled between the 3 of them to discuss what was needed.

Candace Lowe suggested we get engaged with local schools Parent Teacher Organizations to promote our NAC meetings. Rhonda stated it was difficult to engage with the schools currently and suggested that anyone at the meeting that had children may be able to help us with this. Candace stated she supports Scholl’s Heights Elementary with a fund raiser and she will give us tips at the next meeting of how to tap into to the PTO’s.

Rhonda updated attendees of Census 2010 surveys will be sent out in March and stressed how important it was for each of us to complete and return them. Census office is also hiring local citizens to ensure outreach efforts of obtaining

the completed surveys. Stats are important to document on behalf of the City of Beaverton as it allows additional federal funding available to our city, in addition of a strong potential to add another state legislative position in Salem.

Rhonda introduced Karli Schacter and let her speak about Arts and Communication Academy's (ACMA) Downtown Design Charrette that she participated in with her classroom. The 76 students with the lead of their instructor, Jon Gotshall designed plans of what could be done with the Westgate Property in the next 10-20 yrs. 3 teams would be presenting their designs to City Council mtg 1/25/10 at 6:30 and encouraged everyone to attend. Mr. Gotshall will be working closely with City of Beaverton depts. to discuss other city properties to be viewed in his future classes next semester. ACMA's Charrette is the first time ever a school has introduced a curriculum that allows students to become knowledgeable about the community they live in and how they can make it better in the future.

Rhonda provided brief updates on handouts for Beaverton Community Vision project, Neighborhood Program Year End Review and Neighborhood Work Plan for 2010 update. In addition, Rhonda shared updates on Library Grand Opening efforts and invited anyone interested to please contact her and also provided a Calendar of events that is recorded to date including City of Beaverton, Beaverton Civic Theatre, Tualatin Hills Park and Rec and Library events.

Meeting adjourned 9:15pm