

City of Beaverton  
Neighborhood Association Committee Meeting Minutes

**NAC: Denney Whitford / Raleigh West**

Date: January 10, 2019

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

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Meeting start time: 7:03 pm

**Beaverton Police Department Report:** Officer Justin Haugen reported that there has been an uptick in thefts from vehicles, particularly at local restaurants and local gyms. These crimes are probably done by the same group of individuals, and they seem to be targeting people who've just gotten off work and are leaving bags in their cars. Detectives are working on the case.

A free shredding event will take place on Feb. 9 at Sunset Presbyterian Church on Cornell. If you're driving by the corner of Allen and Hall, you'll see that the new public safety center is taking shape. The gas station on the corner will eventually move away.

The department was just issued new radios. These allow them to communicate with central and eastside agencies. Photo radar cameras are now working to catch speeding in addition to red lights.

**Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue Report (Station 53):** Lt. Pratt reported that TVF&R has appointed a new fire chief, Derek Weiss. The current chief will remain until June 30 so there is some crossover time for training. Chief Weiss was captain of station 53 for a long time.

We may start to see more advertisements for a TVF&R levy renewal in March 2019. Their last levy went into place in 2015. Under Oregon law, all levies have to be completed within 5 years, but TVF&R is aiming to renew theirs at four years. The levy rate will not change.

This time of year, try to anticipate sudden weather events. Be prepared by keeping extra gear in your car, like a coat, water, and snacks. A common issue this time of year is chimney fires due to creosote buildup; the best way to prevent this is to burn dry, seasoned firewood. Keep an open area of at least three feet around space heaters and baseboard heaters. Space heaters should be plugged directly into outlets, not extension cords. Also, you should consider getting a carbon monoxide detector. Chimneys, fireplaces, and malfunctioning furnaces can create carbon monoxide, which is odorless and colorless so you won't know it's there. CO detectors can be purchased at any hardware store.

The station got a lot of calls from the recent wind event for downed trees and trees on houses and cars. Lt. Pratt suggests that you know your electrical and water shutoffs in your home; this can save you a lot of damage if TVF&R can't get to you quickly enough as they are triaging many calls.

**Tualatin Hills Parks & Recreation District Report:** Kelly McNutt, Center Supervisor for Harman and Raleigh Swim Centers, reported that winter session has started. Spring session registration starts March 2 on 8:00 am.

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In case of inclement weather, note that THPRD does not use the Beaverton School District's weather event schedules. THPRD's communication outreach group will notify news stations, or call their number (503-614-4018) or visit them online at [thprd.org](http://thprd.org) and social media.

The Giving Tree was very successful this year at Harman Swim Center. Last year they had 20 families; this year there were over 30, and the tags went very quickly.

**City Update:** Lani Parr reported that Beaverton was named the #3 Best Place to Raise a Family for 2018 by Livability.com, which mentioned our great schools, public transportation, parks, big area employers (Nike, Intel, IBM), family and pet-friendly attractions and eateries, and proximity to spots like wineries.

January is full of programming related to the library's One Book, One Beaverton (the book is "The Wanderers" by Meg Howrey). For details, see [www.beavertonlibrary.org/events](http://www.beavertonlibrary.org/events).

Public safety changes are being made at the Griffith Drive building. Members of the public visiting the building for court and police business as well as anyone attending meetings during court hours are now required to pass through a metal detector and have their bags screened. You should plan some extra time if you have business in that building.

The City is hosting training for boards and commissions members and NAC leaders. If you'd like to get more involved in your NAC, see [www.beavertonoregon.gov/neighborhoods](http://www.beavertonoregon.gov/neighborhoods).

The annual State of the City event was this morning. It was well-attended by a cross-section of the community.

**Guests:**

*Neighborhood Review Meeting: Mit Schools, proposed Conditional Use Permit for their site at 6540 SW Fallbrook Place.* Ali Way explained that this new education center will be located in the former laser tag place on the corner of Fallbrook and Allen. It will include childcare and a tutoring program; it's kind of like a daycare but with a rigid education system that goes all the way up through high school. They focus on fostering areas public schools are unable to provide for as effectively, such as the arts and advanced sciences. The location is currently zoned for industrial use; a conditional use permit is required to use it for this educational purpose.

The front area of the building will be a café area open to the general public. The back of the lot will have an outdoor play area; the area is closed to public on weekdays, but open to the public on weekends. They will be making aesthetic improvements to the building but no major building changes.

After a year, they can apply for a zoning change if the space works well in the community. The center's hours will be from 6:30 am to 6:30 pm for regular programs, with some tutoring programs running a bit later into the evening on some weeknights.

Ali will be the program and facility director once it's open, and she's managing the project now. Mit is a for-profit business that started as a tutoring service but is now expanding with this facility. There will be areas available for rental to community groups.

*Presentation: Patricia Reser Center for the Arts, Chris Ayzoukian, General Manger and Lani Faith, Executive Director of the Beaverton Arts Foundation.* Chris and Lani are working on this project to develop a new arts center in downtown Beaverton. The need for this kind of venue was identified in the

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community vision plan in 2009; residents want to see a more vibrant downtown destination for arts programming. In 2016, the City passed a transit lodging tax (TLT), an additional tax on overnight stays in the city, with all of the money collected going toward this arts center. This was a milestone for the project, as it gives it some financial footing. The next important milestone came when Patricia Reser donated \$13 million toward construction.

The center will be located near City Hall, the Round, and the Beaverton Central Max station. It's located adjacent to Beaverton Creek and will be situated in such a way that Crescent Street can be closed off to allow for large-scale outdoor festivals and events. It will function for a variety of programming, from live music and theater to dance to family events. The building itself will be 43,000 sq ft with a 550-seat theater and support space. The lobby can host meetings and events. An 1800 sq ft multifunctional Lab space can be used for rehearsals, gatherings, or receptions. There will be a 1200 sq ft art gallery and an 800 sq ft presentation/conference room. The building will be two floors with an outdoor plaza space. It will be adjacent to a 350-spot parking garage that is being built as part of the urban renewal project.

The project's construction budget is \$46million, which will be funded in a public/private partnership. The City will provide 48% (\$21.9 million) from the TLT. The rest will be funded privately, with Pat Reser's \$13 million gift leading the way. Most of the funding for the \$46 million goal has already been identified, and they hope to break ground in the fall of 2019.

The center is not a for-profit venture and its costs will be subsidized for the first few years. Operating fund sources include the TLT, rental fees, ticketing fees, ticket sales, concessions, private funding (grants, scholarships, and individual giving), but no property taxes. City Council and Mayor have promised that the project will not be funded by property taxes or general fund dollars. Once the money for construction is raised, the next big action will be to issue a revenue bond for operations.

**Consent Agenda:**

- Minutes from November: Sheri moved to approve the minutes from last meeting and Rick seconded; the motion passed 4-0.

**Board Updates:**

- **Treasurer's Report:** Sheri couldn't get a tag from the Harman giving tree before they were snapped up so she went to the Garden Home Rec Center instead. She took the last 5 tags from that tree and spent \$228.98 to fulfill those requests. Also, \$1.39 dividend was added to our account.
- **BCCI Report:** Rick reported that the City will have two major projects related to zoning in the downtown area. There are a couple of specific areas that need to be rezoned to allow new projects. There was also some discussion about zoning changes in residential areas; parking issues are still a concern and we don't have good answers yet.

**New Business:** Ernie recapped several of the new land use applications in our NAC that won't be presented at a NAC meeting.

**Old Business:** None.

**Meeting end time:** 8:40 pm

Next meeting is Feb. 14, 2019.