

Beaverton Committee for Community Involvement

Minutes of March 25, 2019 Meeting

Attendees: See Sign In Sheet

Chair Birgit Miranda called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm.

Self Introductions were made.

Terry Lawler moved that the minutes of the January 28, 2019 meeting be approved without amendments or changes. Lisa Stiller seconded the motion which passed without dissent or abstention. *Note: BCCI did not meet in February due to a rare snow event that forced cancellation of the meeting.*

Councilor Lacey Beaty was unable to be at the meeting to present a City Council Update because she was in Salem testifying before a legislative committee. A list of City Council Priorities for 2019 was made available to BCCI members.

Javier Mena, Senior Development Project Manager in the Community Development Department presented an update on Affordable Housing plans in Beaverton and an update on the Metro Regional Bond. The City of Beaverton will hold a community conversation on Affordable Housing and the Metro Bond on April 4th at Highland Park Middle School beginning at 5:30 pm. The session is open to all community members to learn more about and help shape local implementation strategy and share solutions for affordable housing in Beaverton.

Mr. Mena says city staff will use information from the session to fully form a draft affordable housing plan for City Council's consideration on May 6th. Another community conversation will

be held May 16. Mr. Mena says Council and community input needs to be finalized by July so the plan can go to Metro.

Alexis Ball, Equity and Inclusion Manager in the Mayor's Office, presented an update on Beaverton's DEI Initiative and Welcoming Week. She explained that DEI is: D - Diversity is the variation of social and cultural identities among people existing together in a defined setting; E - Equity is when everyone has access to the opportunities necessary to satisfy their essential needs, advance their well-being and achieve their full potential; I - Inclusion means that everyone can participate and everyone belongs. According to Ms. Ball, the mission of Beaverton's Cultural Inclusion Program is to help the City of Beaverton become increasingly welcoming, inclusive, representative, and responsive to historically underrepresented and underserved communities, particularly communities of color, immigrants, and refugees.

Part of accomplishing that mission will be Welcoming Week, September 13 to 22, 2019, a city and community wide celebration. Ms. Ball outlined Welcoming Week Grants, where applicants can seek up to \$1000 for community driven projects that will bring diverse members of the community together. Letters of interest in the applications for the grants are due on May 3, 2019. Please contact equity@BeavertonOregon.gov or 503-526-2439 if interested. Chair Miranda noted that BCCI Matching Grants can be used in conjunction with Welcoming Week Grants for approved projects.

Ms. Ball said vendors are being sought for the Beaverton Night Market this summer. Vendors who sell food, crafts, art and other products that represent world cultures are encouraged to share in the market. The deadline for vendors to apply is May 17,

2019. Contact BeavertonNightMarket@gmail.com or 503-453-5153 if interested.

Chair Miranda suggested BCCI support a solidarity concert scheduled at the Village Baptist Church with the Beaverton Symphony Orchestra to welcome refugees and recent immigrants during Welcoming Week. Other musical groups are being encouraged to participate. Chair Miranda would like to see BCCI sponsor some of the musical groups through grants and work with the planners of the event on logistics and planning.

Lani Parr provided the City Update. It is as follows:

Patricia Reser Center for the Arts and new district public parking garage realize milestone. In February, the city's **Planning Commission voted unanimously to approve the land use applications for the Patricia Reser Center for the Arts and new district public parking garage.** The decision brings the city one step closer to our **community vision for a dynamic center to meet the region's diverse arts and culture needs.** A **capital fundraising campaign** for the project is underway. Both projects are anticipated to be **complete in spring 2021.** The center will be located in **Beaverton Central** near Rose Biggi Avenue and Crescent Street. It will include a **550-seat theater, art gallery, and spaces for rehearsals, workshops, meetings and events.**

Beaverton receives praise for amenities, food and more! The city was recently highlighted **as a place that is quickly adding popular urban amenities and as a place for high-technology businesses** in Oregon Business Magazine. In addition, Thrillist named Beaverton **as one of the best suburbs in the nation for food.** And two Oregon Technology Business Center (OTBC) Challenge Companies, **ToolBelt and Senaptec,**

were profiled in the Portland Business Journal and the Business Tribune. **Way to go Beaverton!**

Affordable Housing Bond Implementation update. In November, Metro voters approved a **\$652.8 million Regional Affordable Housing Bond—\$31 million of which will be allocated for City of Beaverton projects.** Since then, staff has been working with area partners on the process for how these funds will be implemented. The city is creating a **Local Implementation Strategy** to guide the city's efforts to **efficiently implement the bond and provide desperately needed affordable apartment homes for our city.** Now through April, **community listening sessions** are occurring to obtain feedback from stakeholders. **Public open houses** will occur in spring and will be advertised to community members soon as another opportunity for ideas and thoughts to be shared. In early summer, the Local Implementation Strategy will be **presented for City Council and Metro approval and bond resources will be made available.**

Land Use 101 Training will be held on Monday, April 29 from 6 to 8 p.m. at The Beaverton Building. The training will **cover how development in the city occurs; how the development code is used** to regulate where housing, businesses and industry are located; as well as **how the buildings interact with the surrounding areas.** Training is conducted by experts from the city's **Community Development Department.** **Dinner will be provided. Please RSVP** to Miles Glowacki at mglowacki@BeavertonOregon.gov.

Chair Miranda recessed the meeting at 7:42 pm for subcommittee meetings.

Chair Miranda reconvened the meeting at 8:17 pm for subcommittee reports:

Matching Grants Subcommittee approved three projects: 1) Vose NAC Fun Run, 2) Central Beaverton Theatre at the Library Lawn, 3) Neighbors Southwest Egg Drop.

Events Subcommittee is seeking volunteers to work at the April 4 and May 16 Community Conversations on Affordable Housing. Volunteers from BCCI are needed for the annual Volunteers Fair May 11. Events is also working with Land Use Subcommittee on the Land Use 101 Training on April 29.

Land Use Subcommittee spent quality time with Sambo Kirkman of the City Planning Department. Ms. Kirkman is presenting at the Land Use 101 event April 29 and was seeking input and feedback about her presentation. BCCI members will be getting an email from Lani Parr concerning that presentation shortly. BCCI members with comments are urged to send those comments to Terry Lawler within the next two weeks to allow Ms. Kirkman time to finalize her presentation.

Vice Chair Sharon Dunham listed actionable items from the meeting: 1) Email Javier Mena with suggestions about community conversations on affordable housing the Metro Bond. Questions for the sessions will be emailed to BCCI members; 2) Talk up the DEI Initiative and Welcoming Grants at NAC meetings and look for music groups to participate with the Beaverton Symphony during Welcoming Week. Contact Chair Miranda with your suggestions. Also vendors needed for Night Market. 3) Volunteers needed for the May 11 Volunteer Fair. 4) Matching grant questions should go to Miles in the Neighborhood Office. 5) Comments for Sambo Kirkman should go to Terry Lawler.

Chair Miranda adjourned the meeting at 8:29 pm.

