



MEETING MINUTES

DATE: May 14, 2019

TIME: 3:00 PM

LOCATION: Columbia River Room

Welcome and Introductions

- Meeting called to order at 3:05 PM by Sky Johnson (Chair)
- BCOA Members in Attendance:
 - Louis Weisberg, Hilary Greenebaum (Secretary), Carley Adams (City Staff Liaison); Martha Mc Jacobs, John Ratliff, Suzanne VanSlyke, Beverly Sali, Kim Allchurch Flick, Jing Feng, Marc San Soucie (City Council Member)
 - Absent: Susana Sharp, Pam Rinehart (Vice Chair), Tamara Maher is no longer to attend due to her job and lengthy commute.

Approval of Previous Minutes

Approved as written with three minor grammatical edits. Beverly motioned to approve the minutes and Suzanne seconded.

Visitor Comment Period

Rueben Polk - Home Instead

Julie Wittmann - Community member

Jaydon Deming – Portland State

Gary Million – Community member shared concern about new bonds due to new population, and new taxes, which can be a challenge for a senior population. *What does the City do to help seniors stay in Beaverton?*

- Sky reminded the group of City email updates that people can sign up for to stay updated, receive notifications, and share opinions.

- Marc reminded the group to read carefully the City Magazine, to pay careful attention to the requests for volunteers and the City visioning statement that includes a section on our aging population.

Committee Updates

Youth and Senior Connections: Jing reported topics included career opportunities for Beaverton High School youth for example, help provide career orientation. Action plan is to create a list of possible speakers. Martha attended the Youth Advisory Committee. Carley reminded the group of the potential Human Library at the Beaverton City Library. Martha discussed the importance of working with HS counsellors. Sub committee will put together a short statement for the minutes and future meetings.

Death Café: Suzanne and Hilary updated the group about successful planning and the start of the [Death Café](#) hosted by the Beaverton City Library in conjunction with Washington Cty Disability and Veteran Services, The Beaverton Center for Mediation and Dialogue, and BCOA. The first session will launch June 20.

Event Update: Senior ID Theft and Fraud Prevention Event Status Update: Louis Weisberg. (No change from last month).

Agreement on the date: November 2, 2019, 10 AM - 1:00 PM (back up date Nov 9)

- ✓ *ACTION: Bev will contact and confirm Elsie Stuhr and will get back with us in mid-June when they set their fall schedule.*
- ✓ *Carley will look for an alternative site in case we cannot go to Elsie Stuhr*

Three organizations have agreed to participate in our event:

1. **Washington County Sheriff's Elder Safe Program** - Corrine Haning, Public Affairs/Elder Safe
 - Topic: Avoiding Scams – Elder Safe Program. Could also weave in one or two actual cases
 - Presentation typically takes 35-45 minutes, including questions and answers. Can be adaptable to the time needs of the forum
2. **Oregon Dept. of Consumer & Business Services, Division of Financial Regulation** – Kevin Jeffries, Lead Outreach and Education Coordinator
 - Topic: ID Theft & Financial Fraud Prevention
 - All dates ok. They have 4 people in their office who can support
 - 30 minutes for presentation

3. **Billie McNeely**, State Elder Financial Exploitation Specialist, Adult Protective Services-APD-DHS would be an excellent option to speak on financial issues:

- Works as the State's Elder Financial Abuse Subject Matter expert in Oregon
- Works very closely with Oregon Banker Association as well as assisted AARP in developing a new National Wide Training for bankers on prevention.
- Teaches the Elder Abuse Investigations class at the police academy.
- Available for any of our proposed dates

AARP sponsored "Scam Me if You Can" w/Frank Abagnale scheduled for Nov 14 – location TBD

- ✓ *ACTION: When the date is finalized, Hilary will continue to discuss this event with Mary Wise at the library for a large display adjacent to the stairs.*
- ✓ *Carley will reach out to the Beaverton Police Criminal Information Department to speak with us about fraud and possible resources. We hope to have them speak to us in the next few months.*

Assignments for Older Americans Month May 2019

Sky explained the desire for content to fulfill social media needs using the **#create connect contribute** theme. Photos are especially appreciated! Personal stories, Beaverton or Washington county focused. Several committee members shared ideas and will send to Carley.

- ✓ *Members please send in stories, book references, TED talks, etc. to Carley or Beaverton social media campaign*
- ✓ *Please send photos if possible*

New Business

1. Martha talked about a powerful presentation she heard about *Single Payer, Medicare for All* in Multnomah County.

- ✓ *Suzanne will call Susan Bonamici's office to call to discuss the idea of bringing this topic to Beaverton.*

2. ElderPlace is offering a Practical Skills for Family Caregivers June 8th in Gresham.

3. Discussion ensued about (1) efficacy of agreeing on speakers and (2) potential shared drive to upload information. **Question: do we want to have a strategy around this speaker decision-making process and how does this conversation relate to our strategic plan?**

Marc reminded us that making a shared list is a great idea for shared discussion. Making decisions around this list is where we need to be mindful of public meeting laws.

- ✓ *Kim will create a spreadsheet with topics, potential speakers, profile information, vetting information, and criteria for efficiency and consistency.*

City Council Update: Marc San Soucie

1. A week from tomorrow there is a ceremony for groundbreaking a new downtown 7-story Hyatt hotel and opening of the new adjacent apartments. The hotel will include two restaurants, one a café, and one a sit-down restaurant.
2. It is budget time! The entire proposed budget (est. 1500 pages!) is on the city website right now; it includes all the lines items, narratives descriptions. Three evenings in May are reserved for discussion and presentations. Beaverton does not assess the full property tax rate allowed by the State; we are the last county in the state to do that. The Budget committee will decide the property rate at the last meeting. At the council meeting in June, there will be a public meeting. Marc encouraged everyone to attend or listen to the meetings. A good section to start is the Mayor's Budget Message, it is a good overview, look up the PDF (18 pages).

Beaverton City Staff Liaison Report: Carley Adams

Follow up from last meeting: Carley reached out to the Beaverton Police Criminal Information Department to speak with us about fraud and possible resources. We hope to have them speak to us soon.

May News

1. Beaverton Public Works receives national accreditation. The American Public Works Association (APWA) has selected Beaverton's Public Works Department for full Accreditation. The city is the 153rd Public Works agency in the nation, and just the fourth in Oregon, to receive this accomplishment (joining Bend, Eugene and West Linn). The accreditation demonstrates that the city is in full compliance with recommended public works management practices. The process included two years of preparation during which city practices were formally verified and recognized. Accreditation is designed to assist in continuous improvement and provides an objective evaluation of agency programs. Initial accreditation is for a four-year period. After that time, there is a re-accreditation process that builds upon the original and encourages continuous improvement and compliance with newly identified practices.

2. Recognize dedicated city employees during police and public works weeks!

Take some time during police and public works weeks to recognize our dedicated staff who protect and improve our community. National Police Week begins May 13 and is an opportunity to call attention to the outstanding service police provide in Beaverton and beyond. It is also an observance that pays tribute to officers who have died, or who have been disabled, in the line of duty. National Public Works Week is May 19 through 25 and an effort to energize and educate residents on the everyday importance of public works projects.

3. Safe Parking Pilot Program has launched. The Safe Parking Pilot Program has launched as a one-year pilot to provide a small number of managed sites for legal car camping and support the transition into housing for families and individuals experiencing homelessness. For people who have lost their homes, living in a car or camper may be their only option besides sleeping on the street. Providing designated places for people to park while living in their vehicles helps families and individuals stabilize their lives, and improve their chances of gaining access to services and employment. For more information, visit www.BeavertonOregon.gov/SafeParking<<http://www.BeavertonOregon.gov/SafeParking>>.

4. The Beaverton Volunteer Fair returns to Beaverton City Library on Saturday, May 11 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. This event is a great way to find opportunities to get involved in your community! More than 35 local non-profit groups and organizations will attend providing information on a wide range of volunteer opportunities. For more information, visit www.BeavertonOregon.gov/VolunteerFair<<http://www.BeavertonOregon.gov/VolunteerFair>>. In addition, high school and eighth grade students are invited to stay for a Youth Summit that will be held after the Volunteer Fair from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the Beaverton City Library auditorium. At the summit, two separate panels will discuss entrepreneurship and local government and will be a great opportunity for students to explore career opportunities in both of these fields. RSVP: www.BeavertonOregon.gov/YouthSummit

Meeting Adjourned 4:39 PM