

BEAVERTON COMMITTEE FOR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Minutes of July 22, 2019 Meeting

Attendees: See Sign-In Sheet

Visitors: Lynn Fredericks - South Beaverton NAC, Deborah Stuart – South Beaverton NAC (South Beaverton NAC has concerns about a proposed development and it was suggested the matter be brought to the BCCI Land Use Subcommittee at a later date), Megan Braunsten – City of Beaverton

BCCI Chair Birgit Miranda Chair called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm. Self introductions were made.

A motion to approve the minutes of the June 24, 2019 meeting was made by Eric Schmidt and seconded by Terry Lawler. The motion was approved unanimously.

The agenda was modified to move the BCCI dinner at the food cart pods from the middle of the meeting to the end of the meeting. The move met with no objections.

Megan Braunsten, Development Project Coordinator, Community Development Department, City of Beaverton briefed BCCI on the Storefront/Tenant Improvements Program for the fall of 2019. Grant money is available for commercial owners/tenants to engage in exterior improvements. The grants are matching and are available for buildings in downtown Beaverton and along a stretch of Allen Blvd. Megan noted that the 15 year old program has produced a lot of great changes in building exteriors.

The Tenant Improvement Program recruits new restaurants to the old downtown area. Grant money is available on a matching basis for projects ranging from interior updates and kitchen updates to new bars. Megan noted that parking remains a concern for downtown businesses, but the City is working with the Beaverton Downtown Association to use lots and spaces not now used during evening hours.

The meeting was recessed so BCCI could have a group photo taken. The photo will be used in city promotional material and on the city website.

The meeting was reconvened and BCCI Treasurer and Land Use Subcommittee Chair Terry Lawler briefed BCCI on efforts underway to plan and prepare for the Land Use Summit to be held in September. Several meetings with city staff have helped formulate a program and identify the participants for the various panel discussions. Terry noted that there will be one, general session and several breakout sessions to follow. The breakout sessions will focus on specific topics, transportation, planning, renters rights and responsibilities, recent legislation from the state among others with a recap session at the end of the summit. The city's marketing people will be given a draft announcement created by BCCI and edited during the

July meeting for publication and website use. The final product will be up to the marketing wizards.

The meeting recessed at 7:00 pm for subcommittee meetings.
The meeting reconvened at 7:20 pm.

Events Subcommittee Chair Lisa Stiller reported support for the Land Use Summit and urged BCCI members to strongly consider appearing before other city boards and commissions and attend NAC meetings in addition to attending NAC summer events. BCCI will have a table at upcoming Farmers Markets, and will use the materials the marketing people produce to promote the Land Use Summit.

Land Use Subcommittee Terry Lawler provided more detail about the Land Use Summit including suggested language regarding HB 2001. She also provided an update on traffic calming concerns and said BCCI will consider that issue and how to work with the Traffic Commission following the Summit in September.

Matching Grants Subcommittee Chair Ellen Russell reported the subcommittee approved four grants: 1) \$3000 for the Vose Annual Picnic, 2) \$2000 for the Central Beaverton NAC Peace Poles, 3) \$3000 for the South Beaverton Annual Movie Night and Faire, 4) \$910 for the Sexton Mountain Annual Movie Night and Faire.

A question was raised about the Peace Poles and BCCI support for the project. Frosty Comer moved that BCCI support the Peace Poles project. Eric Schmidt seconded the motion. The motion was approved with 11 for votes and Richard Pickett, Steve Bruns, Travis Diskin, Rick Skayhan and Birgit Miranda voting against approval.

A question was raised about why neighborhood picnics have been cancelled this summer. Lani Parr explained that feedback indicated the neighborhoods weren't getting what they needed from the events. If a neighborhood wants to hold a picnic event, they are being urged to apply for a matching grant and work with city staff for volunteering opportunities.

Vice Chair Sharon Dunham urged BCCI to send Terry Lawler and Lani Parr suggestions and comments about the Land Use Summit and to be available to volunteer to work the Summit September 21st. She also urged BCCI to participate by appearing before other city boards and commissions and attending NAC meetings with updated and concise information.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm so that BCCI members who chose to could walk across the street and enjoy a meal at the food carts.