

BEAVERTON COMMITTEE FOR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT
Minutes of September 23, 2019 Meeting

Attendees: See Sign-In Sheet

Visitors: Rachel Gowland, Nadia Hasan with Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District's (THPRD) Visioning Task Force

Beaverton Committee for Community Involvement (BCCI) Chair Birgit Miranda called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm. Self Introductions were made.

Eric Schmidt moved and Ellen Russell seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the August 26, 2019 BCCI meeting. There were no corrections noted. There was no opposition and no abstentions to the motion and the minutes were approved.

Councilor Lacey Beaty provided a City Council Update. Councilor Beaty noted that Metro has a park bond measure on the November, 2019 ballot. Councilor Beaty along with Washington County Board Chair Kathryn Harrington and THPRD Board President Felicita Monteblanco will host a reception October 7, 2019 beginning at 5:30 pm at the BG Food Carts to support the Metro measure. Jim Persey asked about land purchased by Metro outside of the UGB for parks. Councilor Beaty described the practice as an investment for the future. Mr. Persey expressed concern with the no dogs policy in parks because Metro considers the parks nature preserves and dogs don't belong. Councilor Beaty says the issue will be addressed and stressed that if people are given the proper tools, i.e. doggie bags, they will be used. Frosty Comer inquired how Metro's parks administration works with THPRD. Councilor Beaty replied that there is an administrative integration and cross management process in place. THPRD is the largest recipient of Metro bond funds. Lisa Stiller asked if the City of Beaverton is going to support legislation in the next session of the Oregon Legislature for affordable housing. Councilor Beaty said it would be a short session of the Legislature and the city hasn't asked for any bills yet, but will monitor those bills that are introduced. Chair Miranda asked why Metro is pushing for the parks measure and not THPRD. Councilor Beaty said the Metro bond, if passed, would provide funds for the region and a renewal of that bond would keep tax rates at the levels they have been.

Councilor Beaty delved into the issue of a review of the City of Beaverton's Charter. Council has held three sessions thus far and one more is on tap to review potential changes and explore sending the proposal to voters. She said the information gathering process is on going. She stated she would like to see a longer meeting to explore more of the options, perhaps bringing in a facilitator and holding a public meeting. In any case, any proposed changes in the Charter will go to voters for approval or disapproval. Councilor Beaty says an analysis of the Mayor's salary is being conducted by an outside, professional firm hired for that purpose. She also noted that the pronouns referring to elected officials in the current Charter will be changed to reflect gender neutral orientation rather than the current all male orientation. In addition, Councilor

Beaty said there is a great deal of research available on a full-time Mayor rather than a ceremonial Mayor but that discussion is far from over.

Rachel Gowland and Nadia Hasan from the Tualatin Hills Parks and Recreation Visioning Task Force appeared as volunteers for THPRD to solicit input from various community groups like BCCI on what residents of the parks district would like to see it look like in the future. They have attended over 100 events thus far seeking input on what the district needs to change, what people like or even love about their parks and recreation services and what the district can do better. They offered that the district's website has a visioning link that district residents can utilize to provide feedback and input. They would like to hear from at least 10-thousand people and as of this meeting, they have heard from around 7-thousand. They said they would like to have the process wrapped by the end of October, 2019. Suggestions from BCCI members included community bulletin boards to help people connect, better and more walking trails and paths, more inclusive soccer facilities, tools to pick up after dogs where dogs are allowed, more programs for working mothers and their children, a park in West Slope where there is currently no park facility of any kind, gender neutral changing facilities in parks for mothers and fathers, porta potties in parks and facilities without access to those kinds of facilities, parks developed more quickly on land already purchased for that purpose, senior softball program and a park at Murray Blvd. and Scholls Ferry Rd. Ms. Gowland and Ms. Hasan thanked BCCI for the suggestions and their time and urged anyone who has additional thoughts to please visit the THPRD website.

Meeting was recessed at 7:25 pm for subcommittee meetings.

Meeting resumed at 7:46 pm.

Matching Grants Subcommittee Chair Ellen Russell said the one grant proposal from Highland NAC for Backyard Habitat Seminars was approved, but the subcommittee would like to see the proposal expanded and asked the group to return to address conditions placed on the approval.

Land Use Subcommittee Chair Terry Lawler said 79 people attended the BCCI Land Use Summit Event on September 21, 2019. The low number was not all that surprising given that the Summit was held on a Saturday, with beautiful weather and the Farmer's Market in full swing next door to the Library where the event was held. The feedback from those who did attend was generally positive although parking was an issue. Most of those who responded to the survey said they would attend another event. There were a lot of first time attendees. The food was a big hit and the information tables in the Cathy Stanton room were well received. It was generally agreed that the panelists for the Summit were awesome and BCCI needs to find a way to thank them. The Event Wrap Up Report draft has been circulated and edits are needed and welcomed.

General comments from BCCI about future events included a Public Safety Center dedication that would include emergency preparedness, greenness, sustainability. It was also suggested that BCCI work with the Mayor's Youth Advisory Board (MYAB) on possible future events. Other topics included a recycling class and a Master Recyclers Program. It was also noted that next

year, 2020, is an election year and BCCI will be very busy preparing a Voter's Forum for the May Primary Election and the November General Election. At the city level, there will be contests for Mayor and two City Council positions in addition to several state legislative seats and two seats on the Washington County Board of Commissioners including the district that encompasses most of Beaverton. The General Election will most likely have several ballot measures of intense interest to Beaverton voters.

Events Subcommittee Chair Lisa Stiller asked BCCI members to contact 10 friends, neighbors, relatives each to find out how they hear about, find out about events taking place in Beaverton. The Annual BCCI Holiday Party is fast approaching. It was noted that the city will not pay for beer or wine or anything alcoholic so contributions are welcome. Bringing a guest or guests to the party will cost. A venue for the party is under discussion but the date is set for November 18th.

The item on the agenda for the debrief of the Land Use Summit was taken care of during the Land Use Subcommittee report.

Chair Miranda offered a slate of candidates to be BCCI officers next year. Ellen Russell was nominated as Chair, Joe Walicki was nominated as Vice-Chair, Jennifer Lee was nominated as Treasurer and Lisa Stiller volunteered to be nominated as Recorder. Additional nominations will be accepted from the floor at the October, 2019 BCCI meeting and the election will take place at that time.

Lani Parr provided the City Update. Restaurant Week starts September 26th and goes to October 6th. 40 restaurants are participating this year. Information can be found at InformationBeavertonRestaurantWeek.com. Most of the participating restaurants are offering unique menu items.

Vice-Chair Sharon Dunham presented action items from the meeting: October 7th reception for the Metro Park Bond measure at the Food Carts. Please go to the THPRD website and participate in the visioning exercise. The Holiday Party is set for November, but a location has yet to be determined. October 14th, the Highland Park NAC is featuring a plants and food seminar at 6:00 pm. Please provide any necessary edits and suggestions to the Land Use Summit Wrap Up Report. Ask 10 people you know how they find out about events happening in the city. Election of BCCI officers for next year will be in October. Don't miss Restaurant Week.

Terry Lawler reported that the City Planning Commission will hold a hearing on the Safe Parking text amendment, with the principles of the program being incorporated into the city code. It is the second item of the September 25th Planning Commission meeting. Text should be available on the city website.

Lisa Stiller noted that there will be an event by the library fountain regarding Domestic Violence during the Farmer's Market on October 5.

Frosty Comer detailed his recent experience traveling to Arizona with his wife and Mayor Doyle and his wife to attend a taping of the Kelly Clarkson Show. Ms. Clarkson's research staff picked the Sunshine Pantry in Beaverton as the recipient of a fund raising effort. The Pantry had to close its previous location because of a rent hike. Frosty and Mayor Doyle were on hand to accept a ceremonial check for \$10,000 which went a long way to help the Pantry reach its goal of \$20,000 to continue operations. A number of other civic and governmental agencies and the Beaverton Chamber have all participated. Frosty's tale of being in Arizona for a television program taping and the story behind it is very entertaining and heart warming. Thank you for sharing Frosty.

The meeting adjourned at 9:02 pm.

BCCI 2019 Attendance Sheet

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First Name	Last Name	NAC / At Large	Present
Steve	Bruns	Vose	RB
Frosty	Comer	South Beaverton	uf
Travis	Diskin	Greenway	
Sharon	Dunham	At Large	SD
Jessica	Eickmier	At Large	
Bintu	Foday Kemokai	Alt- At Large	RB
Terry	Lawler	West Slope	SL
Jennifer	Lee	Highland	
Bryce	McLaughlin	Alt- South Beaverton	
Birgit	Miranda	At Large	✓
Karin	Olson	West Beaverton	
Jim	Persey	Alt- Greenway	J.P.
Richard	Pickett	Five Oaks Triple Creek	RDP
Ellen	Russell	At Large	uk
Eric	Schmidt	At Large	B
Heminder	Singh	At Large	
Rick	Skayhan	DWRW	
Sophia	Slack	MYAB Liaison	
Lisa	Stiller	NSW	S
Jonathan	Todd	Central Beav	
Joe	Walicki	At Large	JW
Linda	Wheeler	Alt- West Beav	LW
Yu	Xiao	At Large	
Lani	Parr	Staff Liaison	✓
Lacey	Beaty	City Council Liaison	✓

Guests

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