



## MEETING MINUTES

**DATE:** Jan. 14, 2020

**TIME:** 3:00 PM

**LOCATION:** Columbia River Room

**Tuesday January 14, 2020**

### **Welcome and Introductions**

Meeting called to order at 3:00 PM by Sky Johnson

BCOA Members in Attendance:

Sky Johnson (Chair), Susana Sharp, Hilary Greenebaum (Secretary), Carley Adams (City Staff Liaison); Marc San Soucie (City Council Member), Beverly Sali, Jing Feng, John Ratliff, Martha McJacobs, Suzanne VanSlyke, Louis Weisberg, and new members Sunita Garg, Laura Gazarian, and Sophie McDuffey

### **Review and Approval of November Minutes**

Suzanne and Bev moved to approve the minutes as written.

### **Visitor Comment Period**

A. Rueben Polk: Home Instead

**Introductions: Each person went around and shared more about themselves to introduce ourselves and welcome new members.**

### **New Business: BCOA Review**

A. Member Roles: In February we will vote for new officers

B. By Laws: Sky passed out the bylaws and we discussed them article by article.

## January 2020 Open Planning Retreat: Scheduled for Friday Jan. 24, 2020 from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

- Discuss what worked well and what we liked in 2019, what will do for 2020?
- Is there a theme for the year, what might that be? Carley is sending us more info to reflect upon.

### Member Announcements

1. John has a document with links for research on longevity. He shared information about a longevity project connection in Oregon, because each census area has different ranges of longevity. John proposes Beaverton be part of this national project. We will discuss at the treat.

### City Council Update Marc San Soucie

1. City Council is having their retreat on Feb 1<sup>st</sup>.
2. City Council is working through a friendly process to develop an alternative charter for the City of Beaverton. Primary issues include are people are comfortable with the current form of government? We don't have a professional city manager; do we want one? Do we want term limits (e.g. twelve years?). Do we want to change the balance of power between the executive and the council? Currently there are very few checks and balances and we may want more. The current charter is over 40 years old.

### Beaverton City Staff Liaison Report: Carley Adams

- ***Carley reviewed dates of training for new members, and other city trainings for board members, such as recorder and effective meetings training.***
- ***Carley reminded us to use Beaverton notepads if we take notes, and to keep them for five years. She has provided them for us.***
- ***We agreed to have a Youth Advisory Board Member to sit in on our meetings as a liaison.***
- ***Carley will have a temporary staff liaison when she goes on maternity leave in April. Hopefully we will meet them in March or sooner!***

## January News:

Annual report highlights key accomplishments in 2019 and plans for 2020. The January-February Your City newsletter that distributes to households this month features the city's annual report with progress shaped by our Community Vision Plan. In 2019, we adopted an update to the city's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Plan; celebrated the fifth year of the Beaverton Night Market with 15,000 attendees and 55 vendors; held 10 Coffee with a Cop events throughout the community; completed tree plantings and invasive species removal; launched a Safe Parking Pilot Program; welcomed more than 800,000 visits to both library locations; and much more. As we look ahead, we're preparing for our Public Safety Center opening in spring of this year, implementation of the city's first Climate Action Plan, and continuing exciting developments at nearly every corner of the city. The full annual report and the latest Your City newsletter are available for viewing at [www.BeavertonOregon.gov](http://www.BeavertonOregon.gov) <<http://www.BeavertonOregon.gov>>.

BOLD recruitment is underway! The city's Beaverton Organizing & Leadership Development (BOLD) Program in partnership with Unite Oregon is recruiting for its 8th cohort of local leaders from immigrant and refugee communities and communities of color. The program focuses on:

- \* Teaching concrete leadership, community organizing and advocacy skills.
- \* Increasing understanding of local government and how to get involved.
- \* Building cross-cultural relationships with people from around the world.
- \* Helping make Beaverton a thriving, multicultural city that is inclusive to everyone.

For more information or to apply, visit [www.BeavertonOregon.gov/BOLD](http://www.BeavertonOregon.gov/BOLD) <<http://www.BeavertonOregon.gov/BOLD>>.

January is full of free One Book, One Beaverton events. Community members are invited to read Abdi Nor Iftin's Call Me American: A Memoir and attend events designed to enhance the experience of reading the book, which is part of the library's second-annual community-wide reading program. Join us for "A Brief History of Somalia with Steven Rubert, OSU Professor Emeritus of African History" (Jan. 6), "Memoir Writing Workshop with Dr. Susan Swartwout" (Jan. 7), "Human Library: Unjudge Someone" (Jan. 26), "Meet Your Somali Neighbors" (Jan. 29), and more. The program will culminate in a literary evening with the author on Saturday, February 1. Learn more at [www.BeavertonLibrary.org/1book](http://www.BeavertonLibrary.org/1book) <<http://www.BeavertonLibrary.org/1book>>.

Beaverton hires new Public Works Director. Mayor Denny Doyle has announced Chad Lynn as the newest member of his management team as the city's Public Works Director. Lynn comes from the City of Beverly Hills as Assistant Director of Public Works where he oversees 140 employees and \$47.5 million in budget programs. He has more than 25 years of public and private experience, including an extensive background in parking operations and management. Beaverton's Public Works Department has 110 employees and an operational budget of \$90 million. The department is responsible for overseeing the city's engineering and operations divisions, as well as implementation of the city's Capital Improvement Plan with an estimated annual budget of \$20 million. In 2019, Beaverton's Public Works Department was selected for full Accreditation by the American Public Works Association (APWA). Lynn is expected to start his new position on February 10, 2020.

***Meeting Adjourned @ 4:36 PM > Next Meeting February 11, 2020***