



MEETING MINUTES

DATE: August 11, 2020

TIME: 3:00 PM

LOCATION: Online ZOOM Meeting

Welcome and Introductions

Meeting called to order at 3:00 PM by Martha McJacobs (Chair). Meeting is being recorded.

BCOA Members in Attendance:

Sky Johnson, Hilary Greenebaum (Recorder), Carley Adams (City Staff Liaison), Martha McJacobs (Chair), Suzanne VanSlyke, Jing Feng, Louis Weisberg, Sunita Garg, Baasil Pasha, and Francisccka Rose (City Staff Liaison), Mark San Soucie (City Council) *Beverly Sali*, John Ratliff, Sophie McDuffey (Vice Chair), Laura Gazarian

Absent: Susana Sharp

Review and Approval of July Minutes

Suzanne and Louis moved to approve the minutes as written.

Visitor Comment Period

Kera Magrill, Dakota Stewart, and Hayden Resnick visiting from Washington County Disability and Veteran Services will make a presentation later in the meeting.

Committee Check In - Facilitated Discussion

Martha asked for any updates. Later in meeting Resources will update us.

Viva Village Beaverton: Staying Relevant during COVID times - Guest Speaker Janet Cruz.

Janet has been with the Village since 2016 as events coordinator. She also serves on the governing council. Viva Village has part time paid staff with 102 members and 88 volunteers.

The biggest misconception is the make up of the village; it is a virtual retirement village where people pays dues versus rent.

Started in Boston in 2001, Beacon Hill.

It is all about neighbors helping neighbors. Every Village has its own geographic zip code location. There are boundaries because of the volunteers and neighborly connections.

There are 200 villages the US (11 in Portland) which enable seniors to stay home and age in place. No longer being able to drive appears to be a major precipitating factor for people wanting to join.

However, the greatest need is social and people and activities with engage with. Janet was organizing about 26 events per month before the pandemic.

Services include transportation 6 AM – 10 PM within a ten mile radius of home. Home maintenance, technology support, health buddies, activity buddies like hiking walking companions, share a list of vendors who have vetted, and more.

Now what about COVID?

- New emphasis on a program called Neighborhood Connections. Every member has a volunteer assigned to them that is connected to Viva Village community, acting as connectors and checking on people. Phone calls are made on a weekly basis. Connections are made in similar neighborhoods so often neighbors can walk over and check on people. The goal is to ensure everyone is safe and knew what to do in case of emergency.
- Starting next week VV is starting a book mobile and jig saw puzzle drop off service driving through the neighborhood twice a month.

- Village Partners: this program involves assigning a partner who are in a special situation and need special assistance so they have just one person to work with.
- ZOOM: Women's coffee group. Book club. Age café. Thai Chi. Art class. Activities are fun! Meaningful and interactive. History group. Coming soon travel talks and virtual field trips.
- #1 priority to keep members safe, connected, safe, and offer assistance. None of the members have gotten COVID!

Membership and Volunteers:

There are various levels of membership: associate (\$300 year), single (540 year) and for a couple (\$800 year). The associate membership includes a \$200 tax deduction.

Volunteers:

Volunteers are typically recently retired who appreciate a flexible schedule. Many of them become members. Volunteers are interviewed and checked out, before starting out. Often volunteers are very specific about what they will offer, technology, gardening, driving etc.

Sky asked about the tax donation and corporate matching gifts.

Janet was not sure but did explain about paid the volunteers hours. For example Intel pays matching funds for former Intel employees to volunteer. VV does have membership assistance available.

Other questions included do you need books? (yes!) Do you want volunteers out of Beaverton? (Sure but most volunteers select their own neighborhood Village).

Resource Panel Sunita and Sophie

Have different experts/presenters from different areas come and give an educated related talk. Moderated. Have opportunity for Q/A.

Topics include: COVID safety, health, and connections, perhaps revisit the fraud event?

The group thought we might want to reach out to previous presenters and collaborate, share resources with Viva Village. They are planning a 4 Saturday in a row series called Aging in Grace in Oct./Nov.

Louis shared an effective town hall system via phone, very suitable for folks who do not have internet. Carley explained that you can use ZOOM with phone only or with internet.

Marc:

Quieter now in August

Community conversations respect to policing in Beaverton. Hired a consultant who will go to groups in community to allow for a fuller wider range of dialogue. That will start a series of conversations in the city Council about what they learn. SRO system recruiting politics are both topics to discuss and learn more about from all stakeholders. The idea is to hear from people who may not feel as connected and may feel more reluctant to speak up.

January 2021: Big change of the structure of the Beaverton Govt. Looking to hire a chief executive City Manager interim start Jan 2021. No one has applied yet for the interim position. HR drives the national recruiting process. Both interim and permanent hires are very significant for the City Council. City Council is also looking at some internal changes due to recent and upcoming elections, one two or three new faces!?

New building constructions developments we see being built now have been in the works for last 9-12 months.

Carley update

Building closures remain in effect Nov 15

Contact list for curbside pick up at the library

No meeting rooms available in the community

Virutal events on the city website

Annual parade is virual them is Beaveton Together!

Beaverton night Market

Flocks by the fountain mvie trivia

Discussion in our new intern opportunity, getting masters in social work and how she will support BCOA. Meghan will start with us then end of August.

Next meeting Sept 8 2020

Suzanne and sophie moved to adjourn at 4:34 PM

Washington County Programs, Services and Supports

1. The team also shared a prospective 5” x 8” educational card to be distributed around the community to explain how to prevent “Ageism”. Members liked it and asked to review it on their own more carefully.

Discussion: How to Stay Relevant during COVID times:

- The committee had a lively discussion about organizing ZOOM/You Tube Expert Panel Presentations for the community. We will come back to this next time. Francиска is a great resource as she has organized many ZOOM meetings, and presentations for the City with an upload to the [Beaverton City YouTube channel](#).
- The committee wants to contribute more to the Beaverton City Magazine as that is a widely read and appreciated publication especially for those who are not online.
- Question: Is there a way for seniors in the community to interact with students who are perhaps wanting more while schools are online?

Beaverton City Staff Liaison Report: Carley Adams

July News

Black Lives Matter. Beaverton prides itself on being a diverse and welcoming community. We are listening and working to address heartfelt concerns brought to our attention by community members about systemic racism and calls for equity. We are committed to a path that brings us closer to where we need to be.

- As a city, Beaverton has invested in policies and programs to help make our work accessible to all community members who call our city home. Beaverton's [Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Plan](#), first adopted in 2015, was updated in 2019 and is a guiding document for internal and external efforts. The Beaverton City Council passed a [resolution denouncing systemic racism](#) at the June 9 City Council meeting. The resolution announces the city's promise to support non-violent protests and dismantle long-standing actions that harm people of color, as well as a commitment to eliminate racism in city structures and practices.
- In addition, Mayor Denny Doyle signed the My Brother's Keeper Alliance pledge led by former President Obama and committed to review city policies, seek community input, communicate findings and reform our community's police use of force policies. Community engagement and conversation sessions are being planned. For more information and next steps, visit www.BeavertonOregon.gov/beheard.

City Buildings. Washington County remains in phase 1 reopening, and city buildings will continue to provide most services remotely and keep buildings closed to the public for in-person visits and business through at least Sunday, July 19. Some services, such as the library and Beaverton Municipal Court, may begin limited in-person visits sooner, with distancing and other safeguards.

- City services remain available for remote business by phone or online, including housing and business resources, mediation and culturally specific services, building permits and applications, utility billing and more. Library programs, city events and meetings, and other activities are happening virtually.
- In addition, Beaverton City Library has launched BCL To Go, a contactless curbside pickup service at the main library. Five days a week, library cardholders can make an appointment at www.BeavertonLibrary.org/BCLToGo to pick up current holds that are in

"held" status, as well as up to three book bundles for kids geared toward a specific reading level or interest.

- Book drops at the main library and the Murray Scholls branch are open to receive returns. Materials are quarantined for 72 hours before getting checked in, so it may take several days before patrons see returned items off their account. Fines are not being charged for materials returned past their due date. Access to computers by appointment for a limited number of people at the main library is planned to begin in early-July. Face coverings will be required for all library visitors. For more information regarding library resources and services, visit www.BeavertonLibrary.org.
- Beaverton Municipal Court will begin to reopen in a very limited capacity, specifically for criminal arraignments or specific instances where defendants are unable to use technology to access remote hearing options. To ensure the safety of both court users and staff, the courtroom setting has undergone an update to add floor markings for appropriate distancing, rearranged furniture, added plexiglass barriers, and will offer face coverings. For more information, please visit www.BeavertonOregon.gov/court or call 503-526-2290.

City Council Update Marc San Soucie:

Marc briefly described 6 items. For more information please go the [City Council website](#) or watch the televised meetings.

1. *Rent support and eviction moratorium. People at risk of loss can get more support for housing and business needs because Beaverton has received some special state funding to keep the economy moving.*
2. *The City is going through a 6-month strategic change to get ready for the new City Manager position and there is one new person to join the City Council.*
3. *The City Council is undergoing a Police policies and procedure review, they will probe deeper to ensure Beaverton is supporting the Black Lives Matter movement.*
4. *The municipal court is hiring two more judges which will bring the total to 3.*
5. *The City council continues to work on the Downtown Design project as well as the*
6. *[Purple Pipeline Project](#) to ensure drinking water is not used for irrigation.*

Meeting Adjourned @ 4:35 PM > Next Meeting August 19, 2020