

City of Beaverton  
Neighborhood Association Committee Meeting Minutes

**NAC: Denney Whitford / Raleigh West**

Date: June 11, 2020

Board members present:

Co-Chair: Sherry Moore

Co-Chair: Ernie Conway

BCCI Rep: Rick Skayhan

Treasurer: Sheri Struk

Recorder: Tracy Thornton

Quorum present?  Yes  No

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Meeting start time: 7:03 pm (via Zoom)

**Beaverton Police Department report:** Officer Justin Haugen reported that no events are planned for now due to the COVID situation. Crime stats are somewhat unusual, but not a surprise given current circumstances. The jail was limiting the types of cases they were taking and police activity has been limited for both officer and public safety. DUIs and person crimes are down, but property crimes are up, and the department has seen a lot of repeat offenders. The Bottle Drop facility has seen an increase in activity because other locations in Portland closed.

The Public Safety Center building is nearly complete; move-in is scheduled for mid-July. The BPD training department is working with six new officers, and there have been some retirements and other moves.

Sherry noted that Portland Public Schools are considering removing school resource officers at high schools, and she does not want to see this happen. Officer Haugen, who is an SRO at Jesuit, explained that PPS had a meeting about this, and the people making the decision are trying to use statistics and facts and want to avoid a knee-jerk reaction. The School Board meets at the end of August, so we can expect to hear further news on that later this summer. Officer Haugen also noted that SROs in Beaverton have been helping teachers with their neighborhood parades recently, and they've received nothing but support from parents and teachers. Capt. Jeff Williams also noted that the Police Chief and bureau captains are having productive, fact-based discussions about this in light of recent events.

Ernie asked about the protesters on 5<sup>th</sup> street, near the library. Capt. Williams said that they were people from our community exercising their first amendment rights in a peaceful way; the Police can't concern themselves with what their message is. He noted that for all of the recent protest-type events in Beaverton, the organizers have proactively contacted the police and explained what they planned to do, and the department offered police support as needed.

Ernie reported on some new issues that have arisen around the OBRC Bottle Drop. A cyclone fence was put up because people wouldn't leave the property, but now some of them have moved to the sidewalk. Capt. Williams said that from a patrol perspective, the police have done a lot of proactive outreach. When they're proactive in addressing issues, but not in a heavy-handed way, the less reactive they have to be. Because the other bottle return locations in Portland will be reopening soon, they expect to see activity decrease at the Beaverton location. In addition, the department is working on some issues with OBRC that are making their way through City leadership for approval. Officer Haugen noted that Beaverton's bike officers do a great job of working with the businesses in that area.

Ernie asked for clarification on the location of the batting cages being put in at Jesuit High School. City Planner Brett Cannon explained that the public comment period ended yesterday; he had three comments that all asked similar questions: what is it and where is it going. Four batting cages, which are

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enclosed pole-barn-type enclosures, will be located near the southern property line on the Woodside Drive side. Jesuit is not asking for a conditional use permit, so the cages can only operate between 7:00 am and 10:00 pm. The project will include pedestrian access to the cages from the parking lot.

**City Update:** Brett reported that Phase 1 reopening has started for Washington County. In Beaverton, most city buildings are closed as we prepare for a safe reopening for visitors and staff. Phase 1 allows sit-down restaurants and bars, barbers and salons, and gyms to start to reopen as long as they follow strict guidelines. See [Beavertonoregon.gov/coronavirus](http://Beavertonoregon.gov/coronavirus) for more information.

City building closures will continue through at least June 22<sup>nd</sup> and meeting will continue to be virtual indefinitely. Although many in-person summer events have been cancelled (including Picnic in the Park), some will become virtual. See [Beavertonoregon.gov/events](http://Beavertonoregon.gov/events) for more information.

The Beaverton City Library has moved many of its events online, and the Summer Reading Program will continue. See a calendar of events at [BeavertonLibrary.org/events](http://BeavertonLibrary.org/events) and learn more about the Summer Reading program at [BeavertonLibrary.org/srp](http://BeavertonLibrary.org/srp).

The Beaverton Farmers Market is open; it was considered an essential service, like a grocery store. It has to maintain regulations around the flow of traffic and physical distancing. Sherry has attended and said that the parking is the same, and it's much like going to the grocery store with distancing and vendors trying to minimize contact. Traffic flow is more managed now.

**Board Updates & Consent Agenda:**

- **Treasurer's Report:** Sheri reported that, as usual, we received less than \$2 in interest in our account.
- **BCCI Report:** None.
- **Minutes from February:** Ernie moved that we approve the minutes as written. Sheri seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The Neighborhood Program welcomes feedback on how the virtual NAC meeting worked or what they can do to improve them.

**Meeting end time:** 7:51 pm. Next meeting is in September; the board is willing to meet in the summer should something come up given that we didn't meet in March, April, or May.