



MEETING MINUTES

DATE: October 13, 2020

TIME: 3:00 PM

LOCATION: Online ZOOM Meeting

Welcome and Introductions

Meeting called to order at 3:05 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, Laura Gazarian, Mark San Soucie (City Council) Beverly Sali, Sophie McDuffey (Vice Chair), Lani Parr (City of Beaverton), John Ratliff, Megan Pollack

ABSENT: Susanna Sharp, Baasil Pasha,

Public Participation: Guests

Barbara Bernstein – Employee of Viva Village here to help promote new Fall Series: Aging with Grace

Anthony Grimaldi – Program Mgr. for Habitat with Humanity. Spoke about home modifications for low income seniors in Washington County.

Lani Parr happy to visit us virtually!

Review and Approval of September Minutes will happen next month

Subcommittee Update: Webinars Coping with COVID

Sunita: The topic is safety entitled Scamdemic! About frauds and scams specific to the Pandemic. Nov 6, 2020 is the proposed date. It is planned to be a 40-minute presentation and with Q and A. Corinne Hanning agreed to present. Sunita shared that she would love a few questions to be ready for the Scamdemic webinar. Please ask them in the webinar, or email in advance.

Sophie: Is working with Kera Magrill and they are developing the topic around resources for older adults during COVID. The planned date is Nov 16.

Carley (filling in due to Megan's temporary absence): Connections – topic will enter around how to use features of technology zoom. This date is focused on the first week of December.

All sessions will be recorded and posted so that others can go back and revisit it again.

Carley will make an electronic flier to pass along to our expanded network, the city will post on city web pages as well as social media platforms. Beverly asked, “who is the target population”? Sophie thinks it could be any age as our theme is *Aging for all Ages*. Caley reminded us that the City of Beaverton will post / promote and asks that all of us do the same.

New Business:

New Ideas?

Suzanne: Major issue is how to get tech resources for folks who do not have access. She mentioned AARP being wealth of resources. Everyone recognizes it is a big problem!

John: How about a project helping folks getting vaccinated for COVID when they are available.

Jing: Provide Q/A information sessions about action how to reduce risk of the virus. Provide practical information.

Sky: "Meet Beaverton"! Highlight new businesses, old businesses, local history, a lot of people are not aware of our city!

John: How to maintain good mental health during COVID

Lou: Loves Sky's idea!!

Sunita: What are health care insurance options? How does a family member help a family member?

Megan: What are senior communities doing about COVID? What are the new policies in place? What about new residents? Perhaps create a general information video and post on BCOA website. This is relevant now and could change quickly as per the Gov. orders. Sophie cautioned us to speak directly with communities, as different communities interpret the laws differently.

Sky: How do in home caregivers' transition between home and home? How are in home caregivers dealing with COVID?

Jing: Initiate a contest for mask making or such activity to bring people together.

John: Share how starting new hobbies and new exercise routines to deal with COVID, how to keep busy, stay productive, and mentally/physically healthy.

What are things we are experiencing now that we want to share?

Suzanne talked about the meaning of life's purpose and how that might have changed due to COVID. Now some people need to re-design how they are living their lives. Life's purpose is crucial to healthy aging. She finds that some community members feel lost, as their purpose has changed.

Sophie: Walking outside!

Bev: Zooming, MS Team and Facetime!

Carley: Trying to keep a sense of humor with two little children.

Martha:

- Death Café meets online twice a month. This is a time to explore what death is, what we think, how we plan. This is wide open, undirected conversation.
- Age Café meets every other Friday. For example, conversation last week included: what is the quality of life vs quantity of life? People who attend range from age 20-90! Martha will post again.

Mark San Soucie: City Council Update

A few things:

A lot of attention is focused on the transition of government that starts in January 2021. What the mayor should be paid next year when the structure of the role changes? The new political mayor will be lower paid than the executive mayor. The city council is discussing tonight.

City Council has not officially begun the search for an interim City Mgr. They are undergoing background work first. They are now working on questions for candidates. There are at least 25 people who have applied. Applicants will be screened. Then the City Council will decide how many applicants that they want to interview. Finalists will be brought out to the public. The hope is to have someone on Board December 2020.

Tonight, the City Council will discuss Municipal judges: discussing who will be finalists.

Voter Forum tomorrow night, two city and one county election will be discussed. It will be recorded. Please see the website for more information.

Discussion of Beaverton city code and how the new form of gov't will need to adapt to the new type of mayor we will have. The city attorney has been busy!!

Carley Adams: City Staff Liaison

The BCOA has nine applications for next year's Board. There will be several open positions. Interviews will start soon for a January 2021 start date. Again, Carley thanked the committee for their hard work during these un-precedented times.

October News

Interim City Manager Recruitment. The city is hiring for an Interim City Manager to support [new city charter](#) implementation and regular City Manager recruitment. On January 1, 2021 the city will transition from a mayor-council to a council-manager form of government as a result of voter approved charter changes from the May 2020 election.

- The Interim City Manager will be appointed in fall by City Council and will report to the council, as well as provide administrative direction, support to city initiatives and leadership to all city departments.
- The position will serve as Beaverton's first City Manager and will serve in the role for approximately six months to include the recruitment, selection and early onboarding of the City Manager.

- Applications are currently being accepted electronically by [The Novak Consulting Group](#).
- The position is open until filled with a first review of applications happening on October 15.
- The Interim City Manager is expected to begin on January 1.

Virtual Fall Voters' Forum. Save-the-date for the upcoming live [Virtual Fall Voters' Forum](#) on Wednesday, October 14 at 7 p.m. Voters' Forums are a great way to learn about candidates and an opportunity to hear directly about important issues. The forum is presented by the Beaverton Committee for Community Involvement (BCCI).

- The Voter's Forum will be broadcast live online at www.BeavertonOregon.gov/VotersForum and on Tualatin Valley Community Television (TVCTV) Channels 30 (English) and 28 (Spanish).
- Featured races include Beaverton Mayor, Beaverton City Council Position 6 and Washington County Commission District 1.
- Questions for candidates can be submitted in advance online by October 7 and should be directed to all candidates for a given position.

Hilary and Bev moved to adjourn at 4:30 PM

Next meeting November 10, 2020 @ 3 PM