

City of Beaverton
Neighborhood Association Committee Meeting Minutes

NAC: Denney Whitford / Raleigh West

Date: September 10, 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

Meeting start time: 7:14 pm (via Zoom)

Neighborhood Review Meeting: Steve Sandstrom from Leeb Architects presented on the YMCA Beaverton's proposed Child Development and Fitness Center, a 13,000 square foot facility to be located at 9785 SW Harvest Ct., off of SW Arctic Dr. The building is next to the current Hoop location.

The project does not plan any new access points. A significant landscaping buffer already exists on the back side of the property, and there are 190 existing parking spaces. The YMCA plans to refurbish the building for multiple uses. The ground floor will house a child development center with classrooms, indoor play space, and an outdoor play area where a 7' high retaining wall will be installed. The outdoor play area is not for public use and will only be open during the center's hours, which are planned to be 6:00 am to 6:00 pm, Monday through Friday. A new level will be added to the building, and this second level will hold an athletic training facility for small group activities, larger group fitness areas, locker rooms, showers, just like a typical fitness facility.

Scott Pierce is the Executive Director of this YMCA location and Kelson Bartley is the Facility Director. The YMCA has been in the Portland area for over 150 years. There are already 3 YMCA health and wellness centers and 13 child development centers in this area. The Y is the largest non-profit childcare provider in Oregon, and the main goal they're trying to accomplish with this facility is to meet the real need for affordable child care. Because the facility will help with that need, the State and Washington County have contributed funding to this project.

The YMCA has been in the current Hoop building since around 2008; this is an opportunity to expand the campus and be able to serve a broader audience. Most of the usage will be from YMCA members, but day passes are available for non-members.

The lights on the property wouldn't change from current lighting on the property now, and they were converted to LED recently. The Y has worked with the surrounding community on several issues around noise and they have been able to resolve issues; they're more than happy to work with the community. The athletic facility will likely stay open later than the child development center, but all activity would be indoors. It will be open seven days per week but may have reduced weekend and summer hours.

The project was originally looking at fall of 2021 for finishing the project, but the COVID situation may create some delays. This is an informational presentation; a formal public hearing will happen before the project is finalized. For questions or comments, please contact Scott Pierce, spierce@ymcacw.org, 971-221-7966.

Tualatin Hills Parks & Recreation District report: Jaspreet Chahal is the Community Engagement Specialist for THPRD and will be our new NAC liaison. All playgrounds and outdoor play equipment including basketball courts are now open! Some outdoor play equipment has been affected by the

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recent severe weather conditions. Two indoor pools are set to open at the end of September: Conestoga and the Tualatin Hills Athletic Center's 50 m pool. Both facilities have been open since August 31. Free fitness in the park has been going on since the end of August, and out-of-school options for families have been expanded; THPRD is working with the Beaverton School District to expand to additional locations

The Talking Walls public art project, in partnership with Color Outside the Lines, a Portland nonprofit, is ready to launch. The project pairs BIPOC artists with student artists from the Black Student Union at Sunset High School. They have some art projects ready to launch as soon as the weather permits. A Welcoming Walk, planned for this Sunday, has also been postponed because of the weather.

The Tennis Center on Walker Road is set to open on Sept. 14. For all open facilities, drop in options are not available but online registration is open. Jaspreet can be reached at jchahal@thprd.org.

Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue: TVF&R is now releasing a monthly virtual update from the Fire Chief rather than trying to attend NAC meetings.

Beaverton Police Department report: No report.

City Update: Lani Parr presented updates on several city activities:

Community Listening Sessions: The city has hired an outside racial equity consultant to support the development of listening and dialog sessions between the community and city that are focused on policing and public safety. To kick off this process, a series of four, 90-minute conversations for community organizations to participate in are being held, the first of which occurred August 19. Visit www.BeavertonOregon.gov/BeHeard for more on these conversations, as well as updates as they become available.

Beaverton Welcoming Week: Beaverton will celebrate our sixth year of Welcoming Week from September 12-20 under the theme of "Creating Home Together." Visit www.BeavertonOregon.gov/WelcomingWeek for a calendar of events and details.

New City Charter: Beaverton's new city charter becomes operational January 1, 2021 and brings with it changes to the city's structure and form of government. Work is in process to hire a City Manager, and the community is invited to participate in that process. For more information about the city charter, answers to frequently asked questions and latest news, visit www.BeavertonOregon.gov/Charter.

Voters Forum: The Beaverton Committee for Citizen Involvement will host the next virtual Voters Forum on Wednesday, Oct. 14, at 7:00 pm. It will include candidates for mayor, the new City Council position, and a Washington County Board of Commissioners seat. If you have any great questions for the candidates, please send them to Ernie or Lani and they will forward them on to BCCI.

Updates on wildfires: City of Beaverton staff participated in this morning's Washington County updates on the wildfires. Air quality is poor and not expected to get better through the weekend. About 500,000 people have been evacuated across the state. Don't forget to maintain the COVID-19 guidelines, but your mask won't help with the smoke. If you want to help or give donations, don't drop them off at the Mountainside High School evacuation site; instead, please donate to the Red Cross.

For the latest updates, sign up online to get information about how you're impacted or in an evacuation zone at wcca.com/publicalerts.

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Board Updates & Consent Agenda:

- **Treasurer's Report:** Sheri reported that we received a tiny bit of interest in our account.
- **BCCI Report:** None.
- **Minutes from June:** Sheri moved that we approve the minutes as written. Tracy seconded. The motion passed 3-0 with one abstention.

Public Comment:

Birgit Miranda presented information about the Greenway, South Beaverton, and Southwest Neighbors NAC's "COVID Pet Cup," which is a virtual pet walk/run activity. You can participate in a virtual 1k or 5k walk/run, or post a video or pictures for challenges. If you don't have a pet, you can donate to any animal rescue charity.

Goals of the event are to create community, be flexible and inclusive, be family-oriented, and increase pet awareness. It starts the week of Sept. 20 and goes for four weeks. (Sept. 23 is Dogs in Politics Day!) There's a Facebook site and information on the City's website. It's a free event, and the gift cards and prizes are being purchased (not donated) so that the event supports local businesses.

Meeting end time: 8:14 pm.

The next meeting is October 8th.