



MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Jan 12, 2021

TIME: 3:00 PM

LOCATION: Online ZOOM Meeting

Welcome and Introductions

Meeting called to order at 3:03 PM by Martha McJacobs (Chair). Meeting is being recorded. Recording available at <https://www.beavertonoregon.gov/bcoa>

BCOA Members in Attendance:

Carley Adams (City Staff Liaison), Martha McJacobs (Chair), Allison Tivnon (council liaison), Suzanne VanSlyke, Louis Weisberg, Sunita Garg, Neel Jain, Baasil Pasha, and Beverly Sali, John Ratliff, Sophie McDuffey (Vice Chair), Jamie Levin, Alexis Steele, Suzan Turley, Misty Lohn

ABSENT: Jing Feng, and Laura Gazarian

Review and Approval of November Minutes

Louis and Sunita moved to approve the November minutes as written.

Public Participation Visitor Comment Period

1. Ramona Crocker – Resident of Beaverton, and has been an active volunteer for 5 years at VIVA Village. She is also in the governing council of VIVA Village as a volunteer. Enjoys her volunteer work at this organization.
2. Paul, Occupational Therapist, formerly worked for 16 years at St. Vincent, currently on call at Marquis Piedmont of N. Portland. He has been Productive aging special liaison for OT association of Oregon for 12 years running, also Associate liaison for Emergent practice and special interest. His interests are Productive aging and doing (and is also looking for) speaking engagements on this topic.
3. Kevin Teater - Executive director of Beaverton Downtown Association. Attending as a guest. Excited to be here and looking for feedback from the group.

Round of Introductions and why BCOA:

Martha McJacobs (Chair) - Starting her third year as a committee member. She acknowledges that with age comes change, and was frustrated with the political

situation and wanted to see what she could do to get involved and found BCOA and has been happy with her involvement,

Louis Weisberg - Starting his fifth year at BCOA. Worked for Intel for 20 years. When offered, he took early retirement from Intel. The Encore fellowship program which was one of Intel's early retirement benefits gave him an opportunity to work part-time for a non-profit organization. He got interested in Aging demographics and learned Gerontology. Ageism became his passion and was very happy when he got an opportunity to be on this committee. He is currently working Part-time at OHSU as a research assistant working with older adults in social isolation, doing video chats to see if it would help slow their mental decline.

Beverly Sali - Has been a resident of Beaverton for many years. Her career was in education and now has been retired for some time. She joined the committee five years ago. Her purpose to join was to find out what was available for herself and her social group who were also in her age group. She has learned a lot and looks forward to learning a lot more during the pandemic. She is pleased to meet people with wonderful skills, who are helping create a better environment in our wonderful city, for the aging population.

Carley Adams - City staff liaison to the committee on Aging. Her full-time job is Program Manager for the Center for Mediation and Dialogue. Her role is to connect this group with city related stuff - getting guest speakers, posting things on the city website, outreach or marketing of events, and helping with interviews and appointing of new members.

Jamie Levin - New member. Excited to be a part of the committee and looks forward to contributing meaningfully to BCOA. Former Psycho therapist, started a small company called "Conversation & Company" (convocompany.com) that provided one on one home visits and now virtual visits with older adults. Goal of these visits are to help clients navigate periods of transition, loneliness and loss. She moved to Beaverton in 2019, now that she is settled she wanted to volunteer and had heard good things about BCOA from Sophie McDuffy and Martha McJacobs. She looks forward to learning about the resources that Beaverton has to offer for her clients who live in this area, and at the same time also to contribute her services to BCOA.

John Ratliff - Retired Occupational Environmental Health and Safety Manager and Industrial hygienist. Member of Industrial hygiene association and Society of Safety professionals. He came to this committee from the Beaverton Advisory Committee for Bicycling. In a council meeting which was looking at the demographics of committees, it was noted that BCOA only had one male member and the Bicyclists Committee had one female member. So he came to this group. He just turned 75 and believes that experienced people can contribute a lot to society and he wants to do that.

Sunita Garg - Starting her second year. Applied for two committees and got into this one. Has had a great experience so far, and met a lot of good people. Also started volunteering in ASIO-pdx (Association of Seniors of Indian Origin) last year. Sees a lot of

potential for collaboration of resources. Worked as an Accountant for over 20 years, now has started to work part-time from this week and looks forward to contributing more this year.

Alexis Steele - born and raised in this area, and now resides in Beaverton. Wanted to participate and contribute to the community. She was interested in BCOA because she believes that a lot of information is being lost between the millennial generation and older generation and sees a need to build bridges between the generations so that we may not lose important information.

Suzan Turley - Retired from the Financial Fraud unit at the department of Justice. She was also an elected official for 16 years, therefore she realizes what the importance of Boards and Commissions are to cities. In her tenure, she was Councilor and Mayor of Le Grand, and the Council president to King city before she moved to Beaverton. Her main interest is cross or intergenerational, working together to build a better environment for everyone. Also that it is important that the aging population and their needs are represented and she believes that she can help doing that.

Sophie McDuffy (Vice-Chair) - starting her second year at BCOA. Why BCOA - She has a passion for the aging population, as a case manager (working with older adults) she needed a lot of resources, being a part of the community was important and at that time she did not know about the BCOA, wish she had. Now that she is on the Board, she is excited about the work that the group does.

Neel Jain - He is liaison for the Mayor's youth advisory board, and a junior at Westview High School. He has been a resident of the Portland/Beaverton area all his life. Reason why he wants to join BCOA is because he is passionate about volunteering and helping the community, specifically helping the elderly members in his community. He runs a non-profit, where they deliver groceries to the seniors.

Baasil Pasha - Vice-chair of the youth advisory board. He is a senior at Beaverton Academy of Science and Engineering. He is passionate about a lot of social issues, in BCOA this is his second year, he hopes to bridge the gap between his generation and older generation.

Allison Tivnon (Councilor) - She is the council liaison for BCCI and BCOA. She thrilled to have received this responsibility because for last seven years she had multiple opportunities to engage with AARP, Oregon, Bridge Meadows, and Engage to do stand up events on economics of aging, about how outcomes are improved on all sorts of parameters from health to financial to societal when we do better job in building environments where people can live intergenerationally. She said that we have an affordability crisis in Beaverton in all sorts of ways, one of them being not having enough housing stock for the aging population to live in a place, with their community, and which is not impeded by barriers to accessibility. She is interested in this topic with regards to council policy making. She is excited to be here to listen and learn.

Misty Lohn- Professionally a nurse practitioner in the community, she manages 12 other clinicians. They go into nursing homes and assisted living homes and care for the elderly in place and try their best to keep them out of the hospital because that is so much better for them. She has been in long-term care since she was 16 years old, she was so grateful that Neil, Basil and Alex were present and are interested in the cross generational aspect of aging.

Suzanne Van Slyke - is a hospice nurse and a case manager for many years. She has a side business where she helps for grief and loss, and end of life planning. She has been on BCOA board for many years, this is her last year of the second term.

Martha encouraged new members to communicate with other committee members via email, and set up virtual meetings to get to know each other or ask questions they may have about BCOA. Carley to send out the contact information to members.

Presentation by Kevin Teater with Downtown Business Association

He started by asking everyone to imagine what their ideal downtown looks like. Then he shared his presentation:

Where is Downtown - Beaverton downtown association focuses on the area from 5th to Canyon, and Beaverton High School and Lombard Avenue. See the map link below.

Who is in Downtown - Restaurants, Retailers and Professional and Health Services. About 250 businesses. Click on the link below to access the Beaverton downtown map <https://www.downtownbeaverton.org/map>

What is Beaverton Downtown Association - BDA -is a local non-profit organization. Kevin is the only staff member, has a board of 9 to 15 people, and 30 to 40 volunteers helping with landscape projects, art projects and things to help the businesses.

What is happening during COVID - He talked about a new mural being painted by Hampton, a lot more outdoor seating, other art projects, every week business gets on a weekly call on how they can support each other. He also discussed future projects especially Downtown equity strategy, where the city is looking at how they can make Downtown development equitable, inclusive and supportive for all people.

Business changes - looked at businesses that were opened and closed during last year. Some closures were due to natural reasons like retirement, or move, and then some were due to pandemic stresses. But it was encouraging to see new businesses.

Kevin stressed the point that historically downtowns have been gathering places for communities, they have been shared homes and shared backyards of cities historically. We have an opportunity to do this here, committees like BCOA are stakeholders of downtown and their voices matter. He started a group discussion and invited the members to give a description on what they envisioned the ideal downtown to look like:

Louis - would love to see bus stops that are sheltered with lights and benches so that people would not have to stand in cold, rain or miserable heat.

John - Cautioned until everyone gets vaccinated he wants people to take precautions - wash hands, wear masks, and socially distance and stay home and not go out if they don't have to go out. He feels that in the next 10 years people will come to Beaverton from California and other places, he would like pedestrian bridges over TV Hwy so that they do not have to risk crossing TV Hwy.

Sophie - what is important to her is the eclectic different types of food, she likes the different food carts. Her second point is community (has been difficult during COVID), envisions connected community.

Allison - an ideal place for her is walking down the street and seeing people you know and feeling welcomed by people that you don't. People acknowledging each other as they pass each other. Frequenting the small businesses so often that you know the purveyors and they know you. Talked about accessibility and agreed about the need for sheltered bus stops. She asked for any input that any group member can provide that would help her to speak more articulately about this need.

Beverly Sali - Had a question that because of the pandemic we have developed a different type of lifestyle on how the consumers are getting their needs met. Are the downtown businesses prepared for the fact that they will not have a deluge of people come into their stores. Per Kevin that businesses are preparing for this and are embracing sales via their websites and providing delivery services.

Sunita Garg - a bus service that would connect main areas in downtown, so that people could park their cars and go to the places in downtown. More advertisements for the businesses.

Suzanne - Her husband is disabled, she mentioned the difficulties that they face in downtown. Doors in the store were not wide enough for the wheelchair to go in, sidewalks were not great, and transition from roads to sidewalks was difficult.

Alexis wanted to find where she could get information on Equitable business strategy

<https://beavertonoregon.gov/2420/Downtown-Equity-Strategy>

Councilor update by Allison Tivnon – ativnon@beavertonoregon.gov

Going through a major transition, elected new Mayor Lacey Beaty, two new councilors joining, and one new seat opening. We have a charter amendment from strong Mayor management to City manager council form. Interim City Manager has been hired, his name is Kurt Wilson. He was a city manager of the city of Stockton, CA. He had navigated the city out of bankruptcy. In last council meeting last Tuesday, he

requested that we ratify a declaration of state of emergency related to COVID, that would allow us to continue to access resources and relief support for the city.

Election of Mayor Beatty has created one open seat for a councilor. Decision to fill the seat for the interim period until election has not been made yet. A three day retreat is coming up and will be discussed in the meeting.

Council meetings are virtual and open to the public. Also they are recorded and available on website for the public.

City Staff Liaison report:

Welcome New City Councilors. In January, the city welcomes changes to the Beaverton City Council, with new and re-elected councilors joining fellow positions. Help us extend much encouragement as they begin their voter-elected terms!

- Mayor Lacey Beatty begins her first term as Mayor after serving on the City Council since 2015. Before serving as an elected official, she volunteered on the city's Visioning Advisory Committee and on local boards. Her vacated City Council position will be filled at the council's direction.
- Councilor Nadia Hasan and Councilor Allison Tivnon join as new council members filling an established seat and an expanded position as part of the new city charter. Nadia Hasan is the first to hold City Council Position 6 and previously served on the Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation Visioning Task Force and a board member of the Islamic Society of Greater Portland. Allison Tivnon previously served as a Beaverton Arts Commission chair and the State of Oregon Complete Counts Committee co-chair.
- Councilor Mark Fagin, Councilor Laura Mitchell and Councilor Marc San Soucie rejoin the council as re-elected and existing council members. Mark Fagin has served on the City Council since 2013 and was the founding chairperson of the city's Visioning Advisory Committee. He was elected to his third and final term in November 2020. Laura Mitchell was elected in 2018 and previously served on the city's Budget and Social Services Funding committees. Marc San Soucie joined the council in 2008 and worked on the city's Planning Commission and the Committee for Community Involvement.
- The Mayor and councilors will be sworn in before the first Council meeting in January. For more information about the City Council and upcoming meetings, visit www.BeavertonOregon.gov/council.

Interim City Manager Announced. The Beaverton City Council has appointed Kurt Wilson as the city's first Interim City Manager, welcome Kurt! The announcement marks

a milestone in City Charter of 2021 implementation. The new charter became operational on January 1.

- The Interim City Manager is an important position who will help the city transition to a council-manager form of government, and support hiring of a long-term City Manager.
- Kurt has nearly 30 years of experience with local government holding both elected and hired positions.
- Most recently, he served as the City Manager of the City of Stockton in California.
- The recruitment for a long-term City Manager is expected to begin in spring and will include opportunities for further staff and community engagement.
- For more information on the new charter, answers to frequently asked questions and news about upcoming activities, visit www.BeavertonOregon.gov/charter.

Carley had a question on BCOA Goal setting retreat - whether to have it and when we should do it. Historically we have done it in end of Jan, she was wondering if it should be postponed to the end of Feb. or end of March.

After discussion, it was decided to have a longer meeting in Feb and have a virtual goal setting and get to know each other.

Suzanne and Sunita moved to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting Adjourned @ 4: 43 PM > Next Meeting Feb 9, 2021 at 3:00 PM