



BCOA

MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Feb 9, 2021

TIME: 3:00 PM

LOCATION: Online ZOOM Meeting

Welcome and Introduction

Meeting called to order at 3:03 PM by Martha McJacobs (Chair). Meeting is being recorded.

Recording is 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, Baasil Pasha, Beverly Sali, John Ratliff, Jamie Levin, Alexis Steele, Suzan Turley, Jing Feng, Misty Long, Laura Gazarian

ABSENT: Sophie McDuffey (Vice Chair), and Neil Jain

Public Participation Visitor Comment Period

1. Shonda Murphy and Kris Oliveria, CPA were present to discuss their concerns on how the vaccine rollout is taking place - notifications are primarily being done via the internet and this may not be the best method for seniors who may not be using computers or have mild dementia. Kris suggested that a postcard mailer may be a better method, and centralized phone number that seniors can call. Transportation needs to be lined up and organized.
2. 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. She intends to attend the meeting regularly.

Review and Approval of January Minutes

Suzanne VanSlyke and Laura Gazarian moved to approve the January minutes as written. A vote to accept the minutes was done and accepted by all.

Review of Bylaws -

Question was raised if any new city or government regulations that need to be reviewed? And whether it was already included in our attachment. Per Carley, she knew that a lot of other Boards were making changes but did not believe that they needed to be universally applied. She did not know of any changes for us, but would confirm with the

coordinator. Allison Tivnon (councilor) also confirmed that we had some leverage to make changes that fit the committee's specific needs without worrying that there would be some kind of domino effect to other committees.

Martha McJacobs read the purpose of our Committee to make sure that we all had the same understanding. According to Beaverton code 2.03.131 - the purpose of this board is to discover and examine the issues and concerns of the aging population in the city of Beaverton and offer representation, information and education regarding these issues. Everyone agreed with the purpose of the Board.

Carley Adams started the discussion with couple of topics:

1. How do we as a group want to send a message to the community that may be helpful to them.
2. In trying to figure out where we are going and in setting goals, one thing we can do is to look at what other similar city boards are doing during the pandemic. Due to time constraint this piece was not discussed in detail in the meeting.

Information Sharing

Carley discussed the possibilities of information sharing via the following methods that are available to us:

- Informing the Neighborhood association committee and they can include it in their newsletter.
- Cultural Inclusion team's newsletter.
- Your City Magazine published every two months.
- BCOA website
- Hosting a live webinar

Suggestions/comments/questions by members and visitors:

- Providing BCOA information to the 211 phone line host so that they could provide our information to interested parties.
- Are the webinars on our website being watched by people? If yes , then maybe we could do a recording of relevant information on how to get the vaccine and upload it on our website, and it can be updated as needed.
- The Washington County health department is an excellent source in getting information.
- One of the members strongly believed that right now helping with information is not as important as advocacy of what we envision or think of how things should be in rolling out the vaccine distribution for the seniors.
- Advocacy at the state level for one stop center.
- Two part problems with vaccine roll out - first is shortage of supply which is being handled in a piecemeal fashion, and the second problem is that vaccines themselves require special handling so sending them to places that can't handle that may not be the best solution.
- Per Allison Tivnon - county gets more information about vaccine rollout implementation, city does not have much say in it. One of the ways she

suggested to get the message out would be to have static images fed into social media pages.

- Two-part questions - in an emergency situation, how does the county get the information to the public what is their process and can we tap into it. Secondly, from a privacy stand point can city put a volunteer sign out to assist seniors to get them COVID vaccination appointments.
- Would like more information on what help is available for the seniors for transportation to the sites and what to expect.
- To look at who has the information and know how to use this information and also have vested interest in getting the seniors vaccinated. Suggestion was made to look at high school kids to become advocates for their grandparents.
- Use BCOA mailing list and send out a weekly flyer with updated information
- Need to be careful about youth helping seniors because of exposure risk.

Plan of action:

1. John Ratliff pointed out that - In the City of Beaverton website there is a link called Novel coronavirus COVID-19 but it does not have any information on getting vaccinations, if the link to Get Vaccinated Oregon <https://getvaccinated.oregon.gov/#/> be added to that page it would be very helpful. Carley Adams will see if she can get this done.
2. Beverly Sali volunteered to call the County to find out if they had any plans for the Senior population and if there is anything new that they were going to put together. She also volunteered to go through the proposed timelines for pharmacies getting the COVID-19 vaccines.
3. Carley Adams will check to see if she can find some printed material that summarizes all the relevant information and send it to all the sources we know of.
4. Alexis Steele volunteered to go to the council meeting in the evening and voice our concerns on the vaccination roll-out process.

Council update presented by Allison Tivnon:

Interim city manager has been reviewing the city structure and operations. One of the things that he has done is better organize the city council meeting agendas so that the time of the councilors are better utilized. Also better planning is being done by the councilors, it allows them to prepare more intentionally for the meetings because they know when they will be presenting and on what subject. She feels that this will help with goal setting and setting priorities and good ideas getting into the agenda list.

Things that are coming in near future but do not have set dates are - climate conversation is going to be picked up again to create a Climate Action committee implementing all the actions that were recommended by the climate action plan. In conjunction, garbage and recycling conversations will happen, looking at contracts and franchise agreements with the providers, plastic ban, single use for plastic utensils. All these topics that were put on hold due to COVID will now be looked at.

In response to how BCOA can better engage with the council, she suggested:

- Attending the council meetings and voicing the issues and concerns in the visitor comment section can be very powerful, especially if attended on a weekly basis.
- Annual report - every board and commission is supposed to present an annual report to the council Carley can find more about on how to get on the council's agenda.
- Proclamations - can come directly from the committee, sent to the entire council for the council to be signed off by all, and it can come directly from the office of the mayor. These are read to the city council.

She would be happy to discuss these further after the Council retreat.

New business or announcements:

- Martha McJacobs reminded that Age cafe, and Death cafe are being offered by Viva village, Library, County and BCOA.
- Library is changing their hours, they are open every day except for Thursdays. You can call in to drive by to pick up or walk outside and get your book from the pickup location.
- Food carts are open.

Staff Liaison updated by Carley Adams:

- City Manager recruitment is going on.
- Human rights advisory commission has made a series of sections where they have made recommendations to address systemic racism to share with the city council and https://beaverton.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=2&clip_id=2390&meta_id=135113
- City has received a Wiffia loan for \$81 million for Water infrastructure finance and innovation act loan(related to the city's water state s project). Loan will save the city \$31.3 million.
- Washington County cooperative library services have eliminated overdue fines to make the library more accessible to all. Studies have shown that overdue fines mostly impact communities of color and those with lower income and they don't significantly promote timely return of materials.

Since our Vice-chair was absent today, election of officers was postponed to the March meeting with the consent of all members present in the meeting.

Also Bev suggested (and a lot of other members agreed) having another sub-committee meeting in two weeks to go over the updates.

Bev and John moved to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting Adjourned @ 4:27 PM > Next Meeting March 9, 2021 at 3:00 PM

February News

City Manager Recruitment. Beaverton is renewing our commitment to being a city that is welcoming, lively and responsive. We are looking for a long term City Manager to keep the community's needs and wishes at the center of all that we do.

- The search process for the position has begun, which follows Interim City Manager appointment last year and includes hiring of an external search firm for facilitation support, engagement and opportunities for feedback.
- Initial plans call for the competitive process to begin in March. A decision by City Council is expected to be announced in early-summer.
- We need the community's help identifying the ideal characteristics that will complement the work we are doing today and guide plans for tomorrow.
- Stay informed on next steps, opportunities to share your thoughts and be involved: www.BeavertonOregon.gov/citymanager.
- The City Manager is Council-appointed and oversees most city operations, departments and the budget. This person assists the Mayor and City Council with putting the city's vision, priorities and directives into action.
- Last year, Beaverton voters approved a new city charter that became operational January 1 and changes the city's structure to a council-manager form of government. Learn more: www.BeavertonOregon.gov/charter.

Equity & Public Safety Update. During the past year, city leadership and community members have come together to learn and explore experiences with public safety, as well as address systemic racism within city structures and practices. We are engaging with the community to expand and implement positive change.

- The Human Rights Advisory Commission (HRAC) wrapped up the final session of the BPD-HRAC Inquiry Sessions in January.
- The finalized recommendations were made available and presented to the City Council during an interactive roundtable meeting on January 26. Topics included police funding, transparency, policy changes, community connection, and the School Resource Officer program.
- A recording of the meeting is available on the [Council Agenda Website](#) and video footage of previous meetings is on the [HRAC website](#).

- Stay up-to-date on Beaverton's ongoing equity efforts and work with the community at www.BeavertonOregon.gov/beheard.

Beaverton Receives WIFIA Loan. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has announced an \$81 million Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act loan to the city for water systems projects, saving Beaverton an estimated \$31.3 million.

- The loan will help finance a series of projects that will enhance the reliability and resiliency of our water system and meet the needs of a growing area.
- The projects will construct major transmission mains, new water connections, seismically resilient drinking water storage, and more. Project construction and operation are expected to create more than 500 jobs.
- The WIFIA program is a federal loan program to accelerate investment in the nation's water infrastructure. For more information about the WIFIA program, visit www.epa.gov/wifia. For updates on the city's projects, visit www.BeavertonOregon.gov/water.

WCCLS Eliminates Overdue Fines. Washington County Cooperative Library Services (WCCLS) will no longer charge for overdue materials, and all existing overdue fines have been removed from patron accounts!

- This change has been made because the mission of WCCLS is to serve all residents of Washington County—equally, affordably and with easy access.
- [Studies have shown](#) that overdue fines most severely impact communities of color and/or with lower incomes, and don't significantly promote the timely return of library materials.
- Learn more at www.wccls.org/finefree.