

West Slope Neighborhood Meeting Tuesday, June 16, 2009 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Sid Snyder at 7:05 p.m.

-presentation by TVFR....not too much to report, the only calls in the neighborhood have been medically related. They have a website now, and it is TVFR.com.

-The Canyon station is due for replacement, and bond measures have made that possible. The plans should be finalized within the next year and will be available on the website upon completion.

-summertime advisements were given....wet down your briquettes after the BBQ, and use only legal fireworks for the 4th of July. Try to keep them on pavement instead of out in the forest.

-new options for quick medical response are being explored, including motorcycles or cars, which would save money and time by not having to roll out the big rigs for medical calls.

-Officer Gottwald then gave the Beaverton PD report

-we have a new Police Chief, Excellent fellow from all accounts.

-our area (District 3) has the lowest crime rate of all the districts in Beaverton. Yay!

-look out for ID fraud, Craigslist scams, keep sliding glass doors locked, and make sure to ID stereos, computers, anything valuable with your mark, not a social security # or other easily transferable ID. For more info, contact Beaverton Police.

-call in any graffiti, or "tags," ASAP.

-Mayor Doyle was then introduced, and gave a short presentation
here are the highlights

-The Mayor has taken a pay cut, and the rest of City Hall will probably not see any raises, until the economy straightens out. The City of Beaverton bond rate is up.

-The Hunger Summit, held in February, was a success, but more can always be done.

-The Giving Garden is doing well.

-Recycling Beaverton was an (overwhelming) success

-Economic Development is a new priority, especially anything "Green."

-Beaverton's population diversity is being addressed through increased efforts to get people out and involved civically and socially, through schools and other programs.

-The Mayor emphasized that the City is trying to patch up some poor relationships, businesswise, and encouraging our local businesses to get involved with the community. Hey Nike!

A question and answer period then followed with the Mayor. Here are the relevant highlights:

-Downtown Beaverton is not yet defined

-20-minute neighborhood is a nice concept, and is being pursued

-More annexation, in and around West Slope, is being thought about

-more investment in the Arts is on the table

-The City of Beaverton is behind any efforts to create a park in the "greenhouse property" area of West Slope. Volunteer work is necessary to make this happen, and to sustain the effort.

Minutes to be reviewed and approved at the 09/15/09 West Slope Neighborhood Meeting.

- Beaverton Creek improvement is under consideration
- Vacant car lots along Canyon Road (8) are not in City boundaries, but we will see
- Sidewalk project along Laurelwood, Birchwood, and 87th is being federally funded and should begin soon. Thank President Obama for a stimulus related project.
- Will Beaverton grow (city limits), or will infill be actively pursued?...Too soon to tell
- Is there a chance for some more sidewalks in the West Slope area (Canyon Lane)? Mayor will look into it

The minutes from the May meeting were then approved

-Old Business..the "Greenhouse Property " came up again, as a vote came up for the Board to approve a resolution to back the proposal of a park, funded by TVPR., for the site. This was unanimously approved, and there were several volunteers for a petition drive to back up said proposal.

A move to adjourn was heard, seconded, and approved

Respectfully yours, Carl Tebbe, Temporary Recorder