

City of Beaverton
Neighborhood Association Committee Meeting Minutes

NAC: Denney Whitford / Raleigh West

Date: 28 Oct 2010

Board members present:

- Chair: Ernie Conway
- Vice Chair: Andrew Bynum
- BCCI Rep: Julia Sathler

- Treasurer: Martha Schaffler
- Recorder: Tracy Thornton

Quorum present? Yes No

Meeting start time: 8:07 pm

Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue Report: No report.

Community Policing Report: Officer Corning brought printed crime statistics from July. He noted that October is National Domestic Violence Awareness month, and there have been many cases of domestic violence reported this month. He left cards with phone numbers for resources. The Washington County Crisis Line is the first resource to refer people to, if you're unsure where else to send them.

Q: If neighbors are fighting very loudly and you're concerned for someone's safety, what should you do?

A: Call the police; at least it's a noise complaint, and it could be something more serious.

The prescription drug turn-in event was a huge success. Some pharmacies will take expired prescriptions, and the police can take very large quantities.

Upcoming events: Car Seat Clinic at 9:00 am on Nov. 13; hazardous materials roundup at the Aloha TVF&R station, 3608 SW 209th, also on Nov. 13.

With Halloween right around the corner, Officer Corning reminded us that there may be people causing trouble, but to bear in mind that the police will respond to lower priority calls (such as vandalism) as they have time. However, the response may be slower around Halloween due to the overall increase in calls.

Ernie asked about the Hookah Lounge conditional use permit process. He wants to know how code compliance is enforced. Officer Corning said that the permit would be posted on the premises, and community policing officers would check into any complaints.

Patty Russell asked about early morning noise in the commercial or industrial zone where Chrysler is located. Semi trucks are making deliveries at 2:00-3:00 am and making considerable noise. Officer Corning advised her to contact the police using the non-emergency number. It was suggested that she and her neighbors send a note to Chrysler themselves as a first step. They could also contact City Planning or the City's mediation services. However, there's not much the police can do as long as the trucks are not doing anything illegal.

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Guest Speakers: None.

Neighborhood Issues / Concerns: Ernie said that he is following up on the Hookah Lounge conditional use permit, and he will find out whether those permits stay with the property or with the owner. It was suggested that the permits stay with the property only if it's the same kind of business, but we'd like to be sure how this works.

Residents are confused about how to interpret the new striping on Lombard, where there's a parking lane, a striped bike lane, two traffic lanes, and another bike lane. If you can receive a ticket for crossing a solid white line and driving in a bike lane, how can you get to the parking lane without being in violation of the law? Also, there is some confusion about how the blue boxes work. Ernie explained that cars must yield the right of way to bicycles in a blue box area.

It was suggested that information about the traffic laws related to bicycle lanes like those on Lombard be provided more widely to residents. For example, it could be included in a future City Newsletter. Ernie will provide information to Roger about Ray Thomas, an attorney who translates traffic laws into language people can understand.

At the end of the meeting, there was a long discussion about the issues around the Fanno Creek Trail completion behind the Rollingwood neighborhood. The neighbors feel that the Planning Commission has not addressed, or even acknowledged, their concerns. Their main concerns are that the maps THPRD and the City are using are wrong, and they have not yet been corrected; no one has physically walked the area where the path is going to go in order to see where the maps are wrong; and no one is addressing the issue of privacy for the neighbors. The privacy issue is that the path is going right behind their backyards, but they cannot build a fence for privacy because fences can only be built above the flood plain. The flood plain is four feet above their property, so if they put up a fence, the bottom of it would be four feet above the ground, and that's obviously not going to work. Patty noted that it seems like the City Council, THPRD, and the Planning Commission don't have any idea how this will work when it's done, and she'd like someone to come out and show them what they're going to do so the neighbors' questions can be answered.

Ernie said he would follow up on several items: He will find out if the Fanno Creek process requires City Council approval rather than just Planning Commission approval; he will follow up on the timeline for these approvals; he will try to have someone explain why the Planning Commission did not seem to consider the issues raised by people in the Rollingwood neighborhood; and he will contact Steve at THPRD to see if he will walk the area with neighbors.

Business Meeting:

Approval of minutes from previous meeting: The minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's report: After a deposit of \$217.82 from Recycling Day, our new balance is \$3,767.04. We have pledged \$100 for the Toy Drive. Martha will contact Rhonda Coakley to determine when the money needs to be sent.

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BCCI report: None.

Other business: Nominations for officers were conducted. Nomination for Recorder: Tracy Thornton. Nomination for Treasurer: Martha Schauffler. Nomination for BCCI rep: Julia is stepping down, and no other nominations were given, so we wondered if Ray Bowman could serve both as BCCI Chair and the DW/RW BCCI rep. Ernie will follow up. Nomination for Vice Chair: Andrew Bynum. Nomination for Chair: Ernie Conway.

Meeting end time: 8:40 pm.