

City of Beaverton
Neighborhood Association Committee
Meeting Minutes

NAC: Denney Whitford / Raleigh West

Date: February 25, 2010

Board members present:

Chair: Ernie Conway

Vice Chair: Andrew Bynum

BCCI Rep: Julia Sathler

Treasurer: Martha Schauffler

Recorder: Tracy Thornton

Quorum present? Yes No

Meeting start time: 7:05 pm

Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue Report: A TVF&R representative (Chris) left disaster preparedness pamphlets, and also referred us to www.tvfr.com for additional information.

Our local station had about 100 calls last month (average is 100-150 per month). The construction of the new fire station is on schedule, and TVF&R should take possession of the facility the second week in April. There will probably be an open house, but no details are available yet.

Patty Russell asked about the water tower behind the Chrysler building. Neighbors have reported that the water tower dumps water (or something) into Fanno Creek. She wondered who she should contact to find out if this activity was appropriate and if they're actually dumping water rather than some other, possibly hazardous, material. It was suggested that she contact either DEQ or Clean Water Services; she could also try the TVF&R administrative office.

Community Policing Report: Officers Barrowcliff and Patrick returned to follow up the discussion from February about transients in the neighborhood. Officer Barrowcliff summarized the previous discussion, explaining that the police's job is to protect its citizens, which often means pushing transients out of the area. The Mayor is currently working with the Chief of Police on a call system that would allow neighbors to be quickly notified of incidents like this, where a transient (and registered sex offender) is discovered in the area.

Officer Barrowcliff reiterated that it's our job to be observant of our surroundings, and we should not hesitate to call the police if we see something out of the ordinary. He explained that Beaverton is a safe city because police are proactive about dealing with issues. Mayor Doyle is coming to our March NAC meeting, and we should let him know our concerns, or also our support of policing programs such as the mountain bike team that Officers Barrowcliff and Patrick serve on.

A resident asked about the empty police car sometimes seen on Denney Road. This is a "phantom car" that keeps speeding and crime down by simulating a police presence.

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Leza Bishop reported that a pedestrian had been hit by a turning car near Nimbus and Scholls, and that she knows several people that have complained that the timing of the light there is not long enough. Ernie Conway mentioned the city's Traffic Hotline, where we can report signals that are not tripping or are out of sync.

Patty reported a basketball hoop facing the street near the corner of Denney and Rollingwood that is a problem for traffic and a potential danger to the children who play there. The officers felt this was probably a code enforcement issue.

Officer Wallbaum provided the community policing report. The latest crime stats from Dec. 2009 showed that crime was down from the previous year. Most of the crime in our NAC happens near Western, Beaverton Hillsdale Highway, or Oleson, on the edges of our boundaries near commercial areas. Officer Wallbaum asked what we thought the police department could be doing better. A resident asked about response time; Officer Wallbaum said that phone calls to non-emergency dispatch are usually responded to within about five minutes, and emergency calls are responded to within two minutes.

A resident who manages the Valley Park Plaza apartments noted that officers often do not leave incident reports with the management after making a call to an apartment; those reports are important for dealing with tenant issues. Officer Wallbaum explained that it was easy to forget this sometimes because of all the activity that may go on, but he said he would mention this to his colleagues.

Officer Wallbaum said he would follow up on these questions: are stats kept on vandalism clean up, and are there opportunities for "ride alongs" for regular citizens.

Neighborhood Issues / Concerns:

No new issues were reported

Land use/zoning:

Enrique, District Manager, and Chris, Store Manager, from the Pizza Hut on Allen and Scholls are seeking an exemption to the 10 pm business closure rule in a Neighborhood Service Zone. They explained that this store closes at 10 pm for carry out business, but continues to deliver until midnight. They have been doing this for several years but were just made aware of the zoning restriction to being open past 10 pm. This location is staffed by 2 people after 10:00 pm; a driver and one other employee. They do not take phone calls; phone calls go through a central call center.

There was concern that any exemption made for Pizza Hut might carry over to another business in that same location, and might create problems for other retail businesses.

The NAC agreed on this position: we are in favor of making an exception for Pizza Hut, since they do not have any customers in their building after 10:00 and they have been operating in this way for many years without incident. However, the NAC would not be comfortable with

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this if a zoning exemption made for Pizza Hut would then apply to any future occupant of that location, or if such an exemption would have to apply more broadly to other businesses.

Will Gehr is in the earliest stages of seeking a conditional use permit to operate a landscaping and recycling business (S&H Landscaping Supplies) at 107th and Allen, behind Platt Electric. The business would serve as a place to drop off yard debris and construction waste, which is chipped and then transferred to a compost facility in Clackamas. No composting will be done on site. They will also sell compost, blended soil products, gravel, sand, and other landscape supplies. The business will probably create about 6 new jobs. A conditional use permit is required because of the recycling aspect of the business.

The NAC had no objection to the permit; our only concern was around traffic. Mr. Gehr said that a traffic study would be required as part of the permitting process. The next step for him is a pre-application conference.

Business Meeting:

Approval of minutes from previous meeting: A motion to approve the minutes from the October NAC meeting as written was accepted and seconded.

Treasurer's report: Our account had two checks, one for \$50 and one for \$100 for recent gifts. There was also a \$50 check for registration with the Secretary of State; however, we no longer need to do that. The remaining balance is \$3649.22

BCCI report: Ray Bowman (BCCI chair) delivered the report. The Mayor gave his State of the City address, which we will hear at our March NAC meeting. The City Council passed an ordinance to create an urban renewal agency. Ray felt there was still a lot of education to be done to educate voters about what this means and how it will benefit the city.

Other business: None.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

None.

Meeting end time: 8:34 pm