

Denney Whitford/Raleigh West NAC Minutes – February 26, 2009

Ray Bowman, Chair, called the meeting to order and welcomed members and guests.

Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue: Not available.

Community Policing Report: Officer Jeff Young of the Beaverton Police Department distributed a crime sheet log showing selected cases in our neighborhood for January. He noted that most of the arrests were for DUII's and the bad weather kept things fairly quiet. Starting March 5th through May 21st the Department will present Citizen Academy programs on Thursdays from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.: Gang Team, Dispatch, Ride-Along, etc.

Minutes: A motion was made and seconded to accept the January minutes as read. Those present voted to accept them.

Treasurer's Report: Julia Sathler, Treasurer, stated that the balance in the NAC's bank account is \$3,672.05.

BCCI: Ray reported that the name, "Neighborhood Cleanup Day", was changed to "Beaverton Recycling Day". This year's Recycling Day will be June 13th at the Westgate Theater site. Last year it cost \$9,500 to put on the event, and only \$4,700 was taken in from donators. In 2009 the program will be guaranteed \$6,000 to split among the NACs who participate. The new list of acceptable items for recycling is more particular, i.e.: No yard debris or garbage will be taken in but electronics, batteries, lights, etc. will be accepted.

Presentation by CASA for Children: Benjamin James, speaker from CASA, gave a comprehensive view of the juvenile protection program that includes volunteers, appointed by a judge, to work with abused or neglected children now in foster care. They assist the court in making a determination for either returning the children to their parents or continuing the necessity of their remaining in foster care. From March 31 through April 30 orientation meetings and a training program will be held in the Hillsboro office of CASA. Benjamin encouraged folks to become advocates. The phone number is (503)988-4178 and the website is www.casahelpskids.org.

Old Business: Ray said the Executive Committee made a list of suggestions to increase interest in NAC meetings. He will present the list of possible service projects at the March meeting.

Tualatin Hills Parks and Recreation will take care of maintenance and possible improvements to Hideaway Park (off Oleson Road). A section of Garden Home is now included in our NAC and we are a resource to help those residents with information on Beaverton's programs.

Julia Sathler gave an update on the work at Camille Park. She showed pictures of the new plans being implemented at the park.

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New Business: A Denney Whitford neighborhood resident asked for information regarding procedures to deal with uncared-for homes with some serious maintenance problems with trash, cars parked for long periods of time. The City Code Enforcement office had been contacted but nothing was done. Ray said the City Council passed an ordinance regarding these problems. Since so few people attended tonight's meeting, it was suggested that this issue be introduced during the March meeting for further discussion.

Julia relayed a request from Andrew Bynum, one of the leaders of the Cub Scout Pack 162. There will be a NAC Bike Rodeo and Bicycle Safety Training event at McKay School on April 18, 2009. Andrew asks that we endorse this program to support the pack in our neighborhood. A motion was made and seconded to approve support to this event. All present voted yes.

Ray gave some information from "Onward Oregon": SOLV – Saturday 18th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at project sites in the Portland area.

There will be a survey in March for 2009 Block Grant Projects.

Next Month's Meeting: Mayor Doyle will meet with us at the March 26th meeting at 7 p.m. at Edgewood Downs. We hope many of you will be able to attend to welcome him to the neighborhood.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Schauffler, Recorder