

Minutes to be reviewed and approved at the September 8, 2011 West Beaverton NAC meeting.

WB NAC Meeting June 9, 2011

Pre Meeting Social time and light dinner: 6:30 pm

Meeting start time: 7:05 pm

Attendance:

Chair: Sue Price

Vice Chair: Karen Schouten

Treasurer:

Recorder: Aaron Poarch

BCCI Rep: Amanda Tahayori

Alt. BCCI Rep: Bill Wood

Others: Bruce Richards, Karen Olsen, Gail Beasley, Hilde Carpenter, Bill Berg, Jeff Salvon, Priscilla Christenson, Edna Fontenot, Christian Corning, Steve Fisher, Steve Mills, Tom Eubanks

Last meetings minutes were not accepted into the record as submitted.

Lowami is misspelled in the minutes. Aaron will update and resubmit minutes

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Aaron Poarch.

Fire report (presented by TVFR):

Steve Mills, Tommy Eubanks and Steve Fisher

There are two new academies with 10-12 new firefighters graduating soon.

There are three new fire stations. We are rebuilding the ones at West Slope and Oak Hills and building a new one on Elligsen Rd, in Wilsonville.

23.5 million of 77.5 million in bonds raised will be submitted for sale.

Summer fire safety was discussed. Esp. grill safety, wild fires, deck staining.

Take five to survive campaign through emergency management. What you can accomplish in 5 minutes?

Test smoke alarms and fire extinguishers.

Web site has information about preventing falls for children and seniors. <http://www.tvfr.com>

Q. How are the new smaller cars working?

A. Very well. Cars are very busy. It's a reasonable resource.

Police report (presented by Officer Christian Corning):

Car Seat clinic on June 18, 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM @ City Hall.

Free Document Shredding on June 25, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM @ Tektronix

Department was given a mini grant to target specific pedestrian offenses. People are not yielding to pedestrians, etc. There will be six operations each 4 hours long. We will measure required stopping distance and add 10 mph to that. We will use decoys with highly visible clothing. The media will be notified and it will be done in good weather.

Four new officers will start in July. If you know of anyone interested in working for the police department, let them know to apply.

There are new uniforms. New vests help to transfer weight for a more distributed weight. Wearing vests are optional.

No new news on a new facility.

Office Corning in charge of producing video showing cramped conditions of police and courts. It should be ready in July.

First Guest Presentation: Jeff Salvon on Urban Renewal

There are two meetings left – June 21st and July 8th.

Beaverton's biggest challenge – The land is worth more than buildings.

What is happening?

We need to develop a vibrant downtown.

What is Urban Renewal? It is direct tax revenue to revitalize economical distressed area.

Urban renewal targets core of the city and borrows from the future to pay for present.

It can increase property taxes collections.

Urban Renewal plan will be reassessed after 20 years to make sure we can pay back after year 30.

What programs are there?

Improvements to I- 217 and Allen Blvd., utility upgrades, etc.

What can Urban Renewal do?

Pay for improvements to upgrade city.

Specific project?

Pedestrian improvements at Watson and Hall.

Long term benefits - More taxes in future and business growth.

Limits – Urban renewal can't tax. It must be approved by voters. Can't be used to condemn private property.

Why now? We need to act now.

Who's involved? Washington county NACs, TVFR, and TVPRD.

Why does it matter? Need successful business core for strong Beaverton.

Get involved – Attend city hall meetings

Find out more? www.beavertonoregon.gov/bura

Q. Hilde – We are cutting funds for school. Why not put funds into schools?

A. This is not a source for school funding.

Hilde commented we need a highly educated community

Amanda and Bill Berg stated – Better business brings more tax dollars.

Sue added – Helps provide jobs, etc.

Karen Olsen - Glad to see they are putting in sidewalks.

Jeff Salvon – We need to encourage people to get out of cars. Lots of neighborhoods without sidewalks.

Several people mentioned places needing sidewalks

Jeff Salvon – This is a way to use the future to invest in the future.

Hilde – We may never be able to repay debt. Why invest so much money?

Jeff Salvon – We are beginning to look like Gresham and Aloha?

Hilde – What would you improve in Aloha?

Amanda – You have to be proactive to help improve the city.

Jeff Salvon – The plan will be re-evaluated over time.

Karen O. - Are slogan says we are the best!

Priscilla – Any subgroups to attract business?

Jeff Salvon – CAC, city employees, NAC, BCCI, Bureau board

Talked about Visioning plan – They developed a wish list of what we want the city to look like. Used that info to develop URF plan.

Jeff Salvon – We have housing stabilization plan and involved NACs. This will lead to street improvements, gardens, etc.

Hilde – We have a community gardens.

Sue – We can establish more community gardens.

Sue - Anything on poster you provided?

Jeff Salvon – Yes, it shows the City boundary.

Bill Wood - Stops at Walker? Is that end of city?

Jeff Salvon – Yes

Bill Wood – Small areas that could be converted to business, but they are out of city.

Karen S. – The Borders won't close.

Karen O. – In Chicago, they built high rises with urban renewal.

Jeff Salvon – Old renewal was a disaster. Tualatin built area by the lake. Portland built Pioneer courthouse, etc.

Hilde – Anything set aside for police dept. city hall, etc.?

Jeff Salvon – That's not part of this project.

Hilde – We need more safety people.

Hilde – We are spending a lot of money on plans.

Jeff Salvon – We have worked with a lot of agencies.

Sue – We have copy of improvement plan provided by the City of Beaverton and

available at each of our meetings.

The BCCI report given by Amanda

SOS Oregon: Lisa Leithauser with SOS, Secretary of State, presented their proposed state bill to regulate adult entertainment business. SOS is a non-profit coalition to coordinate working with advocacy groups, neighborhood businesses, local, state and federal officials to end the proliferation of adult entertainment business in our neighborhoods. You can get involved, visit www.sosoregon.org to join and participate. Their goals are:

1. Demand short-term code enforcement solutions at the city and county level.
2. Encourage long-term industry regulation at the local, state and federal level.
3. Promote ongoing education of the public about human trafficking and adult entertainment.
4. Organize reduce demand actions such as stand-in protests at adult private room businesses.

City Report: Randy Ealy, the assistant to the mayor reported, they're currently working on:

1. Coordinating facility study. Looking into redevelopment opportunities in Beaverton which may or may not include civic elements. Multi cultural facility studies, police station, city hall, court, meeting spaces... are among some of the facilities that are being studied. These are plans that might possibly go on May 2012 ballot as the city wants the Urban Renewal to be the only item on the upcoming ballot.
2. Civic plan has come back and the mayor & council are considering some of the points such as water enhancements around the downtown by the Rounds w/ Beaverton creek, traffic calming & creating friendly pedestrian environment on Canyon and the festival street concept on Broadway.
3. City Budget, building fund, water fund, mileage rate trying not to let it increase.

City Council Report: Marc San Soucie reported, since the city staff is now busy w/ Urban Growth, Civic Plan, and Community vision, council gets to have a easier load and has meetings planned with Tualatin Fire & Rescue District and Beaverton School District which were set aside previously.

Community Vision project has now secured a lead partner or a supporting partner to all the items except 3 or 4, and on May 18, at 5:30 there's a celebration at the library.

1st budget committee meeting is set for May 26.

Update on Urban Renewal: Don Mazziotti, Community Development Director reported. Don would be available to present to neighborhood associations.

1. Why does Urban Renewal exist? There are 3 principal reasons for its existence. A) To remove blight, defined as any physical deterioration or devaluation, or public hazard or safety or regulatory blight B) To attract and catalyze private investments, where investment has deteriorated or not kept up with the surrounding area. C) To generate future tax revenue, concentrating largely on the central Beaverton
2. Paid through tax increments. Complicated formula, but basically after a plan is approved the tax assessor in the county freezes the tax base, any growth in the base over the succeeding plan life is captured in the form of value and that value is bonded against. The bond proceeds referred to as tax increment bonds are used to make the investments and the improvements the plan was for and that's how these improvements are paid for. Typically plans are for 20 or 30 years long and no more debt is issued when the life of the plan is reached.

- Land Use: Jim Persey, reported 3 house bills we talked about before died in committee.
- Neighborhood Summitt: There were about 1000 attendees. Overwhelmingly positive feedback was received.

Upcoming Events:

- Sat June 4 – Recycling Day, 9-2:00 @ former Westgate Theater
- Sat June 25 – Free Document Shredding, 10-1 @ Tektronix
- Starting Tues, June 29 – Beaverton Last Tuesday, an outdoor celebration of music, art and food 5-8 @ Plaza at the Round
- Starting Tues, July 13 – Picnic in the Park, 6-7:30 @ different neighborhood parks

Amanda Tahayori
May 11, 2011

Old Business

Beaverton Recycling Event – Good weather, lots of volunteers. 1125 cars this year.

Sue – Battery duty is not light duty. Had to handle every battery.

Lithium batteries need to be taped on both ends. Can rub and explode.

West Beaverton NAC had 12-13 people there.

Collecting food donations for Sunshine Pantry – 40 crates of food were collected at the event.

Chehalem reading volunteer appreciation – the children made pictures to thank the readers.

Principal and teachers spoke of how appreciative the school is about the books being provided to the children. As a result of our donation and also that of the UPS store, approximately 87 children received six books each.

Karen Schouten was at Community Action Awards dinner event.

1500 kids drop out of school in Washington County. We should be proud that we are making a dent.

We will be holding our first WB NAC garage sale this year – you can drop things off at Bill Wood's house.

Q. – Is that same as Four Seasons?

A. Yes.

Bill W. Things will go to Salvation Army, Goodwill, Arc, etc. if they are not sold.

Sue mentioned the Sunshine Pantry

Bill W. could use more tables for the event.

Karen O. – We could make it an annual sale – she had items from her sale left over.

Bill W. - We'll try it out and see how it goes.

Bill W. - Concerned that city may stop matching funds for books.

We can support other causes.

Aaron has a truck and will pick up items.

Sue – No meeting July and August

Cinnamon Booth - -June 11th at Beaverton Farmer's Market.

New Business

New meeting on Lowami Park has been postponed. There is a new master plan. The new meeting is on 6/29/11 at 6:30 p.m. at Seventh Day Adventist church.

Sue mentioned the postcard for the meeting - several got it, some didn't.

Meeting is informational

Priscilla – this meeting is important. Last meeting was very helpful with lots of input.

Mentioned there was an article in Tualatin Valley times.

Sue – People want it to stay natural.

Priscilla – Bring a friend to a meeting.

Picnic in the Park – Schiffler Park on July 13th. Hot dogs, pop, music, etc. will be provided for all attendees.

Cinnamon Booth – June 11th

June 24th-25th - Four Seasons garage sale for the NAC. We need to coordinate with William Wood. We will donate leftover goods to Sunshine Pantry or Goodwill.

Treasurers Report given by Karen Schouten

Beginning balance - \$2047.82

Community Booth Fees - 25.00

Service Charge – 13.00

Ending Balance - \$2009.82

Bill Wood - Matching funds report from the Pages for Pillars has been submitted.

Karen S. – We will be getting money from Beaverton Recycling, and the garage sale.

Announcements:

None

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm