

Minutes to be reviewed and approved at the November 8, 2012 West Beaverton NAC meeting.

WB NAC Meeting October 11, 2012

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

Meeting start time: 7:00 pm

The minutes from the last meeting were approved as submitted.

Attendance:

Chair: Sue Price

Vice Chair:

Treasurer: Bill Wood

Recorder:

BCCI Rep:

Alt. BCCI Rep: Aaron Poarch

Others: Hilde Maguire, Bruce Richards, Linda Bishop, Marjorie Cahn, Bruce Richards, Patricia Lonqua, Rich Carson, Edna Fontenot, Mark Hass, J Stant, TVFR E69, Richard Crimi.

Fire report (presented by Steve Mills of TVFR E69):

Capital Bonds project update – Moved into Station 65 off of Canyon Road and will have a grand opening soon. Work is starting on the Wilsonville site.

There were 60 calls in the WB NAC in September and 507 call year to date. The majority are medical calls with only 40 being fire calls.

Tips for fall/winter:

Give extra space when driving.

Watch for kids.

Wear bright clothes at night for safety.

Inspect Fireplaces, chimneys and space heater.

Put hot ashes in metal container for 5 days.

Bruce – Fire station at Jenkins and Murray has been closed. Will it be reactivated?

Steve – It still houses some admin functions. No units will be housed there.

Rich – Is there a problem with bark dust fires?

Steve – There can be 5 or 6 a day during this time of year. They are usually small fires.

Question – Can fire self-start?

Steve – Most of the bark dust fires are started by an igniter.

Police report (presented by Officer Christian Corning):

There was no Police report.

Guest Presentation: Senator Mark Hass

Chair for the Education Committee for the last 3 years. He is proud of getting full day kindergarten in Beaverton. It makes a huge difference if kids can read by the 3rd grade. It makes kids easier to teach. Kids that learn to read early are less likely to drop out. Dropouts are expensive to society.

Also work on changing higher education from state agency to public universities. Gives them autonomy. They can make their own decisions about construction, etc. Takes politics out of education decisions.

Chief sponsor to raise the number of enterprise zones in Oregon. Beaverton applied and was granted an enterprise in March. It is located around highway 217 and Allen Blvd.

Sue – How many businesses in new zone?

Hass – Hard to put a number on. Has potential for hundreds of new jobs.

Question – Do tax abatements apply to everyone?

Hass – No, just for new employers for 3 years. The standards are tough.

Aaron – Anything new on the PERS reform front?

Hass – I voted for PERS reform. One of 3 Democrats to do so. The costs are still high with lots to do like lowering the guaranteed rates, limit out of state payments and not using overtime to pad retirements.

Several comments about people complaining about PERS.

Comment – Police and Fire have their own retirement.

Hass – I am on PERS. I make \$18,000 a years and have \$9000 in my PERS after 12 years of service. The people getting the extreme payouts are very few.

Bruce – We spend so much money on corrections. What are we going to do to get the corrections system under control?

Hass – We need to provide education to keep people from returning to prison. Eighty percent of the people in prison are drug users. Drug rehab is expensive and difficult to fund.

Question – Could you comment on health insurance reform and how that will be impacted depending on who gets elected president?

Hass – We have set up an exchange in Oregon for small businesses that should help reduce costs. Oregon is ahead of the other states and Governor Kitzhaber is considered the 3rd most influential health care person in the country.

Question – Unemployment is high among dropouts. What can we do about jobs for them?

Hass – It's all about priorities. We have AP programs in Beaverton and college classes can be taken in high school. That covers about 20% of the students. For the other 80%, we need to work on getting them more access to college. We need to get kids hooked on college whether that is trade schools, community college or 4 year universities. We need to do what's best for kids grade 8-12.

Question – How are we going to get more kids through school when classrooms are getting more and more crowded?

Hass – Oregon is a mess. It will get better over the next few years. I am sympathetic to the funding issues of education.

Question – How much is allocated per student in the state?

Hass – About \$600 per student.

No more questions. Mark Hass thanked all in attendance.

The BCCI report:

There was no BCCI report.

Old Business

Neighbors backing up to the new power line trail on 160th.

Sue read the following letter to the attention of the THPRD Board:

October 1, 2012

I am writing on behalf of the West Beaverton Neighborhood Association (WB NAC) and more specifically for the neighbors whose homes align with the MT. Williams

portion of the West Side Trail currently being developed near 160th Ave.

Several of those residents attended the September WB NAC meeting and presented a summary of their experiences and concerns regarding the process of how the development proposal has been communicated. All the neighbors support the parks and the trail system. They are not disputing the path of the trail, the ownership of the land, or the Parks' authority. The neighbors feel that they have been given conflicting messages. Among those issues cited, the following were of greatest concern and we felt it was important, to a mutually beneficial outcome, for them to be brought to your attention.

The neighbors along the West Side Trail expansion would like:

- Involvement in the planning process of the trail.
- Existing plants and landscape left intact. Over the years, the homeowners have been allowed to landscape and plant small gardens. During the planning sessions of West Trail, homeowners were told that the trail addition would have "minimal impact" to existing vegetation buffer.
- Property lines (if disputed) shall be surveyed and paid for by the Park District. Homeowners are more than willing to abide by the surveyed outcomes. Any deadlines will allow for an extension to be extended to homeowners for whom this correction of encroachment presents a hardship or, to offer assistance in the effort.
- A variance shall be granted to property owners to allow the maintenance of plantings and landscape buffers.

The WB NAC has had several positive outcomes working with THPRD in the past and is committed to continuing this productive relationship. We will be happy to meet with any members and planners of THPRD to discuss these concerns as well as facilitating conference opportunities with the neighbors.

Please respond as soon as possible and thank you for your attention to this matter.

Best Regards,

Sue Price, Chair WB NAC

CC: Commissioner Dick Schouten

Representative Tobias Read

Comment – If there is a dispute about the encroachment, you have to pay \$250 to appeal. If you win, you do not get your \$250 back. Edits will be added to the proposed letter and then submitted to THPRD.

Several comments about the confrontational nature of TVPRD and their rigid stances.

People are concerned about where the trail crosses and safety for children.

Suggestion to have THPRD come to the next NAC meeting.

Sue – Officer Corning provided information about the new signal on Farmington at the fire station. It's called a HAWK signal. Printout to explain signal presented.

Rich Crimi – People do not understand the signal.

Bill thanked Bruce for his continues support by providing all the books.

Bruce talked about books from Kohl's and how the money for the books goes to education.

Sue thanked all for books and food for the pantry.

New Business

Elections

Sue presented slate:

Sue Price – Chair

Karen Schouten – Vice Chair

Bill Wood - Treasurer

Trudy Harder – BCCI Rep

Hilde Maguire – Alt. BCCI Rep.

Reporter – None.

The slate was approved unanimously by those in attendance.

Sue talked about next month's speaker, Catalyst.

Treasurers Report

West Beaverton NAC		Sept. 2012 Report			
Financial Report					
Period 9/1/2012-9/30/2012					
Check #	Date	Action	Payment	Deposit	BaLnce
	9/1/2012	Beginning Balance			6,968.57
573	9/18/2012	Aaron Poarch-Pizza for meeting	44.98		
	9/20/2012	Withdraw-Change for Market Booth	160.00		
	9/24/2012	Deposit-Market Booth Cash		744.40	
	9/30/2012	Ending Balance			7,507.99

Saturday Market Community Both 9/22/2012 West Beaverton NAC

Expenses

Booth Rental	25.00
Beaverton Bakery	174.16
Soda/Ice Etc.—Sue Price	40.00
Working Change	<u>160.00</u>
Total	399.30
Post Sale Cash	744.40
Net Profit	<u>\$345.10</u>

Announcements:

Bill and Sue attended the NAC leadership meeting. Bill Wood was the main speaker. Bill gave information about Pages as Pillars to other NACs. All NAC contact information leadership was provided to attendees.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm