



# Diversity Advisory Board

## Meeting Minutes

**Monday, July 11, 2016**

**6:30 – 8:30 PM**

**Beaverton City Hall – Council Chambers**

**Members Present:** Anil Garg, Brian Rhone, Eleazar Moran, Manijeh Mehrnoosh, Monica Estrella, Nael Saker, Oswaldo Bernal, Paolo Esteban, Ruth Parra

**Members Absent:** CeCe Ridder, Cynthia Moffett, Edward Kimmi, Samira Godil, Shariff Mohamed

**Staff:** Alexis Ball, City of Beaverton

**City Council Liaison:** Councilor Marc San Soucie

**Guests:** Jodi Monroy, Beaverton Night Market manager; Eleanor Kelly; Ron White and Sydney Schilling, BESThq; Carlos Romo, AARP

### **Welcome and approval of minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 6:38 pm by Paolo. Minutes from June meeting were approved with one correction (addition of Premila Singh as an attendee in June) (motion by Ruth, seconded by Manijeh).

### **Public comment**

Guests stated their names and affiliation (*listed above*). Ron White introduced BESThq as a collaborative business community that supports small businesses to grow and works to create economic opportunity for small minority-owned and women-owned businesses. They are interested in the DAB's work and offered congratulations and support. Carlos Romo reiterated AARP's work on ID theft, the CARE Act and respite care advocacy. He invited DAB members to attend an AARP networking event on Sept. 14 from 4-6 pm, location TBA.

### **Cultural sharing**

Brian presented on his experience as an African American, common assumptions and misperceptions about that identity, and the need for dialogue around race in this country.

### **Downtown redevelopment update**

*Cadence Moylan, Development Director, City of Beaverton*

Cadence presented on the work of the Development Division, which is tasked with designing and promoting development in Beaverton and developing strategies to address needs for housing and urban renewal. She talked about plans for the Westgate lot and other land surrounding city hall, including the proposed construction of apartments, a hotel, a regional arts center and parking. Cadence also shared about the city's 5-year housing action plan and the work in progress to respond to the issue of homelessness in Beaverton. She discussed challenges and how the city is responding to issues such as the potential for displacement of businesses and residents as the downtown is revitalized.

### **Subcommittee work**

Subcommittee meetings were tabled due to time.



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### **Updates & brief discussion items**

Alexis invited board members to attend the city council meeting on 8/12 to support 2016 BOLD graduates, who will present on their experience with the program. A reminder to apply for a scholarship to participate in Leadership Beaverton was passed around for those interested. DAB members were invited to volunteer for the upcoming Say Hey! event that the city will co-sponsor on Aug. 11<sup>th</sup> at the Portland Children's Museum. The board was reminded that the next Chief's Breakfast Forum will happen on 7/14. A signup sheet was passed around for the July Beaverton Night Market volunteer shifts.

### **Council liaison report**

No additional items.

Next meeting: Monday, Aug 8, 2016 at 6:30 pm at The Beaverton Building  
Minutes submitted by Monica Estrella