

South Beaverton NAC
October 21, 2010 Minutes
Board Attendees: Ali Kavarianian

7:00 PM – Welcome and Introductions – Jason Wachs, Neighborhood Program, led the meeting.

7:05 PM – Tualatin Fire & Rescue (TVF&R) Report

- Total calls for City of Beaverton since September 15, 2010: 5 fire calls,
- Announced new fire Chief Mike Dike.
- October 22-24, TVF&R will be moving to their new headquarters on 11945 SW 70th Tigard, OR. The previous building will be used as a prevention office. Question whether space will be available for meetings will be followed up.
- TVF&R recently re-accredited by the Commission of Fire Accreditation.
- Reminder about checking smoke detectors monthly and changing the battery every 6 months. Every bedroom should have one and there should be one on every level.
- Reminder about fireplace use and safety, as well as having a fire-extinguisher on hand and know how to use it. TVFR.com has more information on fireplace safety and fire-extinguisher use.
- It takes the TVF&R approximately 6 minutes to respond to call. This includes the moment the call is made to the moment the fire department appears on the scene.

7:20 PM - Library Levy Renewal, John Finn, Branch Librarian

- Information provided about the Measure 34-180. Renewal of levy will continue existing library services at no additional cost. 1/3 of library funding is provided through this levy. If levy does not pass, library will most likely lose hours, reduce staff, reduce book purchases, and reduce children's programming. Library visitors have increased by 23%.

7:30 – Beaverton Community Vision Update - Holly Thompson

- Process of the community action plan was explained. There are currently 118 tangible action steps adopted by City Council with the tagline of Connect, Imagine, Transform. Invitation for NAC to participate in implementation of action plans they are interested in. NACs are a great leaders in community projects including special events and beautification projects.
- Discussed the question of how downtown is defined. Many see the area around the library as the heart of the community, South Farmington towards 5th Street. Discussed the possibility of viewing downtown in districts.

8:00 - NAC Overview – Jason Wachs

- Discussed how the Neighborhood Program supports NACs including information on how to run effective meetings, quarterly meetings with leaders, providing matching grants to hold events, mailings, printing services, etc.
- NACs are important because they provide an ongoing & consistent public forum and serve as a voice for the neighborhood presenting views and testimony before public bodies such as City Council and the Planning Commission. They also organize social activities that promote neighborhood identity and cohesion. NACs generate ideas, plan and coordinate neighborhood improvement projects using matching fund dollars.
- To get involved, one may attend monthly meetings and participate in discussions, volunteer as a voting board member, volunteer to be an officer, or volunteer at one of the NAC events.
- Office positions include: Chair, Vice-Chair, Recorder, Treasurer, and BCCI Representative.

8:15 – Invitation to become a board member or officer.

Minutes to be reviewed and approved at the 01/20/11 South Beaverton NAC meeting.

- Discussed challenges of being a Chair, including time commitment and motivating others to participate.
- Discussed ways to increase attendance and get people excited about participating in the NAC. NAC meetings may have traditional aspects, but beyond that a NAC can do what they need or want based on their priorities.

8:30 - Ali Kavarianian appointed chair of South Beaverton NAC since the NAC has no active board.

Action Items:

- Contact people who have been involved in the past, put together an agenda, invite neighbors to attend.
- Is there a way to find out when new people move into the neighborhood? What measures can be taken to invite new neighbors to participate in the NAC?

8:40 - Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting: January 20, 2011 at 7 p.m.