

South Beaverton NAC SouthBeavertonNAC@yahoo.com
May 20, 2010 Minutes

Board Attendees: Kathy Banach, Mark Boguslawski.

7:00 PM – Welcome and Introduction – Kathy Banach, Chair, led the meeting.

7:05 PM - Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue (TVF&R) Report www.tvfr.com

- 17 calls for SBNAC area for the 30 days.
- The new Toyota FJs are on the roads. As mentioned in prior minutes, these vehicles will handle low-emergency situations, but be aware that they will also have flashing lights on the top, so provide courtesy to these vehicles as you would a full size fire engine, and pull over on the roadways.

7:15 PM – Approval of Minutes from March 18, 2010.

Treasury report: \$2,797.12 in account at time of meeting. \$100 was donated to the Beaverton homeless student's fund/event for Beaverton School District students. An approval to deduct \$5.98 for January refreshments/snacks.

Additions to Agenda: None

7:25 PM – Graffiti discussion in conjunction with Police Report www.beavertonpolice.org

- Officer Halbert presented key items about gang graffiti to look for. It may either be a location of the gang "313/323" (area code -California based) or "503" (Oregon based) plus other alphabet letters - M, MLC, N, X. The purpose of the tagging is to let the neighborhood know this gang has been in this area - in order to stop the competition of gangs-against-gangs tagging that same area, is to clean up the tagging as soon as possible to stop the competition. Any property damage over \$750 on public property is considered a felony. If the tagging is large and expensive, please report it into the graffiti hotline 503-629-0111 (reporting the graffiti when it happens also starts a report and timeline when the graffiti was left - this helps the police to determine the time of day to do extra patrol). Anyone found tagging will be charged with criminal mischief depending on the level of damage. There are only two District Attorneys for Washington County for all juvenile crimes; which could hinder the full response the D.A.s would like to present to any juvenile, but because of limited time and resources any charges against juveniles may be pushed through just to get the caseload completed for that day. Graffiti that is artistic is considered tagging. Again, a tagger displaying their artwork on public property to see if another tagger will compete with them, but again, this is also not permitted by law.
- Larry Burton, Public Works (lburton@ci.beaverton.or.us) 503-350-4090 or graffiti hotline 503-629-0111
- Each resident may clean the graffiti off themselves, but the Public Works department will also work with the resident in removing the graffiti. If fences are recently painted, you may want to keep an extra can of paint of that same color handy for touchup or cover ups. If the graffiti is on a wood fence, it may be necessary to sand the graffiti paint/marker off. If the graffiti is on a metal item, paint thinner could be used.
- I distributed flyers to neighbors whose fences connected to the bike path informing them that graffiti reporting signs are available if they would like to post it onto their fence. Some residents were open to the idea, others didn't want the signs as they felt it was another unnatural thing on the path. If you would still like to get this sign for your fence, please contact me or Larry Burton at the number above.
- In regard to the bike path/trails throughout South Beaverton: new street crossing signs have been installed to indicate the name of the street you are crossing; and these signs included the phone numbers to call in case of any mischief/graffiti, etc. In regard to getting a new light installed at the corner of Tarpon Street and the bike path - the city has a representative working on getting a new light installed. I'd like to thank all the neighbors in the area that met with me, for their time to share all their ideas, and the neighborhood effort to come to a solution and discuss options on the lighting and work together at reporting any disturbances in that area (whether teens hanging out after school fighting or smoking, or a neighbor's yard not kept up and teens hanging out in an area that has been abandoned). We are going to see if the new light distracts teens/people from hanging out in that area in the evenings, and the signs to report any disturbances helps keep the trails/paths "crime free" and "walker/rider" friendly. If disturbance continues, please contact me or the City of Beaverton Police Department.

8:00 PM – Save Energy Save Money

Donald Shaw, Energy Trust of Oregon (1-888-368-7878) www.EnergyTrust.org/Residential

Donald elaborated on many ideas on how to save energy from replacing showerheads to the type of windows that are the most efficient. To schedule an inspection, call the 888 number above for a free home inspection on how to reduce energy costs. The inspection lasts about 45 minutes to one hour. Tax incentives up to \$1500. Rebates are also available through the program. 1500 homes to date have been inspected. Small adjustments in insulation, windows, appliances, and showerheads could save several dollars over the year. If an appliance is replaced, please remember there are companies who will recycle them for you.

Bruce Warner, GreenStump Solar Power (503) 231-8555 www.stumpenergy.com

Discussion of the full solar power panel program - with cash incentives and state and federal energy tax credits (tax credits go with you if you move) - the installation cost of the panels would be offset up to 80% of your initial investment. The cash incentive is applied up front reducing the amount you pay to the contractor. To qualify for the Energy Trust incentives the installation must be installed by an eligible contractor. To be eligible for a state energy tax credit, a system must pass an Oregon Department of Energy inspection. Bruce provided superb details on all the incentives above, showing how in the long run the installation could pay for itself.

Oregon Department of Energy: www.oregon.gov/energy 800-221-8035 Certified Technicians

Solar Oregon (non-profit organization focused on solar): www.SolarOregon.org or www.SolarOregon.org/get-involved

The Solar Now! campaign (sponsors Solar Oregon, Department of Energy, Energy Trust of Oregon): www.SolarNowOregon.org 877-546-8769

Financial Lending for Solar: www.greenstreetloan.com

8:55 PM – Announcements

- If you would like to receive these minutes directly to your e-mail address please go to: beavertonoregon.gov/maillist/maillist.cfm

9:00 PM - Meeting adjourned.

Recorder: Kathy Banach

Next Meeting: Thursday, September 16, 2010 7:00PM