

Minutes to be reviewed and approved at the 11/19/09 South Beaverton NAC meeting.

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October 15, 2009 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

- Calls for SBNAC area 9/1/09 to 09/30/09: Fire 0 EMS 34 HazMat 1 Other 13.
- TVF&R will be changing their website soon. We will be contacted as soon as this is updated. **They were cut short by a response call – any new information will be relayed at the next meeting. **

7:15 PM – Police Report www.beavertonpolice.org

- Hall Street stabbing incident.
- Children kidnapped by nanny.
- Drunk driving blitz – Labor Day Weekend – 44 impaired drivers
- August – police shooting.
- October – sexual assault.

Questions from residents about length of time at traffic light on several cross streets on Murray. This needs to be reported to the Traffic Engineering Office so they know the time at these intersection seem lengthy and at what time of day; so they can change the timing of these lights: Sorrento Road intersection was brought up; as well as Hart.

7:30 PM – Approval of Minutes from September 17, 2009 with an addition to the 8:15 PM/Fundraising Ideas: Hiteon Park: Kathy had received an e-mail from resident Jay Watson, indicating he would like to keep Hiteon Park a natural park.

Treasury report: \$2,926.52 in account at time of meeting. An approval from attendees and board members to deduct receipts for plant sales last summer and expenses for refreshments at September 17th meeting.

Additions to Agenda [A concern from an attendee at the meeting that adults seen hanging around Hiteon Park near back cut-through sidewalk to back road at time of school closure; noticed no parents or crossing guards in the back part of Hiteon Park and had concern for sole child cutting through to go home – see New Business]

7:45 PM – Announcements:

- THPRD is having a meeting regarding Meadow Waye Neighborhood Park (Bluebell and Davies) which is now rawland and is suggested to become a youth athletic field – meeting is at Conestoga Rec Ctr, Room 203 on 11/3/09 at 6:30 PM.
- THPRD meeting regarding the expansion of Conestoga Rec Ctr – meeting on 11/5/09 at 6:30 PM at Conestoga Park Rec Ctr, Room 203
- Bob Washburn, US Census, presented information about US Census coming up in March 2010. Questionnaires (10 questions) will be mailed to residents and due back by April 1st. If not returned, a second notice will be mailed and due April 15th. If no reply, then will come to your residence to obtain the information. The US Census, a division of the Department of Commerce, accounts for the number of residents living at any given household. The numbers acquired represent the amount of funds allocated to each town, city, county, etc. from country-governmental funds. We are hoping to obtain full cooperation, 100% response from each residence, so that full monies are allocated to the City of Beaverton from governmental funds. In past censuses there were numerous residents missed on the totals – equaling several million dollars not obtained from these funds. This also affects the number of congressional seats that are represented for the State of Oregon in regards to voting at a countrywide level. We have many new residents moving to this state and we need to show we need to be represented in higher numbers at a congressional level and obtain funds to support these many new residents in regard to funding all aspects of our living (transportation, housing, city funds, etc.)
- The census bureau is obtaining local residents, familiar with your neighborhood, to be census counters, those interested in jobs through the census bureau should call 503-205-8350 and they will place you in your own neighborhood to contact the missing residents' information.

Please also be aware there is an American Community Survey – which is mandatory. 5,000 families will be randomly chosen to complete a 45 question survey at their residence. Prior notification will be sent to your home to notify you that a representative will be coming to obtain this information. Although this is separated from the US Census, it is also governmental based; and is basically done to obtain information for our “neighborhood” stats. To obtain the average household income, nationalities, number of persons per age group, etc. These totals can be obtained through the city website from the last census.

- Grant suggestions – [See below in New Business]

8:15 PM – Guest Speaker:

Amy Miner, Beaverton Multi-Use Venue Project. The project is currently at pre-development agreement stage at this point. No locations or business relations are announced at this time to keep privacy to those involved until a conclusive discussion is made. The multi-venue project was initiated by Mayor Denny Doyle to enhance the “core” of Downtown Beaverton; in conjunction with bringing a facility that could be used by the Portland Beavers, introduce space for other athletic events (play-offs; sectionals; etc.) and a location for Washington County schools to hold their graduations, etc. The location by the Round has been discussed. Locations throughout Beaverton have been discussed, and are still undisclosed at this time. The opinions at the SBNAC meeting ranged from:

- * “if the location is not in downtown Beaverton it’s defeating the purpose of “helping the core” of downtown Beaverton”
- * “I don’t want to help pay for a stadium for a baseball team that someone else owns.”
- * “Taxes are already high, I don’t want to pay anymore for something that doesn’t make money for Beaverton”
- * “Can it be located at the Hazardous Waste Site? There’s plenty of space there.”
- * “Can Urban Renewal Money be used for something like this? No? It takes 4-5 years to accumulate this type of money”
- * “At what stage of this process, does someone say, Hey – this is going back and forth too many times, should we continue or maybe put this on hold and direct our attention to the schools who are understaffed, or the roads that need to be made/paved to help the flow of traffic in Beaverton (which is very congested), or more low income housing for those who can’t afford the higher price houses and high mortgage rates.”

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* "We thought the "Visioning" was about the ideas we discussed at the 20+ meetings we went to. Conserving water, water flow/management gardens, lawn waterings, etc. – keeping it local - - helping local farmers/growers, bringing decent housing prices so we all can grow financially and humanly, keeping the trees but fixing the sidewalk/tree problems, incorporating new jobs that last a lifetime, not just for a year; bike lanes, transportation, helping the businesses already established in our community."

* "We have so many parks and schools, let's enrich those to accommodate the needs of the school athletic programs – besides putting time and money into a project that only emphasizes a minor league baseball team."

* "I got free tickets to a Beavers game and left before the game was over. There were many seats empty around me. It didn't keep my interest very long."

* "There are several businesses who are interested in coming to this new stadium, and wanting to bring their business here."

* "I send in my ideas, but no one from the Mayor's office responds back to me. The reply states that someone from the Mayor's office will get back to me on any questions/concerns I may have – but no one replies."

* "Could they get a local corporation to put their name on the stadium and pay for the whole project?"

Viewpoints, opinions, and suggestions were all taken back to City Hall. A reminder to send in your opinions, as these are all posted on the City of Beaverton website; and as a resident of Beaverton, it counts to voice your opinion of what you'd like to see your town be.

8:40 PM – Nominees for NAC Board positions and Election

- No nominees were made from the September or October meeting. Kathy Banach has offered to be Chair, Treasurer and Recorder for the 2009-2010 season and was voted in by all attendees and board member, Mark Boguslawski. Because of low attendance at this time, the meetings will be every other month: to start November 2009, January 2010, March 2010, May 2010. ** It was suggested to spend more time on grants and events within SBNAC than meetings and get youth/residents involved in the neighborhood program. **

8:50 PM – Old Business:

At the September meeting a discussion of the Tarpon Bike Path area had raised the issue of obtaining a street light at that corner. Codes Services, NAC contacts at City Hall, Police Department, Conestoga Middle School and Southridge High School will be notified that a "street meeting" should be initiated to obtain the view of the Tarpon Street residents to see if street light or some type of lighting should be obtained for this area; and discussion with the schools and Police Department about minors smoking/hanging out after school or late at night in this area disrupting the residents by destroying property and/or graffiti. Kathy will contact all departments to set this up.

Hiteon Park play structure is up – just not open yet. Please provide feedback (good or bad) either to SBNAC or THPRD about any concerns, suggestions, comments once park/structure is open. We appreciate those who did come to the THPRD meeting this summer to state your opinions/views about the park.

8:55 PM – New Business:

Recap of adults hanging around back part of Hiteon Park after Hiteon Elementary is released. No supervision from parents/crossing guard at back end of Hiteon Park into back cut-through onto back street. A resident observed an adult male waiting on the back side of Hiteon Park at the cut-through and a student walking home by themselves; caused some concern from this resident/parent to watch and make sure the student got home safely. No parents were there to make sure the student made it through okay; nor was there a crossing guard in that area to observe sole adults waiting in that area. This will be brought up to the Hiteon Elementary principal about this matter.

Grant suggestions: More time will be spent obtaining ideas for grants and events to improve SBNAC area. The first grant will be to clean up grassy, plant-over-growth areas within South Beaverton. Suggestions of having local resident-students volunteer as representatives of their club (Example: Eagle Scouts, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, etc.), students representing a school-sponsored club (book club, chess, science club), activity (sponsor your school for new computers, gym equipment, ELMOs, library books, field trip), athletic programs (football, basketball, lacrosse, soccer, cheerleading), etc. and the SBNAC would reimburse that volunteer (through NAC funds) the time they volunteered. Suggested areas of clean up: local school fence/weeding; local parks detailing, side street entries/detailing/raking, street/walkways/bikeways clean ups [off street sites]. Details and locations will be announced at the November meeting. If your street has an area (your property backed up to a wetland/sidewalk that needs clean up, overgrown vines, weeding, simple-cleaning, that could be cleaned up with minimal labor, please inform the SBNAC of that location).

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM

Recorder: Kathy Banach

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 19, 2009 7:00PM