

South Beaverton Neighborhood Association Committee (NAC)

Minutes for NAC September 17th

7:05pm Introductions

7:10PM TVF&R

Fire Dept. report from officers: Brian, James, Jesse and Gavin (New Hire as Field Trainee) transfer from Gresham Fire Dept.

Station 47 is an FTO (Field Training Station).

They did some summer training: 4th of July parade, Community events, Corn Dog Fry, Big Truck Day, SW Bible Church Sunday event.

They average 7 calls a day with 890% being medical. Since Walnut Station opened they had a small reduction in call volume, but that is increasing again. They have improved their response time also.

They have on average 45,000 calls a year.

One Neighbor had a question about brush fires and how to keep his home fire safe as it back to Hyland Park Forest. He found out that every neighbor has civic right to go and cut back invasive non-native plants to keep brush down and risk of fires down.

Fire depart does have light brush rigs and special forest hoses to get into tight brush areas. They have progression hoses and in Beaverton they make sure all access is good to all parks and forests.

Discussed the new Traffic signal at Hiteon school and Davies. It is working well with the opticon that turns all lights red except westbound.

One engine costs around \$500,000.

Neighbors expressed concern about the traffic signal at Murray and Scholl's. Officer reports it is more dangerous, but overall our area and street designs are good for the fire fighters.

Bike and Pedestrian friendly paths are good in South Beaverton.

One neighbor, Cathy L. asked officer about their connection with Metro west as she heard some complaints from 2 homebound elderly that had been transported to hospital by their ambulance and did not have a very good experience (paramedics were rough and ambulance was dirty). Officer reports they deal with Metro West, but Metro does not work with for the City, they are privately operated. Fire Dept. tries to keep in good communication with Metro West to make sure our citizens are being treated with the best care.

7:40 PM

Approval of minutes of the May 21st meeting.

Treasury report: \$2926.52

7:50pm:

One neighbor asked about any Maintenance Help Referrals for Seniors that are safe and affordable. She was looking for someone honest. Cathy L. (on the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee)

has one resource called Saint Joseph's Tool Box. It is run by the Knights of Columbus and they do minor household repairs (for seniors, widows, and those in need financially) It is all run by volunteers: Their contact number is 503-644-5264, ext 157. It was also recommended to check out the SCAC web site..

8:15pm

Fundraising Ideas: Kathy B. wants us to think of ideas for next time. Have a suggestion of having a SBNAC night out and have a local restaurant give back a certain % of the total sales that day, week, etc. to be used for Grants suggested to use within the neighborhood. Kathy is working with the local school district on college grant information and items the schools may need to further promote community connection. Suggestions of adding art to the Hiteon Park as part of community grant was suggested and to be discussed and voted on at the October meeting.

8:20 PM New Business: Neighbor Desiree, Concerned about Bike Path by Percheron and Tarpan. It is also near the other neighbors, Irene and Mila. They are concerned that it is still too dark. Teens go down and smoke and do graffiti. People walk their dogs and don't pick up after them. Desiree does take extra doggie poop bags and picks up as much as she can when she is out. Code Services, NAC City Hall contact, Beaverton city officials, and neighbors around this bike path area to be contacted to see if they want to install a light in this area, or try to solve the problem of people/children hovering around without using the path for the purpose it was intended for: walking or riding a bike.

8:30 Adjourn

Minutes recorded by Cathy Leong, Recorder