

SOUTH BEAVERTON NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting of May 21, 2009

Board Members and attendees: Kathy Banach, Irene Levens, Mark Boguslawski, Dennis Saylor, Narendra Shah, Mark Hogard, Theresa Lemon, Lisa Kraemer

7:00 PM Welcome and Introduction: Thank you and welcome, new neighbors who were at this meeting.

7:05 PM **TVF&R** www.tvfr.org

48 call – 31 EMS/16 Other/1 Haz Mat (low level – household toxins)

-TVF& R working with Andrew Halbert, (SBNAC's Representative from the Beaverton Police Department/school police liaison) at Southridge to demonstrate the dramatization of "SKID" (Stop Kids Intoxicated Driving) and the WA County Sheriff's department. A successful demonstration portraying a scene from an alcohol/driving accident, students as actors in a car accident, student-actors arrested for driver-related homicide, Life Fight, and police and fire involvement.

- Walnut Street (Tigard) Fire Station #50 covering south side of Scholls Ferry Road, to Tigard/King City area. Up and running fully.

- June: recruits with 3+ years going through recruitment with at least 2 at the Brockman station.

Hiring 16 new recruits in the Beaverton Fire Department in September.

-Fireworks and Caution: Reminder to clean house gutters of dry debris that may catch on fire from ash falling from fireworks exploding over rooftop level. Those residents with concerns of fireworks locations – can call the non-emergency number to report concerns. ** See Police report regarding special police cars/surveillance driving around to check into "unsafe" fireworks reported in to non-emergency number.

- A reminder about summertime charcoal – please make sure ALL coals are total burned out/cold/dead and cooled off before putting them into a receptacle or paper bag.

- Summer is a great time to paint and clean up the home: remember to dispose of rags containing chemicals in a well-ventilated area and dispose of properly and keep away from any heat source.

* A concern was mentioned about storing propane or toxic chemicals in bulk in a garage: should the fire department/area department come up with a sticker to notify the fire personnel that "large amounts of (gas-grill) propane are contained here," or "large amounts of chemicals (weed killers/cleaners/ etc. are stored here" ...example: maybe a landscape owner who works out of the home - or home business set up in a garage). Contact will be made with the TVF&R Chief to see if a sticker can be produced to help warn fire personnel about a "greater" danger other than a few cans of cleaner in a household garage. Anything to forewarn any massive danger to fire personnel.

7:20 PM – **Beaverton Police Department** www.beavertonpolice.org

Andrew Halbert, representative for SBNAC area, gladly share with us "no spikes in crime" these past months. A reminder that hot-summer-nights directs us to open ground level windows, and this is an inviting-curiosity for strangers to enter into your home. Please remember to lock those windows at night, or half a locking-mechanism where the window can only open halfway. The summer time also bring out an increase in nighttime activity by adolescents. You are reminded that if you see "ANYTHING" that doesn't look right (unfamiliar people at a residency, cars parked/car idling on street late-at-night, etc.) to report it to the non-emergency number and have it on record.

- A reminder there is construction on 217 from Canyon to 26 – construction zone/patrolled/ticketing during construction. Keep speeds down for construction workers.

- * As mentioned above – any fireworks you feel are a danger to humans or property, please report to non-emergency number and a special patrol car will investigate that area.

- Good news! 90% compliance on Click-it or Ticket patrolling last month.

Minutes to be reviewed and approved at the 06/08/09 South Beaverton NAC meeting.

- Warehouse on Western Avenue was set on fire, and burglarized. No suspects.
- New Year's Eve assault of father on mother, knife slashing, father is going through sentencing process. A fund is set up for the children – see police website for details.
- July/August/September – new Citizens Academy (check website for details)

A concern from a neighbor near the bike path at SW 125th and Tarpon noticed youth/children after school, hanging out in groups, possibly smoking (cigarettes? Other?) – several occurrences – it was mentioned to Officer Halbert and will be mentioned to Conestoga Middle and Southridge High about possible minors smoking/ticketed and loitering/endangerment to property (cigarettes butts/trash).

5/30/09 Car Seat check-up at Police Department/City Hall

6/13/09 Sunset Presentation 10 AM

6/20/09 Free shredding

8/15/09 Free shredding

7:30 PM – **Approval of Minutes** from March 19, 2009 meeting – consensus approved minutes.
Treasury report: \$2,303.10

7:35 PM **Announcements**

- Any new ideas to promote Art in the SBNAC area: colorful street signs? Blending in nature/natural vegetation-flowers-vines onto wood on pedestrian/cross-bridge near Greenway? Add color/sculptures next to Southridge-school-sign, Conestoga school-sign? Several new permanent ideas have been promoted through the Beaverton Arts Commission Board, but none directly in the South Beaverton NAC area. Would you like to have some added to our area?

Ideas are still being taken – either at SBNAC e-mail address or directly to Arts Commission website/or Mayor at city hall for next year's budget. Art is budgeted in each year – should we get some of that in the SBNAC area?

- Recycling day and volunteers – we are paid to volunteer at this event through City Hall. Ideas of using the money for grants for scholarships to children of residents in the SBNAC area in the next NAC calendar year (must be voted on first) – the more hours and people-power we volunteer, more money is available for suggested ideas like the above. Please contact SBNAC to sign up or City Hall (mention you are from the SBNAC area for us to get credit).

- Grant ideas: [to be vote on at September meeting] scholarships to students next year; at schools where your children attend: Southridge, Magnet school, other? Or donate to a community development facility, that encourages community involvement or community connection.

7:40 PM **Old Business**

Anyone who bought a plant at the Nature Center will be reimbursed for one plant. There was unconnected communication about meeting at the Nature Park and the SBNAC would pay for one plant per resident (up to \$500). Bring in your receipt to the next meeting and you will be reimbursed. Please bring in an electric bill/phone bill showing your resident address to show your SBNAC residency. The Beautification Contest still continues through the summer. Take a before and after picture and send it to City Hall c/o Neighborhood Program to be entered into the judging at the September meeting. Happy Spucing Up the Neighborhood!

7:45 PM **New Business**

A concern neighbor, in the area of the Hiteon School/Park area, brought up his worries that this park is overgrown in areas – and since it is near a school – and children either cross through it at early morning hours and sometimes after school – that the visibility is not as clear from the roadside. Excess overgrown foliage is rather tall around the trails that interweave through the park, nor clean (moss on the sidewalks – slippery – could be accident-prone) and it is not “neighbor-friendly” since the picnic tables were taken out, and the swingsets/slides were taken out. The backside of the park, away from Brockman, is pretty dense and because the visibility is blocked parents/neighbors are concerned that people/predators may be hanging out in that area and are not seen by passer-bys whether by car/bus or walking/running. This could cause an open opportunity for another re-inacted child/predator event that happened over 10 years ago of a child being assaulted in that park. There seems to be a conflict of who is in control of that park – whether school property or THPRD property and who is responsible for it’s “presence” – contact will be made to both facilities and City Hall and Police to see what can be done to cut back overgrown shoots, grass, and clear up areas throughout that park so clearance can be seen both from Brockman and 135th. The neighbors seem to think this was established as a “neighborhood-friendly” park since there is not one for miles around the SBNAC area – and it should not be turned into a nature park (as there is plenty of “nature park/trails” in the Greenway area).

Another concern was the new circulation/children-drop-off situation at Hiteon in the mornings (only buses in the turnaround) and therefore parents/cars are dropping their children off across the street – whether at Singletree or Davies; and the disrespect from the parents/children blocking resident driveways/or pulling into the driveways and waiting until their children get out of the car (slamming doors in the AM hours/children running through lawns/darting from a lawn across Brockman instead of staying on the sidewalk. This will be mentioned to the Hiteon parent/teachers board members and connected to the Beaverton School District Superintendent to direct parents to a safer, respectful process.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Recorder: Kathy Banach