

Beaverton Committee for Community Involvement
Minutes of Meeting April 22, 2019

Attendees: See Sign In Sheet.

Meeting called to order at 6:33 pm by Chair Birgit Miranda.

Self Introductions were made. Brett Holiday, City of Beaverton.

Ellen moved, Terry seconded minutes from March.

City Council update provided by Councilor Lacey Beaty. Trial sites for safe parking approved, four in all, partner with Safe Shelters, intact criteria, bathroom, storage container, (pod) trash pickup, What we saw at 5th and Western was extreme. Solved some of the larger issues, Police will be working to provide public safety. Three and six month update for council on crime rates, trash pickup, porta potty use, etc. How THPRD decides what public restrooms are available. City site, community center, where warming center. THPRD site is where Timbers practice. Just Compassion is the contract vendor. Family Promise is doing the intake for families.

Manage budget, set policy. Heading into budget season. XGR set a cap on what we can tax city residents - in last 17 cents - would have to go out for a bond - the 17 cents has to be guarded. Not in a silo, special districts, school districts, Metro, all have interests. Have to work with other districts, governments. How do we spend that 17 cents. Going to be a long budget season. Council has different priorities. Have to ask hard questions. Don't want to raise property taxes, worry about rates going up. Two important issues.

ADA Ramp and Street Maintenance Program - David Donaldson - Brant Holliday, project manager for the ADA ramps. other guy. One goal is to meet BCCI members and talk about how we communicate. David, about 80 employees in all. If you have issues with city, go to public works website, we respond to issues in neighborhoods. Been working on the ADA ramps. Hand out on ADA ramps for resources. Why are we doing this? Ramps are very specific. Game changed a couple of years ago because of lawsuits, now have to replace, update the ramps. Very specific rules about push buttons, etc. Have over 5000 ramps in Beaverton, many old don't meet requirements. Trying to do about 250 ramps a year now. Not always the right place, but they meet the requirements set forth in ADA. All new development has to meet the requirements. Doing them all year round. A lot of starting and stopping. Doesn't always appear very smooth. Trying to do with overlays which have to be done in summer. Ramps go in before the overlays. Now have a score for every street in Beaverton. Putting together a ten year plan to keep scores above 70. Need to work on major arterials and feeders. Investing a million in ramps. Cost 5000 bucks apiece. One of our challenges is with the neighborhoods about the impact on the hoods. We can do it better, we need input. Ramps are a federal mandate, but paid for by the city.

Frosty's concerns about tripping. Worries city will be sued. South Beaverton has issues. Brant will communicate. Brant says the more specific the information the better. Trying out a new notification process for those areas, houses, etc, that will be impacted by ramp replacement, construction. Lacey, city priority is sidewalks. Diversity is important where the sidewalks are put. Capital projects. Fight over budget, grant matching program for sidewalks. Individual homeowners have a certain responsibility for sidewalks in front of their houses. City code says gutters, curbs, sidewalks are homeowners responsibility, city has taken on the ramps. Brant wants to work with the NACs.

Chris Ayzoukian - Performing Arts Center Update. Has been going to a lot of NAC meetings talking about the project. Genoa Kenabe (call Miles) - engagement officer for the project. Presented ppt on what the center is going to be. Why build? Key question. Over the years, city visioning process - walkable downtown, 2/ build us an arts center. Project goals. Build social infrastructure, gathering place in Beaverton. 2) See ppt. Feasibility studies showed center is possible. Center is part of a viable downtown. A lot of activity in the downtown. What is the center? Detailed what it will entail. First center of its kind being built in Metro area in 30 years. Also discussed what kinds of productions and events will be held, a wide variety is the answer. How the center can impact the community. Touring arts groups perform, cultural diversity, also artists can interact with the community/school district, arts groups, seniors, St. Mary's, etc. Teach classes, etc. Discussed funding. 46 million is project budget. 50-50 split. Use TLT to help pay for portion of construction and operation. Remaining 5.5 million to raise. Private fund raising campaign with Beaverton Arts Foundation. Pat Reser donated 13 million. Deadline is this fall to raise the remaining funds. Create awareness for campaign, engage volunteers, goal to raise majority funds by groundbreaking. City Council vote on special revenue bond. Chris - Feedback - big thank yous, etc. affordable tickets, children's arts exposure, place for kids and families. Parking, restrooms !!!! Break ground later this year, open in spring 2021. Seating concerns - Above standard pitch, about 40 inches. About 300 donors at varying amounts. Parking garage is a separate project, Urban Renewal project. 350 spaces. Loft owners first crack. Center will offer parking through coordinated management efforts. City now has a parking manager.

Miles - City Update - Pick a favorite tree in Beaverton - vote on line
Tree and mulching event. April 20 Community of trees. Planted trees 20 large.
New downtown parking map available, on line.
Lots that are private, public. Time restrictions.
Affordable Housing is a top city priority.
Land Use Training next Monday in chambers. April 29th. 6:00 to 8:00 pm.

Meeting recessed for subcommittee meetings at 7:50 pm

Meeting resumed at 8:12 pm

Subcommittee Reports: Matching grants - Ellen reported approval of two matching grants. - Central Beaverton NAC Chalk Art Festival August 10 and 11. Run by a professional group.

Sexton Mt. 5K Eagles Run - just for the neighborhood and school.

Events - Sharon - Three events 1) Affordable Housing May 16 didn't have to attend first one to attend.

Volunteer Fair on May 11, consider what should be on the welcoming table in the library, perhaps a map of the vendors, groups who participate, if you have other ideas, let us know.

Land Use 101, we need more RSVPs - precede our summit. Yes, it is dry, but it is important, think of ways to promote, market the event to get people there.

Land Use - Terry - grappling with unincorporated neighbors what are the jurisdictions, extend invitations for summit to CPOs, - other issue, John Dugger from Highland Park NAC to consider traffic calming rules, mostly the voting process for designs, how rules applied have led to denial of several traffic calming projects, wants to take the issue to other NACs, go to the Traffic Commission, Bicycle Advisory Committee, should there be a change in the voting process. At lot of what ifs - thought is a fact finding sheet, determine number of projects rejected, approved based on current standards of voting, is there funding, find out which rule, policy, code, needs to be changed and figure out method to change. Terry says Miles will get facts, Terry will determine what needs to be done, bring at next meeting, May 20th, a week earlier. How to we get it done. Summary sheet.

Actionable items - David Public Works website, Brant, issues, or Miles.

Street maintenance for matching grants.

NAC meeting get Brant there.

Performing Arts Center, feedback to Chris, Seats, public gifts.

Volunteer Fair Flyers. May 11 hand out. Get back to Sharon on welcoming table.

RSVP for Land Use 101 to Miles, need to market the event.

T-Shirts next Monday.

Chair says meeting is next May 20, Birgit is out of the country.

Meeting adjourned at 8:29pm.