

Minutes to be reviewed and approved at the 04/08/10 West Beaverton NAC meeting.

WB NAC Meeting March 11, 2010

Pre Meeting Social time and light dinner: 6:30 pm

Meeting start time: 7:00pm

Attendance:

Chair: Sue Price

Vice Chair: Blair Ivey

Treasurer: Karen Schouten

BCCI Rep: Amanda Tahayori

Alt. BCCI Rep: Bill Wood

Others: Aaron Poarch, Brian Walker, Officer Nate Wallbaum, Helen Papa, Rose Smith, Jim Straight, Pete Bragman, Barbara Tuttle, Edward House, Meegan Walker, Margot Jordan, Wendell Cockrell, Crystal Miller.

Sue Price called the meeting to order and thanked Aaron Poarch for volunteering to record the minutes of the meeting. Thank you to Bill Wood for helping to setup the tables and chairs for the meeting and to Karen Schouten for picking up the food.

Last meetings minutes were accepted into the record as submitted.

A special thank you was extended to Delightful Coffee for providing the coffee for the evening. They also supplied "Fifty cents off" coupons for coffee at their establishment for everyone.

Fire Report: There was no fire report as TVF was called away right before meeting.

Police report: Officer Nate Wallbaum provided the police report. Bud Bliss didn't get Stats for 2010 yet. There have been 4 auto thefts in the area and the stats from 2009 are sharply lower for December compared to November 2009. Officer Wallbaum was not sure why crime decreased but everyone is happy it has. The Crime Report is provided online for anyone who would like to check it out. There have been higher numbers of break-ins of cars lately so everyone was reminded to keep valuables out of car. Most are breaking windows to get anything of value.

One member spoke about vandalized cars on her street and was concerned it was racially motivated.

Another member spoke about his credit card being compromised at a service station on TV Hwy. One question came up about the new cell phone law and phone usage on the road. The traffic division is handling most by issuing citations. WB NAC members seem to side with greater enforcement of cell laws. There was also a discussion of "hands-free" and though it is allowed, it is still safest to not use your cell phone at all while driving as it is still a distraction.

One member asked about crosswalks. Some are lighted and some not and there is a concern about accidents. However, there is no money budgeted for additional street lighting in those areas.

The Panhandler on Murray/Allen last month was actually a heroin addict. It was suggested we have bike unit here to talk about homelessness. Most of the homeless are on drugs/sex offenders and we should not give them any money according to the Police Department. There are many services available and we should alert the Police if we see any crime committed.

Special Guest Speaker, Ed House, Director of the Beaverton City Library presented information on the Main Library as well as the new branch at Murray and Scholls is scheduled to open in June of this year. Construction should begin next week and the branch should be done by May 17th. The new branch will be about 7000 square feet in size. How will it be financed? 2/3 from Washington County and 1/3 from Beaverton. Half of Washington money is from previously passed levy and it will pay for itself if the new levy gets approved. A question about room for expansion was raised. Ed said there were a few store vacancies nearby that may lead to expansion potential. As for new staff, there will be a Branch or Assistant Manager that should be on duty all the time. No reference area will be available and this branch will be considered a "popular library". Sexton Mountain did get a sneak peek about the dedication plans for the library and provided input. Not as many story times for children as main branch but lots of usage is predicted. This will be an opportunity for children in the area to continue reading during the summer months. Studies show children who do not read during the summer break lose 1/3 of their cognitively so this is very important.

There will also be opportunities for volunteers who want to help shelve books, provide computer assistance to patrons, repair reading materials, and participate in the summer reading program and more. To volunteer, please contact the volunteer coordinator, Jennifer Johnson at 503-526-3703.

There was a comment about book scanners now working at main branch which had been a concern raised earlier. The new library will be stocked by moving some books from main branch and by new purchases.

BCCI Report: Amanda Tahayori reported the last meeting was a short one and Mayor Doyle was the main speaker. He spoke about Beaverton's urban redevelopment agency.

There was no new land use report and Sexton Mountain is getting a new park – Winkleman Park.

Announcements: Sue Price discussed the NAC Leadership and Orientation meeting for all Beaverton NAC board members. It was at that meeting we learned about the 1200 homeless students in Beaverton. 300 of those are high school graduating seniors. The membership is very interested in helping those students and will contact the City of Beaverton Neighborhood group for guidance with that effort. Handouts were provided at the meeting about the free tax service Beaverton is making available to everyone, and free prescription medication forms.

The City of Beaverton Police Department is sponsoring a free Prescription and Over the Counter (OTC) medications recycling event at City Hall on Saturday, March 13, 2010.

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Everyone was also reminded that June 12, 2010 will be our turn at the Community Booth (Cinnamon booth) at the Farmers Market so we will be looking for anyone who would like to volunteer. We will have a signup sheet at the May meeting.

There was also a reminder of the Beaverton Recycling event will be June 5th and we will have a signup sheet for that as well.

Treasurers Report: Karen Schouten provided the treasurers report – we have \$1969.00. No money spent and Karen is looking at other financial institutions to which we can move our account where there is no monthly fee.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm