

WB NAC Meeting February 11, 2010

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: Hilde Carpenter, Robert Washburn, Bruce Richards, Aaron Poarch, Brian Walker, Officer Nate Wallbaum, Meehan Walker, Annette Grice, Larry Slowik, Edna Fontenot.

Sue Price called the meeting to order and thanked Bruce Richards for volunteering to record the minutes of the meeting. Last meetings minutes were accepted into the record as submitted.

There was no Fire report.

Police Report was presented by our new City of Beaverton Police Department representative, Officer Nate Wallbaum. He mentioned that Beaverton has been voted one of the safest cities in the North West and there is an article on that in the Beaverton, Your City newsletter. He also reminded everyone of the new cell phone law that prohibits anyone from driving while talking or texting on their phone. Don't try to multitask – say NO to the phone.

There is also the move over law to allow emergency vehicles and tow trucks with flashing lights as much room on the roads as possible. All vehicles are to move over as far as possible to the right without crossing over double yellow lines and to always slow down. A question from the group asked about what could be done with people disregarding no parking signs? He left his email and phone number (nwallbaum@ci.beaverton.or.us ph: 503-526-2611) for any additional questions.

BCCI Report: Amanda Tahayori reported there are three council seats up for the election in May. Citizens should make sure the board members for the Urban Renewal committee know what suggestions and ideas they have. The Police gave a report that included information about a transient camp and their attempts to clean it up. The City cannot arrest transients unless a crime has been committed. So this makes it very hard for Police to keep them out of areas and from setting up new camps. There is danger of drugs and other crimes being committed in such camps. Citizens should not give food, water, clothing or money to any transients. There are several assistance locations and services available for people in need and should be directed there.

Special Guest, Bob Washburn, from the 2010 Census returned for an encore appearance to provide answers to the many questions we had regarding the Census.

The Census is mandated in 1790 by law to be conducted every 10 years for the purpose of gaining an accurate count of the US population in order to equitably distribute Federal funds. It is critical that we get as close as we can to accounting for every citizen so the State can receive its fair share of Federal funding.

The 2000 Census estimated there were 3.5 million people in Oregon. They also feel that number underestimated the actual population count resulting in \$90 million dollars left “on the table” with \$40 million of that in Washington County. Oregon sent more to Washington DC than we received back. At \$1400 per person per year for 10 years equals \$14,000 per person in lost funds for services. Bob stressed the importance of everyone filling out their Census forms and mailing them back. For all who do not send them back by April 15th, then “enumerators” (aka Census takers) will be visiting homes to assist those citizens in completing their forms.

Census tests have been given to those interested in working on this project. Hiring has already begun for some of the positions and more will continue. They expect to hire about 1200 people for this project. Enumerators can earn \$15.25 per hour.

Census questionnaires will be mailed March 15th. The regular questionnaire contains just 10 questions. There will also be a special questionnaire sent to 5000 families picked at random that include additional questions.

April 1st. will be considered ‘Census Day’. Non responses will be addressed and contacted between April 15th and July 15th. We want to count everyone!

Bill Wood presented an update on the Chehalem School “Pages as Pillars” reading project. The Principal at Chehalem indicated 53% of the students receive free or reduced cost lunch. The reading program began in December 2009 and currently there are 5 WB NAC volunteers involved. The NAC also donated \$1000 to the school for their reading program. We will be able to use the matching funds grant to offset most of that cost. We are also donating age appropriate books to the school and all are invited to bring them to the meetings or directly to the school. Good subject matter includes stories about animals, dinosaurs, etc. The principal at Chehalem, Debbie Nicolai is passionate and energetic about the “Books for Kids” program. If you are unsure of what books to get or what the children would like, just ask the librarians. They have a very good picture of what they like and are reading now days. Some people brought books to this evenings meeting and we thank you for that.

NAC Open House report was presented by Sue Price. There were 57+ people in attendance that November evening. The “Pages as Pillars” was discussed at the event and was also included in the “Beaverton, Your City” news letter. The feedback from the various break out stations included:

1. A split (50/50) feeling about chickens within neighborhoods
2. People want to see more parks

3. Leave Mt. Williams as it is without any further development to maintain it's natural beauty and scenic gifts
4. Neighbors questioned the type of water reservoir for a site like Mt. Williams and want to make sure they are included in any proposals and suggestions
5. Neighbors are concerned about security
6. July 4th fireworks are a problem
7. Trimming of the trees is too high
8. WB NAC project ideas: Scholarship to a graduating Aloha HS senior living in our borders who will be pursuing a career in Criminal Justice
9. Connecting with the Senior Center and helping senior citizens in our NAC area
10. Giving Garden in our area

Announcements: 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. Any amount of time is appreciated. We will have a signup sheet at the May meeting.

The Beaverton Recycling event will be June 5th and we will have a signup sheet for that as well. These two events are the main opportunities for our NAC to raise funds for our treasury. We use those funds to support the "giving back" projects for our neighborhood and community such as the Chehalem School Pages as Pillars" project, etc. Besides being fun, it is also a great opportunity to socialize with your neighbors and others as well.

There will be a "Pooches on the Green" event on March 20th for dogs and their owners. It is a Saint Pawtrick's Day event!

Our NAC contributed \$100 to the Tualatin City Gleaners in December for the Holiday toy drive. As a result of their effort they raised a total of \$1900 and 800 children received toys last Christmas.

Beaverton Toyota is going proposing a remodel of their auto dealership site on Murray and TV Highway. There will be a public hearing on March 1st for that.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.