

CITY OF BEAVERTON NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

NAC: WEST BEAVERTON

8 October 2009

QUORUM PRESENT: YES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chair:

Vice Chair: Sue Price

BCCI Rep:

Alt. BCCI Rep.: Bill Wood

Treasurer: Karen Schouten

Recorder: Blair Ivey

NAC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP PRESENT:

Marsha	Abelman
Mitch	Abelman
Rich	Carson
Wendell	Cockrell
Russ	Draper
Edna	Fontenot
Cliff	Haithcock
Aaron	Poarch
Amanda	Tahayori
Holly	Thompson

Special Guests: Edward House Director Beaverton City Library

Holly Thompson Program Manager
City of Beaverton Development Team

Mark San Souci City Councilor

MEETING START TIME: 1903

MEETING ADJOURN TIME: 2037

RECORDER'S SIGNATURE: /s/ Blair Ivey

Old Business

Minutes from the September meeting were available for perusal prior to the meeting and were approved by vote of the membership.

TVF&R Report

The fire department report was given by Mark Charleston, Nathan Deboar, and Tom Ubank.

There have been a total of 2330 fire and emergency calls in the TVF&R district since 31 July, and between 40 and 50 in the WBNAC area. The speaker noted that TVF&R turned 20 years old this year and while the call volume has increased significantly, the tax burden as a percentage of assessed home value has decreased.

Some new units are being fielded that will respond to calls that do not require the resources of a full engine complement.

The firefighters reminded the membership to inspect fireplaces prior to use during the season. Questions from the membership were fielded after the presentation.

Q: How often should chimneys be checked?

A: It depends on the frequency of usage. Lightly used chimneys should be checked every 2 – 3 years while more frequently used chimneys should be checked annually.

Q: How many chimney fires does the department respond to during the season?

A: There are usually 3 – 4 calls per week during the season.

Police Report

There was no police report.

Sue Price related that she had received an email from Chief Goeff Spalding related to the fireworks concerns expressed by the membership during the September meeting.

Guest Speakers

Beaverton City Library Director Edward House gave a presentation on the activities and programs at the library.

Mr. House began by noting that the current library building is nearing its 10th anniversary then related some building use statistics. He related that a significant amount of staff time was devoted to material flow handling such as reshelving existing material and organizing and shelving new material. The library will have a space-planning consultant examine ways to improve space utilization.

Mr. House then explained how the library staff uses various professional publications to shape acquisition decisions. Examples of these publications were made available to the membership.

The presentation went on to mention some of the programs available at the library including opportunities for young children and teenagers. There are also programs for adults including foreign film showings every month. The cultural pass program allows patrons to visit various cultural sites in the area such as museums and historical sites. It was also noted that the library recently upgraded the wi-fi installation in the building.

After his talk Mr. House took questions from the membership.

Q. What is the process for weeding out books?

A. The decision process for removing books includes wear & tear, obsolescence, multiple copies, and frequency of use.

Q. Do you have any genealogy programs?

A. Because other groups have superior genealogy resources we tend not to have a specialized program for that.

Q. Is there oversight of the library at the County level?

A. There is no direct oversight of the Beaverton City Library by the County; however, the County does have oversight of WCCLS Central Services. Central Services provides the integrated library system, Polaris, which is the backbone of the library catalog, circulation and automation features. Central Services is also responsible for the WCCLS web-page, the courier that routes materials among the libraries, and outreach services. The WCCLS Central Services manager reports to the County Administrator.

Q. Why do the self-checkout machines appear to be unreliable?

A. There are occasional hardware issues, but many of the problems are due to the capacity of the data transmission lines. The self-check machines are much more reliable now than in the past.

Following Mr. House, Holly Thompson from the City Beaverton spoke on the proposed multi-use venue project, a.k.a., the baseball stadium.

Ms. Thompson explained that the process for the construction of the venue was still in its early stages but she did stress that the process would include the five community goals of the City of Beaverton which include:

- Build community
- Provide high quality public service
- Improve mobility (transportation infrastructure)
- Create a vibrant downtown
- Enhance livability

Ms. Thompson also stressed that the location for the venue would be decided based on the following criteria:

- Central to and revitalize downtown
- Central to transportation
- Build upon existing infrastructure
- Capitalize on undeveloped areas

There was a limited time for questions after the presentation and some members voiced vociferous opposition to the venue and called for more information. Ms. Thompson did volunteer to stay after the meeting and answer questions.

Q: Will the venue really revitalize downtown?

A: Because the proposed building is not a purpose-built ballpark but a multi-use venue it has a greater potential to enhance the downtown area.

Elections

The annual elections for the Board Officers were held with the following slate presented:

Chair	Sue Price
Vice-Chair	Blair Ivey
Treasurer	Karen Schouten
Recorder	Karin Olsen
BCCI Rep.	Amanda Tayahori
Alt. BCCI Rep.	Bill Wood

The slate was elected by unanimous voice vote of the membership.

BCCI Report

There was no BCCI report.

Treasurer Report

The treasurer's report was given by Treasurer Karen Schouten who noted that the NAC's balance was unchanged from the prior month at \$2,704.00

New Business

Vice-Chair Sue Price outlined the new business:

There was a list of possible NAC action items:

- Chehelem school assistance
- Scholarship for a high school student who wishes to pursue a career in law enforcement.
- Community garden
- After school activities
- Donations to the Beaverton Library

There was call for future guest speakers and it was noted that police chief Geoff Spalding had committed to an annual speaking engagement. The chief will address the June 2010 meeting.

The November WBNAC meeting will be an open house.