

# CITY OF BEAVERTON NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

NAC: WEST BEAVERTON

10 September 2009

QUORUM PRESENT: YES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

NAC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP PRESENT:

Gail	Beasley
Bill	Berg
Wendell	Cockrell
Eugene	Fontenot
Glor	Giron
Aaron	Poarch
Bruce	Richards
Larry	Slowik
Patty	Slowik
Kathleen	Trask

Special Guest: Geoff Spalding Beaverton Police Chief

MEETING START TIME: 1900 MEETING ADJOURN TIME: 2023

RECORDER'S SIGNATURE: /s/ Blair Ivey

### Old Business

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

Vice-chair Sue Price reviewed the activities of the NAC for July and August.

- The Cinnamon Booth took in just over \$500.00.
- The Recycling Day event was well-attended by WBNAC members.
- T-shirts have been made for the membership. To earn a shirt members can:
  - Volunteer for two NAC events.
  - Serve on the board.

## **TVF&R Report**

The fire department report was given by Chuck Boyle, Dale Johnson, and Robert Petracia.

The fire department reported that the 4<sup>th</sup> of July was unusually slow and that the majority of fire calls occurred during the heat wave in August.

There is a new fire station at West Slope.

## **Police Report**

The police report was given by Officer Jeff Young.

Officer Young reported that the WBNAC area was very quiet over the summer and no calls were reported from the beginning of July until mid-August. The supplied call frequency map showed the highest frequency of calls occurred in the area bounded by Murray and 149<sup>th</sup> on the East and West and Farmington and Glenbrook on the North and South.

Mr. Young informed the membership that 44 DUI arrests were made in Beaverton over the Labor Day weekend.

There will be a police sponsored shredding event on 17 October from 1000 – 1300.

After his presentation Officer Young took questions from the membership.

**Q.** Were there any arrests for illegal fireworks activity on 4 July?

**A.** There were no arrests as responding officers chose to educate the public rather than perform arrests.

**Q.** Why don't officers patrol areas where firework activity takes place every year?

**A.** Citizens should point these areas out to the responding officers.

**Q.** Do officers need to witness firework activity to make an arrest?

**A.** Yes; or there needs to be a preponderance of evidence.

**Q.** Why were there so many DUI arrests on TV Highway.

**A.** The increase in arrests was the result of increased enforcement.

## **Guest Speaker**

Beaverton Police Chief Geoff Spalding addressed the membership.

Chief Spalding asked for clarification on the procedure for contacting the membership by email and was told that an email list was maintained by the NAC office at City Hall.

Mr. Spalding first addressed the issue of illegal fireworks and informed the members that additional officers were on duty during the holiday; although he cautioned that resource management dictated that when calls conflicted the fireworks call might receive a lower priority.

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2. Interviews are scheduled for candidates for the Community Development director position (8/3 1). There are 6 good candidates who will go through several interview panels.
3. There is a new Business Development Unit-manager who will have a staff of 6 or 7 (6 mo. Test). Promotion from within—Peter Arrello. This unit will include engineering and capital improvement.
4. New -Sustainability Coordinator is Cindy Tathem (in-house).
5. City Counsel, Department Heads and Mayor will go on a retreat to deal with issues —one of which is sustainability—they hope to better define it.
6. Visioning is ongoing—Sept 14 is a City Counsel update. It was announced that Rhonda (Sexton Mountain NAC Chair) has been hired as a Project Specialist —temporary position.
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## **Treasurer Report**

The treasurer's report was given by Treasurer Karen Schouten.

May ending/June Starting Balance	\$2600.75
6/12/09 Deposit City Payment for Pastries	\$126.00
Deposit Community Booth Earnings	\$681.50
Check # 519 Beaverton Bakery	\$291.48
June ending/July Starting Balance	\$3116.77
Check # 520 Fast Signs	\$740.00
July ending/August Starting Balance	\$2376.77
8/24/09 City Recycling Event Deposit	\$327.23
August ending/September starting	\$2,704.00

## **New Business**

The chief elaborated on a couple of weapons incidents, the first involved an officer shooting that was ruled as suicide-by-cop by the coroner. The other incident involved a stabbing related to gang violence. At the time of the meeting the their were two suspects in custody.

It was noted that crime in Beaverton declined by 3.4% over the last year. DUI is a priority within the department and Mr. Spalding explained that there were 700+ DUI arrests in 2008 and that there have been 400+ DUI arrests to date this year.

In response to a question from the membership Chief Spalding elaborated on his background. He explained that after his mandatory retirement from the Fullerton (CA) police department as a captain he started looking for other ways to contribute to law enforcement. He had visited Beaverton previously and liked the area, so he was pleased to have the opportunity to apply for the police chief's position.

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**Q.** What is the level of gang activity in Beaverton?

**A.** Most of the gang activity in town is confined to tagging and other low-level activity.

**Q.** Where is gang activity most prevalent?

**A.** (Young) Most gang activity has been in the vicinity of Colony and 125<sup>th</sup>/126<sup>th</sup>. Anti-gang efforts have markedly reduced activity in this area.

**Q.** Is there much gang activity at the Beaverton Transit Center?

**A.** This is an area of concern; but there are several agencies that have a presence in the area.

**Q.** Are most DUI arrests local residents?

**A.** Yes. Most DUI arrests are local residents on the way home.

**Q.** What is the penalty for the 1<sup>st</sup> offense?

**A.** The penalty is loss of license for 90 days and fines of up to \$1000. There is the possibility of entering a diversion program.

**Q.** How many drivers do not have auto insurance?

**A.** Not many. Insurance companies report incidents of lapsed insurance to DMV.

**Q.** Is the department staffing level adequate?

**A.** The levy passed by voters in 1996 allows for 1.5 officers per 1000 population. This is a good level and allows for the department to be proactive.

## **BCCI Report**

The BCCI meeting of 25 August was attended by BCCI Alternate Bill Wood.

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Vice-Chair Sue Price outlined the new business:

- The City Hall NAC Office has supplied each NAC with customize cards for distribution throughout the neighborhood. The full-color cards give some basic information about the NAC including meeting times. It should be noted that the email address for the WBNAC is [wb\\_nac@yahoo.com](mailto:wb_nac@yahoo.com).
- The BTA Bike Beaverton event will be Saturday 3 October at the Beaverton Resource Center from 1530 – 1730.
- There was a call for WBNAC activity ideas from the group. Members can send suggestions to the WBNAC email address.
- The Beaverton parade will be held on Saturday 19 September at 1000.
- The membership was reminded that board elections will be held at the next meeting.