

CITY OF BEAVERTON NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

NAC: WEST BEAVERTON

11 June 2009

QUORUM PRESENT: YES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chair:

Vice Chair: Sue Price

BCCI Rep:

Alt. BCCI Rep.:

Treasurer: Karen Schouten

Recorder: Blair Ivey

NAC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP PRESENT:

Bob	Ambruso	Aaron	Kuffel
Carol	Ambruso	Sr. Barbara Jean	Laughlin
Marci	Ankerson	Chrystal	Miller
Peter	Brugman	Aaron	Poarch
Hilde	Carpenter	Bruce	Richards
Rich	Carson	Marijke	Schouten
Doug	Farnand	Mandy	Spigal
Edna	Fontenot	Kathleen	Trask
Gene	Fontenot	Paul	Trask
Glen	Geller	Meegan	Walker
Dan	Golden	Ted	Welch
Simon	Goldstein	Carolyn	Welch
Sr. Charlene	Herinckx		

Special Guest: The Hon. Denny Doyle Mayor of Beaverton

Miles Gilawach The Mayor's staff
Blake Hickman

MEETING START TIME: 1905

MEETING ADJOURN TIME: 2022

RECORDER'S SIGNATURE: /s/ Blair Ivey

Upcoming Events

Acting-chair Sue Price updated the membership on upcoming events. These included the Cinnamon Booth at the Beaverton Recycle Day on 13 June. Proceeds from the booth help fund the NAC.

The opening of the Public Garden was announced. This is a 4000 ft² plot volunteers can garden in individual plots. Produce goes to the Community Food Bank.

The Picnic in the Park will occur on 8 July.

The Bike Beaverton Event will be held on 2 August.

Treasurer Report

There was no activity for May or June and the balance remains at \$2600.75.

Guest Speaker

The guest speaker for the meeting was Beaverton Mayor Denny Doyle. The mayor spoke on several subjects including:

- Public gardens and food –

The opening of the Public Gardens was discussed with the mayor encouraging the NAC's to adopt a plot next year. A Hunger Summit was also mentioned as a way to facilitate the distribution of food to those in need.

- City budget –

The property tax (mill rate) was not increased for the current budget. Several members of the mayor's office have taken pay cuts and the current police chief was hired for less money than his predecessor.

- Sustainability –

The city has hired a Sustainability Director, a position funded out of pay cuts. Beaverton also hosted the nation's first National Green Conference.

- Civic involvement –

Mayor Doyle encouraged citizens to get involved in the community through volunteering for boards and commissions. He also mentioned that the City is working to include diverse members of the community through outreach efforts.

- City image –

The city has restarted its visioning process and is looking to remake its image as that of a business-friendly community. The mayor mentioned that the provision to allow the creation of an Urban Renewal District passed with 70% of the vote.

After his speech the mayor invited NAC members to answer some prepared questions from his staff.

Where do you consider downtown Beaverton to be?

The most common answers were the area centered around Broadway and railroad tracks (the historic center of Beaverton) and the Library/ City Hall area.

Where do you go shopping?

Answers included Fred Meyer, Cedar Hills shopping center, and the Gateway shopping center.

What is your vision for the city of Beaverton?

Responses ranged from leaving the Mt. William's area undeveloped to more parks and architectural diversity and improving traffic controls.

Where should the Urban Renewal District be located?

Most members seemed to favor the area along Hall to Lombard.

Should the City of Beaverton invest in the arts?

The majority of members indicated that they believed that the city should invest in the arts. There was some discussion of how other communities have made a visible investment in the arts.

Should the City use enforcement or encouragement to encourage sustainability?

The overwhelming response was that the City should encourage sustainable practices rather than regulate them.

New Business

New business included:

A motion to move the WBNAC board and officer elections to October so that they would coincide with elections in other NAC's and to simplify the orientation of new NAC officers and board members by the city.

The motion was introduced by Chrystal Miller and seconded by Susan Goldstien.

The motion carried unanimously by show of hands.