

WEST BEAVERTON NAC
MINUTES: 15 September, 2021 MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Sue Price called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. It was conducted as a virtual meeting through the Neighborhood Program with the City of Beaverton.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

No fire report due to current COVID restrictions. The Fire Department is posting update on their web site.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

No Police report this month. Updates can be found on the City of Beaverton Police webpage.

TUALATIN HILLS PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT:

Cameron Hall provided our Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District (THPRD) report.

On September 13, 2021, THPRD was pleased to announce that the district's visioning process was selected for two national awards: *The Public Involvement Project of the Year in the United States and as the winner of the Core Values Award for Respect for Diversity, Inclusion, and Culture*. Starting in 2019, 13 members of this visioning process group spoke with 10,500 people, collected more than 12,500 ideas, held 117 engagement events, promoted intentional youth engagement from preschool through high school age, focused on engagement of underserved populations through translation, interpretation, and focus groups with community-based organizations, and also pledged to adopt of the Vision Action Plan by the THPRD Board of Directors in September 2020

Aisha Panas has stepped into a new role as the district's first Park Services Director. She served for six years as Park and Recreation Director, and before that she served as the Planning Director. Park Services encompasses our Planning, Design & Development, Maintenance Operations, and Nature & Trails departments. The vision for creating the new division was to create a wholistic team that oversees the development of our parks, trails, and natural spaces, from the idea generation stage, through planning and acquisition, design development and community engagement, to ongoing maintenance and activation. As Park Services Director, Aisha will also serve as the designated acting General Manager whenever Doug Menke is out of office. Aisha officially began her new role on September 1, 2021

President Biden announced that all employers with more than 100 workers must require employees to be vaccinated or test for the virus weekly. We believe that this decision does include THPRD as we have more than 100 employees. At this point, we are waiting for guidance from the federal agency responsible for

WEST BEAVERTON NAC
MINUTES: 15 September, 2021 MEETING

administering this mandate, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), to release specific details for employers in terms of how this mandate must be administered.

Accepting applications for advisory committees: nature & trails, parks & facilities, and Programs & events

GUEST PRESENTATION

Our guest presenter was Kevin Barton, District Attorney for Washington County. He is from our area and attended both Gonzaga and the University of Notre Dame.

The Washington County District Attorney's (DA) Office mission statement is "Seeking Justice and Protecting our Community". The DA's Office is responsible for prosecuting all crimes. Beaverton does handle the lower level cases (those that do not threaten the public) in Municipal court thus, the county handles the other upper level cases. Our DA's office is the second largest in Oregon with about 12,000 criminal cases per year. This results in charges being filed in about 9000 cases/year and trying over 300/year (in average non-COVID years).

Their goals include building bridges of understanding to have a better way to address racial and ethnic disparities that exist in our communities, help victims in getting restitution and collecting money owed in child support situations as is important to have stable homes for the children.

Other programs include:

Specialty courts and treatment programs, Adult Drug Court, Juvenile Drug Court, Mental Health Court, Early Restitution, Diversion/Early Care Resolution, and many more. There is also a pending program for Homeless Specialty Court.

Specialty Units in the DA's Office include:

Child Abuse, Juvenile Unit for juvenile crimes, Domestic Violence and a Cold Case Unit.

Washington County will be creating a center to bring together the services provided by Cares Northwest and the Family Justice Center in one place. The funding for this was just granted.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Sue Price provided the treasurer's report. We currently have a balance of \$8320.52 of which, \$2174.00 is reserved for the Pages as Pillars program. There were neither additions nor expenditures for the month.

BCCI REPORT

No new report from BCCI for this month.

CITY OF BEAVERTON UPDATE

Amy Smith, our representative with the Neighborhood Program reported there will be COVID-19 vaccine information and testing locations will be available on the Washington County website. Masks are required in all indoor spaces and outdoor spaces if social

WEST BEAVERTON NAC
MINUTES: 15 September, 2021 MEETING

distancing is not possible. The City of Beaverton website will have COVID-19 information as well.

Thursday, September 21st is the election deadline so get the ballots in.

The current Visioning Survey is available on the City's website so, take a few moments to complete that. Your feedback is important to Beaverton!

OLD BUSINESS

The NAC plans on restarting our Pages as Pillars program for this school year as Chehalem Elementary is back in session after the long COVID break.

NEW BUSINESS

The next meeting will be October 20th and will be a virtual presentation. That meeting will include our annual election of Board Officers.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:35pm

Attendees: Sue P., Amy S., Cate A., Kevin B., Aaron P., Sunita G., Cameron H., Karin O., Crystal M., John H.,

Minutes prepared by Sue Price.