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Annexation

The mission of the Raleigh Park Neighborhood Association (RPNA) is to promote neighborhood unity and safety, and to preserve neighborhood integrity and livability for all residents.

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The City of Beaverton; with the cooperation of Washington County; plans to annex the Raleigh Park Neighborhood within the next ten years (see figure below). Mayor Drake presented the City of Beaverton annexation policy and resulting practices at a recent CPO#1 meeting held on January 4th. Mayor Drake discussed the City's plan and the reasons the City is moving forward to annex unincorporated properties within the urban growth boundary. The City is required to provide urban services by Oregon law (ORS 195.065) to properties within the

urban growth boundaries. In 1986 Washington County designed the County 2000 Plan to implement this Oregon law. In addition, the City of Beaverton and Washington County have entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement to follow an Interim Urban Services Plan. The long term goal is annexation of all property west of the Multnomah and Washington County line and east of the Beaverton School District boundary with the City of Hillsboro, and in the north to south direction, all properties north of the City of Tigard to Northwest Springville Road north of Highway 26. Approximately 200,000 people would be added to 80,000 city residents when the long-term plan is completed. The entire annexation could make the City of Beaverton the second largest city in Oregon.



The Mayor also addressed a set of questions prepared by the members of CPO#1. The prepared questions centered on the increases in taxes, when the City would begin annexing, and how annexation would be done. Mayor Drake indicated property taxes

could increase by \$2.72 per \$1,000 assessment; however, certain Washington County levies would be dropped from property tax bills. These levies would include street lighting, County urban road maintenance, and the special-enhanced police levy. In addition, Mayor Drake strongly insisted these target areas would get better services from the City than the County. He predicted an increase of 0.5 police officers for every 1,000 residents, which would be one improvement. He believes the County can not continue providing services with a declining County budget.

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The City of Beaverton recently reversed their annexation policy and began annexing islands of unincorporated land. Several annexation stories have recently appeared in local newspapers describing the Beaverton annexation issue. Beaverton and Washington County have agreed on a short-term 10-year boundary that has

Beaverton primarily annexing these islands of unincorporated land south of Highway 26 and north of the City of Tigard. These unincorporated areas include the Cedar Hills, West Slope, Raleigh Hills, and Garden Home neighborhoods. They also agreed on a long-term plan that would include the remaining unincorporated land within the urban growth-boundary, but no period of time for annexation was set. In addition, both parties will, within one year, attempt to complete a plan to address water service, potential transfer of employees and equipment, and other services from the County to Beaverton.

The Raleigh Park Neighborhood falls inside the proposed 10-year boundary change. The Mayor stated the City would work with the residents of these unincorporated islands along with the County, to phase-in the annexation to Beaverton. Several residents of our neighborhood, including Board members of our Neighborhood Association, attended the most recent CPO meeting. Mayor Drake attempted to assure that an orderly transfer from the County to the City is best for the City and for the unincorporated residents. The Board of our Neighborhood Association has not yet been contacted by the City. Some services, such as water service supplied by West Slope Water District should remain unchanged, according to Mayor Drake. The

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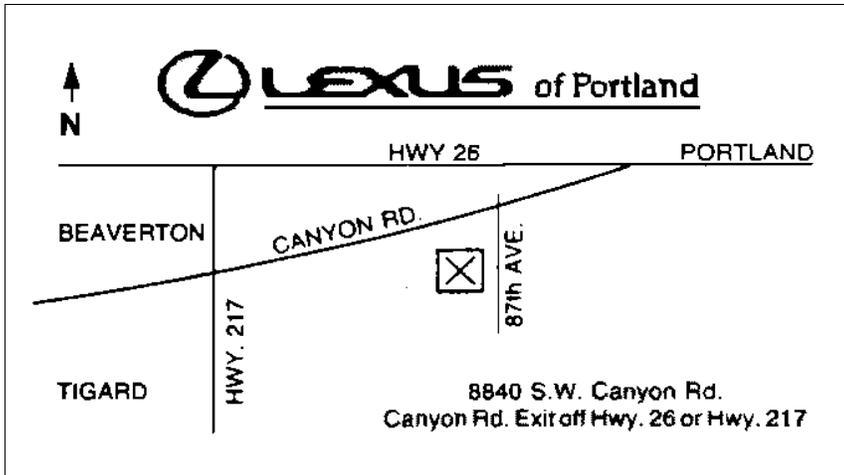
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City would manage pipes of the sewer and storm-water system that are less than 24 inches in diameter and Clean-Water Services would continue to manage the larger diameter pipes of these systems. Those residents with a Portland mailing address would continue to have a Portland address even if they were annexed. Our County library would remain, for now, in the County library system. The Mayor also discussed the method of annexation: single-majority vote where a single majority of both the City residents and those of unincorporated residents would be sufficient to annex into Beaverton or a double-majority vote where separate majorities of City residents and of County residents would be sufficient to annex into Beaverton.

If you have any questions regarding the annexation please contact Jim Coppa at 503-296-9405 or email him from our web site at <http://raleighpark.org>.



Friends of Raleigh Park

The board would like to thank all those that donated to the Raleigh Park Neighborhood Association (RPNA) through the "Friends of Raleigh Park" campaign

this last quarter. Your donations allow the RPNA to put on the annual "Picnic in the Park" as well as fund local projects and charities - including local schools in the district.



Neighborhood Projects Needed

Do you have an idea for a neighborhood project? We would like to hear about your proposal. One recent neighborhood project funded was the doggy stations in Raleigh Park. Please contact Jim Coppa at 503-296-9405 or by using our web site at <http://www.raleighpark.org>.

Raleigh Park Neighborhood

The Raleigh Park Neighborhood consists of some 1600 homes and businesses from Beaverton-Hillsdale Highway on the south to Canyon Drive on the north, SW White Pine Lane on the west, and Scholls Ferry Road on the east. All neighbors are welcome to attend meetings, including our local businesses and residents who own or rent their homes within the neighborhood. The General meetings of the RPNA are held each second Monday of alternating months starting January 2005 from 7 PM to 8:30 PM at Valley

Community Presbyterian Church (SW 8060 Brentwood Street, Portland, OR 97225). The Board meetings of the RPNA are held at 6 PM to 7 PM before the General meeting. On months when no General Meetings are held, the Board meetings are held on the second Monday from 7 PM to 8:30 PM at Valley Community Presbyterian Church.

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“Help us preserve our neighborhood and promote unity”

MISSION STATEMENT: Raleigh Park Neighborhood Association is a non-profit organization whose mission is to promote neighborhood unity and safety, and to preserve and maintain livability and integrity for all residents.

PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVE: To educate and inform through meetings, newsletters, and other activities, issues that affect the livability, safety, and integrity of the neighborhood. We try to create avenues of communication between members and the public and private entities serving our area. We hope to bring about maximum exposure of ideas and plans that are being proposed in our area, such as development applications, and to provide opportunities for our members to influence the outcomes. We strive to encourage, preserve, and enhance the safety, aesthetics, cultural values, and diversity of the neighborhood. We promote individual and group efforts to improve the general welfare of the community, and we encourage all to participate.

WHAT WE DO: 1) Conduct bi-monthly general neighborhood meetings the second Monday in the months of January, March, May, July, September, and November; 2) Organize the annual picnic in the park; 3) Prepare and distribute the quarterly newsletter; 4) Provide a forum for the Washington County Sheriff and TV Fire and Rescue to communicate directly with the neighborhood; 5) Donate money to the local schools and organizations such as Raleigh Park Elementary, Whitford Middle, Beaverton High, Friends of the Library (West Slope), Valley Community Church; and 6) Fund neighborhood projects such as the doggy stations in the park

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