

## Highland Neighborhood Association Committee (NAC) Meeting

October 12th, 2017 6:30pm

Highland Park Middle School room A10

*Members:* Candace Lowe, Patricia Johnson, Dave Johnson, Bernadette Le, John Dugger, Donna Raagas, Ryan Shaw (Central Beaverton NAC)

*Board:* Jeff Menzel, treasurer, Reggie Frumkin, recorder, Juanita Coparanis, Konnette Etheredge, Aaron Frumkin

*Presenters:* Officer Matt Matias of the Beaverton Police Department (BPD), Lori Leach of Aquatics within the Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District (THPRD), Mike Janin of Security Operations within THPRD, Victor Sin of the Office of the Mayor within the City of Beaverton, Cassera Phipps of the Planning Division within the City of Beaverton

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Meeting commenced at 6:30 by Jeff, discussed NAC background and purpose. Quorum present

### Presentations:

*Matt Matias, BPD:*

\*Distributed Highland Neighborhood Crime Report for September 2017

\*Influx of homeless individuals, many aggressive

-Anti-trespassing enforcement on private property may push homeless into neighborhoods

-Don't leave expensive things visible from the street

-People can contact City legislators to allot greater resources to addressing homelessness and safety concerns or create ordinances

\*Updates on status of the new Police Building at Beaverton Resource Center site (12500 SW Allen Blvd)

-Police Activity League (PAL) has moved out to Chehalem Elementary

-Boxing program has moved out to Garden Home Recreation Center

-City of Beaverton is acquiring the Shell gas station and some of Portland Central Church property to the south of proposed site

-Some of the oil from the gas station may have seeped into the ground

-Construction expected to begin in 2018

\*Question was asked about current quantity of vehicles housing people on the street

-About 20 to 30, but can fluctuate since they are mobile

-Call police if there is a concern

\*Patricia mentioned an old school bus and an abandoned car left at 136th Ave and Hart Rd for a month that were reported, where some of the people and their dogs were aggressive. The bus eventually disappeared, but not yet the cars

-Matt responded that if there is evidence of someone living in the car they can't move it. BPD creates a case log to track time, who it belongs to, or people frequenting the vehicle

\*Concern was expressed of an official school bus dropping off students in close proximity

\*Can't always tow the vehicle, but can remove the people and charge them if committing crimes

\*Reporting indicates sentiments among local homeless communities are generally that Beaverton can be safer than Portland for being homeless

*Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue:* absent

*Lori Leach, THPRD:*

\*Detonation of car explosive device near NW 185th Ave and Parkview Blvd on October 11th had to shut down adjacent Somerset Swim Center

*Aquatics:*

\*Second phase, resurfacing pool tank and decking at Howard M. Terpenning (HMT) aquatic center, is ongoing

-Closed through mid December

\*First Free Friday on first Friday of the month at all other pools

\*Women's only swims are offered

\*Dive-In Movies uniting aquatics and films

\*Openings in advisory committees; applications accepted through October 31st

\*Greenway Park Master Plan community input meeting November 7th at Conestoga Recreation Center

\*Paving projects along Fanno Creek trail

\*Newest park opening October 13th: Mountain View Champions Park (behind Mountain View Middle School)

-Part of Access for All initiative

-Playable fields for all abilities, synthetic turf with lighting, a natural field, tennis courts, play equipment, community gardens, permanent restrooms, shelter space, and parking

- \*Second year in a row: In the running for gold medal award with National Park and Recreation association
- \*THPRD earned Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA) accreditation in September
  - One of 155 or 2% of all agencies that met these qualifications

*Mike Janin, THPRD:*

- \*Superintendent of Security Operations
- \*Distributed Park Patrol magnets with phone number (971) 246-0169
- \*Presenting on strategies for safety and security in parks over last several years
- \*Detonation of car explosive device at 185th and Parkview Blvd October 11th
  - Suspect taken into custody by FBI
  - Some parents were dropping off cars, children were sheltered in place
  - Park was shut down in coordinated effort between Security Operations and Aquatics staff
- \*Scenario training offered where parents come to HMT complex
- \*Investigates encroachment of THPRD property
  - Works to establish property lines, preventing loss of public land
- \*Park Patrol program patrols 51 square miles, 240 parks, 9-10:30pm daily
- \*Most cities have regular city officers monitor parks but recently cities around the region are modeling patrol of parks after THPRD
- \*Park Patrol officers complete Private Security program by Oregon Police Academy
  - Of 18 Park Patrol employees over last ten years, 12 have been hired as full-time officers
- \*If calling, leave message about which park has the problem and where with a full description
  - Can report problems online as well
- \*Parks are smoking-free as of several years ago
  - Observed reduction in cigarette butts around playgrounds
- \*Security Operations can issue exclusions from 30 to 180 days but cannot write citations
- \*If your dog is outside your property, it must be on a leash
- \*Question asked about the ability for Park Patrol to correct behavior
  - Park Patrol does not physically touch anyone but writes exclusions
  - If unruly person, 911 is called
  - If excluded person is back in park, a police officer would respond and a citation could be issued for criminal trespass
- \*Of all exclusions issued, there is an appeal process
- \*Question asked about surveillance of parks at night
  - When issues exist outside of Park Patrol hours they will adjust working hours to address problem
  - Reconex field cameras in various parks
    - Used to catch a graffiti artist at Harman Swim Center
  - Broken Window Theory
    - Recommend addressing the problem while it's small
- \*Juanita mentioned that she thought the Davis Cup quarterfinals held at HMT was a great event

*Victor Sin, City of Beaverton:*

- \*Beaverton ranked as a great place to live by a major magazine this year
- \*Beaverton Resource Fair at main library
  - 20 non-profits, volunteer opportunities, Saturday October 21st
- \*Beaverton working with a local non-profit to provide severe weather shelter this winter
  - About a dozen patrons per night when open
  - Seeking volunteers at shelter
- \*Distributed City of Beaverton example of welcome information pamphlets
- \*Konnerte updated on uneven pavement in the cut-through path straddling the south Highland NAC boundary and sent photos to the City after a walk-through
  - Mentioned possibility of Pat Hoff of Urban Forestry within the City of Beaverton coming to upcoming meeting to talk about caring for mature trees, tree planting, or preservation tips

*Cassera Phipps, City of Beaverton:*

Allen Boulevard Project ([beavertonoregon.gov/allen](http://beavertonoregon.gov/allen)):

- \*Considered a District Plan
  - Rooted in Community Vision and Civic Plan
  - A targeted geography
  - District Plans can differ in focus depending on the area needs (industrial area vs. neighborhood)
  - Refined policies and/or strategies that reflect city and neighborhood interests

\*Allen Boulevard (Allen)

- Proximity to downtown
- Culturally diverse
- Low-income households
- Multi-family housing
- Some new building investments, including Bridge Meadows
- Planned Police Building and the relocation of social services tenants and meeting space
- City of Beaverton acquired a metro-sponsored Equitable Housing Grant to look at anti-displacement of naturally-occurring low income housing
- Launch of the Healthy Housing Initiative, a rental inspection program
- Storefront improvement program for Lombard Ave to Hall Blvd and at the plazas at Allen and Murray Blvd

\*Allen Boulevard Project occurring 2017-18

*Feedback:*

- \*Comment was made that Allen is a through-street and narrow for cars
- \*Comment was made on the need for livability for those who actually live along Allen and praised its mature street trees
- \*Comment was made on the need for pedestrian barriers and pedestrian crossing improvements
- \*Comment was made on the high frequency of accidents between 130th Ave and Erickson Ave and that Allen cuts off Highland residents from downtown Beaverton due to lack of crosswalks and too much traffic
- \*Comment was made that there are no other major east-west through streets nearby and Allen is a major traffic carrier
- \*Comment was made about recent transportation planning being focused on Farmington Road
- \*Suggestion was made to improve signage to reduce speeding, as people will not get a ticket if speeding 10 mph and under with new traffic light camera program
- \*Comment was made referencing the "Hart Road Wars" when neighbors pushed to have Hart dead-end decades ago and at the time there were reported broken windows and death threats
- \*Comment was made on the diversity and uniqueness of the Lombard and Allen shopping center with locally-owned and small-scale businesses
- \*Comment was made on how 130th Ave and Hart Rd are different experiences with traffic calming and trees increasing walkability on Hart and there not being opportunities for bicyclists on Allen
- \*Question was asked about widening Allen and adding more street trees
  - City will look at different street configurations
- \*Comment was made on the recent City Council meeting where the Active Transportation Plan was discussed and wondered how bicycle opinions were surveyed due to low sample size
- \*Question was asked about discussion on land use changes on Allen
  - Second reading of land use update is in November and is open to the public
- \*Question was asked on the proposed land use changes along Allen to Mixed Use Corridor, specifically why the quadraplexes along Valley Ave were not updated
  - If excluded from update, likely was identified to stay consistent with other adjacent zoning
- \*Comment was made on the many apartment complex driveways along Allen that further make driving and walking dangerous
- \*Comment was made that after looking at the Active Transportation Plan it was seen that Allen was identified for bike lanes and are good to have
- \*Comment was made that they talked to people in the Cooper Mountain area and they always go through Allen instead of Scholls Ferry Rd when accessing the freeway
- \*Comment was made that if Allen is made more driving-efficient it will only encourage more automotive use
- \*Comment was made that the City allowing development in exurban areas like South Cooper Mountain will only add more traffic to streets like Allen, Hart, and Scholls Ferry, the City must restrict all development to within built-out areas, and the City must advocate for no further urban growth boundary expansions
- \*Comment was made that the area needs more east-west streets but there is no room
- \*Comment was made that traffic on Allen puts those residents along it directly at risk and safety upgrades for pedestrians are needed
- \*Comment was made on some intersections having decreased visibility due to vegetation
- \*Comment was made on possibility that feedback from residents of western neighborhoods of the city who drive Allen as a through-street would be more auto-oriented

**Treasurer's Report**

- \*Account balance is \$3,857.20
  - \$107.52 expenses for refreshments at June walk and August work party

**Approval of the Minutes**

- \*Reggie distributed copies of the minutes from June and September

- \*Juanita moved to approve the June minutes, Konnette seconded, Juanita clarified she won one of multiple raffles at the City's Neighborhood Program 30th anniversary volunteer dinner last May, passed unanimously
- \*Juanita moved to approve the September minutes, Konnette seconded, no discussion, passed unanimously

## **Ideation**

### *Replanting at Highland Park Middle School (Reggie):*

- \*Seeking volunteers from neighborhood to learn how to and help plant 4 replacement trees provided by City of Beaverton Urban Forestry from the Arbor Day 2017 event this fall (contact him if interested)

### *Channing Heights Park tree planting (Reggie):*

- \*Distributed map of park with proposed tree locations and descriptions
- \*Working with John Henshaw of THPRD to develop a tree planting plan for 12-15 new trees
- \*Proposing to use City Neighborhood Matching Grant for funding
- \*Estimated cost: \$1000-2000, at \$50-150 per tree
  - NAC's match would be volunteer hours
- \*Comment was made about concern in removing open view to the back of the park with trees and that off-leash dogs and dog waste have been observed there
  - Sightline preservation has been weighed heavily in the plan and will continue to work with THPRD on issue
- \*Comment was made showing approval of trees being planned on hill west of Valley Ave
- \*Question was asked if THPRD has approved the NAC being involved
  - Has approved the idea of some trees, but awaiting response on full tree plan and NAC involvement
- \*NAC would pay costs upfront, then get reimbursed
- \*Comment was made showing support of NAC involvement but wanted to see it further discussed on the agenda for November
- \*Reggie will give update at next meeting

### *Turkey Trot:*

- \*Jeff read message about Turkey Trot from Lindsey who was unable to attend meeting
  - 5k/3.16 miles of running to get active before mass eating, would occur Thursday, November 23rd
  - Event would begin a 9am and last for about an hour as participants complete route
  - Water, bananas, raffle at the end (i.e. a free turkey)
- \*Comment was made that for a community activity it is best to do it on Friday
- \*Comment was made that it could be an alternative to shopping
- \*Comment was made that it could be asking people too much on Thursday due to cooking and family obligations
- \*Konnette moved to support Lindsey's proposal for Turkey Trot on November 23rd, with preference among NAC membership after discussion for Friday the 24th pending re-assignment of date at Chair's discretion, Aaron seconded, passed unanimously
- \*Comment was made that previous feedback of map was that it was hard to read and should coordinate with GIS department to make better map

### *Fall Photo Contest:*

- \*Send in photos of Highland neighborhood fall scenery by October 21st and board members will vote on the 22nd
  - Winner will receive Sushi Ikenohana gift card for \$25
  - Contact a board member with your submission, or message the Highland Facebook page

### *New neighbor welcome packets (Jeff):*

- \*Will add retail info to map
  - Victor distributed City of Beaverton welcome packets as examples
  - Suggestion was made that on Zillow website one can draw the neighborhood and select recently sold houses and identify new residents that way

### *Election of Officer Roles:*

- \*To be added to November agenda
- \*Board members can vote on official business but must have more regular attendance
- \*Officer positions are elected: Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Recorder, Beaverton Committee for Citizen Involvement (BCCI) Representative
- \*Bernadette and John expressed interest in being board members
  - Jeff moved to nominate Bernadette & John to board, Konnette seconded, no discussion, approved unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 8:38pm