

Highland Neighborhood Association Committee (NAC) Meeting

April 12th, 2018 6:30pm

Highland Park Middle School (HPMS) library

Social media: @HighlandNeighborhood, #fortheloveofneighborhoods

Members: Alissa Ellis, Terry Hintz, Mike Hintz, Brian Powell, Lani Lohman, Tim Lohman, Donna Raagas, Jeff Lesowski (unincorporated Washington County)

Board: John Dugger, chair, Jeff Menzel, treasurer, Reggie Frumkin, recorder, Jennifer Lee, Beaverton Committee for Community Involvement (BCCI) representative, Juanita Coparanis, Bernadette Le, Quinn Simpson, Konnette Etheredge, Aaron Frumkin

Presenters: Miles Glowacki, Anne Luciano, Brian Baker, City of Beaverton; Officer Matt Matias, Sergeant Steve Schaer, Beaverton Police Department (BPD); Andy Willette, Timothy Hays, Brad Bender, Tom Sperry, Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue (TVF&R); Lori Leach, Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District (THPRD), Ruby Bucholtz, Tualatin Riverkeepers, Curtis Semana, Principal, HPMS

Meeting commenced at 6:30 pm by John. Attendees introduced themselves. Quorum present

Presentations

Officer Matt Matias, BPD:

*Distributed Highland neighborhood crime report for March 2018

*High number of stolen vehicles in area in recent weeks

-Remember to take your keys with you, lock your car, don't leave valuables in cars

*If you see suspicious people in neighborhood, you can feel free to call in to report

*Officer Matias will be parting with the NAC temporarily for new family obligations

-Members expressed appreciation toward his service to the NAC

Andy Willette, Timothy Hays, Brad Bender, Tom Sperry, TVF&R:

*Since January 1st Station 67 has had 512 EMS, 52 fire, 53 miscellaneous calls

*Recent garage fire in area caused and worsened by oil-soaked rags

-Put rags in metal containers when finished

*Distributed a flyer on kitchen fire safety

-Grease is a major source.

-Turn off oven and stove before leaving house

*Change smoke detector batteries every 6 months

*Question was asked if TVF&R does car seat inspections

-BPD has offered this service in the recent past. Has certified officers who can do the inspection. Call BPD to see if any of those officers are working and visit department building

Ruby Bucholtz, Tualatin Riverkeepers:

*Community-based environmental nonprofit serving Tualatin River watershed

*Distributed literature on Tualatin River watershed volunteering, education, boating, community involvement, and organizational report

*Education programs, summer camps, recreation program that rents canoes at Cook Park and Farmington Paddle Launch, restoration program, advocacy program

*Part of advocacy program is working with neighborhoods to support watershed health, address illegal activities affecting streams and wetlands, and improve water quality

*Currently initiating a water quality monitoring program, testing on the Tualatin River in ten spots

- *Working with Wilsonville to advocate for better safety precautions for a major gas pipeline
- *Storm water education
 - Particles on impervious surfaces wash directly into streams. Monitor if car is leaking, avoid dumping down drains, work to have more rain gardens
- *Question was asked of how to make an impact at home
 - Grease should not be dumped down drains; cars should be washed atop a pervious surface such as grass or gravel
- *Asked if safety equipment is offered at boat launches
 - Life vests are available, "dry bag" for belongings, and help from staff
- *Question was asked if organization does culvert updating
 - No, this is typically done by a city or Clean Water Services
 - Arched culverts are better for stream health compared to circular ones
- *Question was asked if Cook Park facility is rental-only and if one can traverse entire river
 - Yes, rental-only
 - One can't boat the entire river but can go from Farmington to Cook Park
- *Question was asked if price is discounted for group activities
 - It is possible

Lori Leach, THPRD:

- *Comment was made expressing gratitude toward THPRD for responding to request to turn water on at Winkleman Dog Park
- *Eighty applicants applied for committees. Ten chosen by board of directors for three committees
- *Vistabrook Park received an installation of new outdoor exercise equipment
- *Veterans Memorial Park is receiving ADA improvements
- *Native plant sale Saturday morning April 28th from 10-2 at Nature Center, 15655 SW Millikan Way
- *Nature Day in Hazeldale Park on May 20th from 11-3; free event
- *May is Water Safety Month; various events at pools. Passport involved for visiting all the facilities
- *Registration program guides for summer have been mailed. Registration begins Saturday April 21st
- *Newest board of directors member is Wendy Kroger
- *Distributed new district trail maps that are also available at all facilities
- *Comment was made referencing visioning from last meeting, relating to a potential dog park of interest
 - Parks and Facilities Advisory Committee would be a starting point

Curtis Semana, Principal, HPMS:

- *Curtis had to leave due to another school event but gave message to Tim to read
- *Neighborhood run cancelled due to feasibility issues with road closures
- *Event will now take shape as a community festival-type event on Friday May 18th

Anne Luciano, Public Works, City of Beaverton:

- *New program for maintaining city-owned water quality facilities (WQF)
 - Planting and mulch events with NACs; seeking feedback for projects
- *Storm water goes through WQFs before entering streams and rivers.
- *Improving signage at WQFs to increase understanding of what they are doing
- *Main Avenue pond mulching event near Nazarene church is Saturday April 14th, 9am to noon
- *Thirteen WQFs in neighborhood
- *Comment was made that second most interested item during visioning was bioswales
 - Could be used for traffic calming on Wilson Avenue near HPMS

- *Question was asked if the WQFs are effective
 - Yes, water is treated before entering streams
- *Question was asked of locations of facilities in neighborhood
 - Will email map
- *More cost effective to facilitate volunteers helping maintain facilities in long term
- *Had volunteer events in neighborhood in past, i.e. mulching at WQF near 131st Avenue and Bluebell Lane
- *Question was asked if schools are participating
 - Some students do water quality testing, partner with various non-profits, and there is potential for more involvement

Brian Baker, Events Coordinator, City of Beaverton:

- *Beaverton Half Marathon
- *Sunday June 3rd, second year with new partner
- *Opportunities to enter race, walk, and 5k
 - Run begins at Nimbus Avenue and Gemini Drive
- *Volunteer opportunities
- *Distributed maps with run route (Hart and Sorrento on route)
- *700 runners but could grow to thousands in future, capped at 900 this year
- *Stretch of run will expand over morning
- *Trucks and crews pick up immediately after last participant runs
- *Sunday is the lowest-flow traffic day and has highest attendance
- *Purposefully utilized trail system for route
- *Question was asked of if funds go to event or organization
 - *Union Gospel Mission will be donor
- *Question was asked of safety of intersection of 5th and Western
 - *Looking to address issues by summer
 - *Police stationed throughout race for safety purposes
- *Question was asked where 5k is going
 - *Stays along Fanno Creek

Sergeant Steve Schaer, BPD:

- *Child car seat safety clinics normally every 3rd saturday of month, 8:45 to 12:15 at Kuni Caddillac
- *Bioswales: Recommended getting on open agenda for traffic meeting, get petition, lead a presentation; would be of interest to the commission on bioswales
- *Comment was made that turning left onto Allen from 130th is a major safety issue especially during rush hour
- *Comment was made that there was an accident at 136th to Hargis recently. Many pedestrians due to park, low visibility due to hill
 - Some options for radar to monitor speeds
- *HPMS fun run: to make chosen route safe required too much man power, wanted to keep price down, have alternative routes for future that are safer for the students

Miles Glowacki, City of Beaverton:

- *City is finalist in national awards, competing in June in Denver to see if one of ten winners
- *Voters Forum Monday April 23rd 6:30pm at Beaverton Library
 - Two City Council races, Washington County chair, Metro council district 4
- *"Food for Fines" April 13th. \$2 in fines forgiven for every food item, up to \$20

- *Free compost available to City Residents, partnering with Recology Organics who processes the compost, 10 to 2 at this month's THPRD plant sale. Bring own containers.
- *Highland NAC nominated for national awards by Neighborhoods USA in the Neighborliness category; one of three finalists
- *Five Oaks nominated for neighborhood beautification

BCCI Update, Jennifer

- *Downtown placemaking events matching grant due April 26th
- *Storefront Improvement Program grant
- *Beaverton Housing Five Year Action Plan, covers housing issues
- *Community events incorporating Family Promise

Treasurer's Report, Jeff

- *Opening balance \$3,012.63
- *After processing recent withdrawals for event and receiving matching grant check (\$1,787.86), current balance is \$3,845.15
- *Reggie offered a check to cover expenses that were not previously reimbursed to NAC from items for recent event that broke. Instead, will try to have items fixed to be able to be used for future events
- *John mentioned issue of not being to add signer to account, Jeff proposed to close account and reopen somewhere else like a credit union
- *Miles will look into next step

Approval of the Minutes, Reggie

- *Distributed February minutes with addenda from TVF&R and March minutes.
- *Konnette motioned to approve February minutes with addenda and March minutes, Juanita seconded, no discussion, approved unanimously

Neighborhood Visioning - Project Leadership, John

- *Reviewed projects voted on from last meeting
- *Proposing leadership assignments next month, everyone is encouraged to volunteer to help coordinate visioning projects of interest to them
- *Comment was made appreciating neighborhood posting on Nextdoor social media
- *Question was asked of who would empty additional garbage cans around neighborhood
 - Project would require working with other government agencies to explore options

Round Robin

- *Brian Powell and Jeff Lesowski: talking in support of Kevin Barton, DA for Washington County, distributed flyer about candidate, encouraged everyone to learn about candidates and vote in May 15th election
- *Comment was made expressing concern with over-incarceration, wondering where candidate stands on restorative justice
 - Proponent of alternative programs to incarceration

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 by John

Next meeting: Thursday, May 10th 2018, 6:30pm, HPMS library