

Highland Neighborhood Association Committee (NAC) Meeting

May 10th, 2018 6:30pm

Highland Park Middle School (HPMS) library

Social media: @HighlandNeighborhood, #fortheloveofneighborhoods

Members: Alan Donaldson, Adam Gretzinger, Ryan Sager, Erin Kanooth, Jen Campbell, Jim Connelly, Donna Raagas, Steve Sibelman, Judy Sibelman

Board: John Dugger, chair, Lindsey Lewman, vice chair [absent], 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 [absent]

Presenters: Lori Leach, Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District (THPRD); Tom Cutts, New Friends of the Beaverton Library

Meeting commenced at 6:37 pm by John. Attendees introduced themselves. Quorum present

Presentations

Beaverton Police Department: absent

Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue: absent

Lori Leach, THPRD:

*Committee established for reviewing potential new dog parks or off-leash areas

*Seeking volunteer for audit committee, application online and due May 25th

*Greenway Park open house May 17th at 7pm at Conestoga Recreation Center to discuss final recommendations of master plan

-450 ft of trail has been reopened due to lower water levels

*Bethany, Commonwealth, Progress Lakes have rainbow trout. Must follow ODFW licensing rules

*May is Water Safety Month. Passport available for events around all aquatic facilities to receive stamps and prizes

*Veterans Memorial Park Memorial Day event on May 28th at 10am

*Fitness in the Parks, Walk With Me events in the summer

-55 minute workouts at selected parks three times a week

-Walk With Me: 2-3 miles using district trails

*Outdoor pools, summer programs begin June 25th

*Question was asked of what is needed to have a movie in a park

-Will follow up

*Comment was made that NAC has held a movie screening in a park in the past but was costly and time-consuming

*Comment was made mentioning a volunteer event at Fir Grove Park on June 2nd

-Pre-register online at THPRD Park Improvement website

-Event will consist of ivy removal

-Tools, gloves, snacks available.

-Recommended to bring reusable water bottle

*Question was asked of status of Fir Grove East natural area restoration

-Will follow up

Tom Cutts, New Friends of the Beaverton Library:

- *Group operates book store, the Book Corner, on SE corner of 5th St and Watson Ave
- *Main goal is to raise funds for Beaverton City Library
- *Maintains a wishlist of donation materials requested from library
- *Biannual book sale under way now, through Sunday 5/13
- *Distributed information on group and membership
- *Organization is pleased to accept donations, books, and new volunteers
- *Partners with Beaverton Police Activities League, nursing homes, assisted living centers, and adult care facilities
- *Question was asked about how to donate books
 - Can bring books to the library or store
- *Question was asked what happened to the "old" Friends of the Beaverton Library
 - Group transitioned in the 1990s under new leadership
- *To volunteer, one may apply at the main library
- *"Library of Things" now available at main library for checking out
 - Can borrow things like typewriter, golf clubs, board games, and more

Miles Glowacki, City of Beaverton: absent

BCCI Update, Jennifer

- *No update due to Voters Forum in lieu of regular April meeting

130th Avenue Traffic Calming, John

- *Traffic calming voting packets have been sent out to residents on 130th or 250 feet from it
 - 66.67% yes votes needed to pass, but an abstention is counted as a no
 - Votes due June 4th
- *Question was asked if there is outreach to let people know that sitting out is an adverse effect
 - Answer not known
- *Question was asked if 2/3 rule is state or local law
 - City law, with concern that in future traffic calming measures could turn unwanted
- *Neighborhood is a finalist for a national award
 - Question was asked if permanent signage recognizing this could be added to neighborhood

Treasurer's Report, Jeff

- *April balance: \$3,845.15
- *No transactions that month
- *Question was asked of status of transition to credit union
 - Providing original documentation by the NAC has been an obstacle

Approval of the Minutes, Reggie

- *Distributed copies of April minutes
- *Jeff motioned to approve April minutes, Juanita seconded, no discussion, approved unanimously

Neighborhood Visioning, John

- *Seeking members to lead projects

- Essentially the coordinator of a project, while supported by other NAC volunteers
- Look into materials needed, who to contact, report to NAC as you make progress
- *Jeff expressed interest in continuing the NAC's neighborhood resource map, seeking volunteers for more data collection of neighborhood assets, like waste bins
 - Donna expressed interest in helping to collect data
 - Reggie expressed interest in coordinating a tree inventory, focusing on public trees
- *John expressed interest in looking into a neighborhood dog park
- *Jenny and Erin expressed interest in setting up a neighborhood clean-up
- *Lindsey in the past has expressed interest in coordinating events, such as neighborhood walks
- *Konnette expressed interest in looking into a block party
- *Jen expressed interest in help with traffic calming and improving stop sign visibility
- *Neighborhood waste bins project is still open for leadership

General Updates, John

- *NAC leadership training on June 5th in library: social media and effective tabling
- *NAC is on Facebook & Nextdoor. Seeking member to represent NAC through social media presence
 - Jennifer and Quinn expressed interest in working to engage more in social media
- *Question asked if there is an official NAC website
 - Yes, through the City, however some information may not be current
- *Comment was made suggesting to email members updates for those not on social media
- *Question was asked if there is interest in having a summer event, for example a non-official meeting event
 - Question was asked where to meet
 - Tabled to June's meeting

Round Robin

- *Donna is running for a precinct committee position and encouraged everyone to vote in the election
- *Konnette reported that the Visioning Advisory Committee meeting was earlier in the month and the City was awarded a grant to address the brownfield site at the site of the new police building
 - Reggie mentioned that the Arbor Day trees on the south side of the new police building site could be impacted as early as this summer when early site work begins
 - Comments were made suggesting to write a letter to the City with NAC support of saving as many of those trees as possible
- *Comment was made that the southeast hill restoration site at HPMS is looking overgrown
 - Reggie has been string trimming around the NAC plants and offered to lead a NAC work party, similar to last year's, on Saturday, August 4th from 9 to 11 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05

Next meeting: Thursday, June 14th 2018, 6:30pm, HPMS library