

Highland Neighborhood Association Committee (NAC) Meeting

June 14th, 2018 6:30pm

Bridge Meadows Community Room

Social media: @HighlandNeighborhood, #fortheloveofneighborhoods

Members: Andrew Hansen, Stan Heeden, Ryan Sager, Judy Sibelman, Steve Sibelman, Donna Raagas, Eileen La Chance, Pierre La Chance, Elizabeth Buffam, Ethel Sparhawk, Andrea List, Jen Campbell

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

Presenters: Lori Leach, Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District (THPRD)

Meeting commenced at 6:41 pm by John. Attendees introduced themselves. Quorum present

Presentations

Beaverton Police Department: absent

Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue: absent

Lori Leach, THPRD:

*Independence Day concert by Brittany Kellogg is 11-1 on 7/4, a partnership with America Legion 124

*Outdoor pools preparing to open; summer camps open on 6/25

*Harman Swim Center and Elsie Stuhr Center is evaluating ADA accessibility needs

-First phase has started to evaluate construction needs

*Fishing available at Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife-stocked Bethany, Commonwealth, and Progress Lakes

*Nature camps happening at Cooper Mountain and Tualatin Hills Nature Parks

*Nature mobile going to 10 parks over summer; map and schedule available on website

*Question was asked of status of Fir Grove East Natural Area restoration

-Contractors are still working

-Looking to meet with site coordinator to get more information

*Question was asked regarding security provision in the park district between THPRD and BPD

-THPRD Park patrol works with BPD to clear out any illegal items in the park

-People can call Director of Security Operations or Park Patrol with concerns

*Question was asked of Taliesen Park regarding health of recently-installed plants and encroaching grasses and weeds on trails

-Will look into the maintenance regime

Miles Glowacki, City of Beaverton: absent

BCCI Update, Jennifer

*No new updates

General Updates, John

*Attended Social Media training for NAC leaders on June 5th

*City tabulated total 'Likes' on all NAC Facebook pages

-Highland is second-most liked behind Neighbors Southwest

-Whichever NAC has most growth in likes by 8/31 will win \$300 for their NAC

*Distributed information about upcoming summer events in the City

* Picnic in the Park is August 1st from 6 to 7:30 at Camille Park

-The NAC will receive \$300 if two neighbors volunteer to set up a table at the event and talk to people about the NACs

*As a result of the Highland NAC's nomination to the Neighborhoods USA awards for its walking event series, the NAC made it to the top 3 and won 2nd place in the country

- The only all-volunteer organization that was a finalist
- John shared about the neighborhood's accomplishments and accepted the award on behalf of the NAC
- Won \$250 for the NAC
- *On July 10th, John will present award to city council along with Five Oaks-Triple Creek NAC, who won 1st place in a separate division, about what each respective NAC has been doing
 - Five Oaks-Triple Creek was working on restoring a local natural area with THPRD
 - Beaverton was the only city with two neighborhoods as finalists

Treasurer's Report, Jeff

- *May account balance was \$3845.15
- *No transactions, so closing balance is unchanged
- *Question was asked how money is acquired
 - Various ways over the years
 - Fundraising opportunities provided by the City
 - Matching grants have allowed the NAC to be reimbursed for expenses through matching via volunteer hours and in-kind donations

Neighborhood Visioning, John

- Neighborhood clean-up event and block party, Jen and Konnette:
- *Last meeting the NAC looked at including a block party and ice cream social with the work party at Highland Park Middle School on August 4th
 - *Need to take care of rentals
 - *Weeding party is on the southeast hill near the stairs at Hyland Way
 - *Would be good to use school grounds for the ice cream social as well as parking lot
 - *Ice cream social could include a croquet party in the athletic fields
 - *Rent ice cream cart and servers
 - *Needing canopies and tables
 - *To generate pride in ownership of the neighborhood, also have litter collection
 - *Any participation in the event would qualify oneself for ice cream to ensure people are contributing
 - *A matching grant is being submitted
 - *Total cost for all events would be an estimated \$1,640
 - Volunteers are estimated to contribute a match between \$400 and \$900 via their donated time
 - Ultimate cost to NAC is estimated to be a little over \$700.
 - Ice cream service is estimated to be \$458 and serves up to 50 people
 - Price for dumpster is estimated to be \$398
 - *Question was asked of what will be allowed for disposal
 - Using model of previous Central Beaverton NAC clean-up but will include in outreach of what will be accepted
 - *The City will provide flyers or posters at no cost
 - *Reserving the school grounds is no cost
 - *Comment was made suggesting a mix of croquet and bocce
 - *A neighborhood display is being planned
 - *Comment was made suggesting to contact neighborhood program for previous contact on metal salvager at the Central Beaverton cleanup, to help divert waste from landfill
 - Looking into it with the City
 - *Question was asked how to focus on attracting most dumpsters from in the neighborhood
 - Suggestion made that neighbors outside of Highland could make a donation to NAC
 - *Question was asked of developing a relationship with local businesses to advertise at event for free rentals
 - *Andrew offered chairs and tables from Beaverton Christian Church
 - *Konnette motioned to approve a total budget of \$1,640 for the neighborhood block party and clean-up, Aaron seconded, no discussion, approved unanimously
 - *Comment was made about planning for a pet walk in the fall that had been previously discussed
 - Reggie volunteered to help organize the event
 - *John looking into dog park possibility in neighborhood with THPRD
 - *Stop sign visibility and neighborhood waste bins visioning project leadership positions open

- *Traffic calming is Jen, checking with BPD on possible solutions and has contacted commercial trucking companies using Hart as a cut-through warning of enforcement, reporting times for heavy activity and stationing officer
 - There are challenges to ordinance by trucking companies about the City managing commercial traffic on neighborhood streets
 - Unusually large trucks have been hitting and sometimes damaging trees
 - Next step after working with city attorney could be going to traffic commission
- *John proposed having July and August meetings at Beaverton Christian Church which has offered space
 - Comment made about momentum lost by September without continuous meetings
- *Jeff motioned to have July and August meetings with agendas and minutes kept, Juanita seconded, comment was made that the signs would need to be updated for locations, Jeff offered to look into ordering velcro sign attachments for switching out location, question was asked if this space is still available, approved unanimously
- *Jeff mentioned that we could consider offering childcare after a neighbor contacted him
 - Comment was made about a babysitting co-op idea, citing an example from a positive experience in another community
 - Comment was made suggesting posting on social media to gauge interest
 - Comment was made that it is a good idea but questioned if it would be widely utilized enough
 - Comment was made that this can address an equity issue by increasing services to single and working parents
 - John will look into details with the city and have a poll and even a separate poll looking to identify barriers to attending NACs

Round Robin

- *Comment was made that within a couple blocks of their house there are some abandoned cars
- *Question was asked if they have been reported
 - Yes, but nothing changed
- *Comment was made that a similar situation happened near their house but they reported it online to the City and a violation sticker appeared on the car a day later
- *Comment was made that it seems that the amount of abandoned vehicles around the city and neighborhood has increased in the last 2 to 3 years, from a regular walker's perspective
 - Link to reporting concerns: <https://www.beavertonoregon.gov/583/Abandoned-Vehicles>
- *Question was asked of status of vehicles that appear to be homes to people
 - Council just approved new ordinance regulating overnight camping
- *Reggie motioned to set date for fall pet walk to Saturday, October 13th, 2018 at 9am at Highland Park Middle School to coincide with peak fall color, Bernadette seconded, no discussion, approved unanimously
- *Reggie motioned to draft resolution to city council expressing the NAC's support for preserving as many of the 2002 and 2011 Arbor Day trees on the south third of the new Public Safety Center site, mitigating any loss of trees by planting around the 3 surrounding neighborhoods, and planting native and large, shade-providing trees around the site, to be approved by the NAC in July, Juanita seconded, comment was made in support, language should offer flexibility to the City, comment was made that costs prohibiting saving the trees should be overlooked, comment was made that a tree salvage could be required, comment was made that we are due for another meeting about the building's construction, comment was made expressing concern about dump trucks at and going to and from the site, question was asked of the status of the large sycamore tree at City Library, approved unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 8:09

Next meeting: Thursday, July 12th 2018, 6:30pm, Beaverton Christian Church