

Highland Neighborhood Association Committee (NAC) Meeting

July 12th, 2018 6:30pm

Beaverton Christian Church Room C212

Social media: @HighlandNeighborhood, #fortheloveofneighborhoods

Members: Ryan Sager, Adam Gretzinger, Katy Brumbelow

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

Presenters: L. Micetic, S. Pereira, C. West, L.t. Robinson, Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue (TVF&R); Lori Leach, Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District (THPRD), Miles Glowacki, City of Beaverton

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

Presentations

L. Micetic, S. Pereira, C. West, L.t. Robinson, Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue:

- Avoid excessive coffee and soda to reduce risk of dehydration
- Dispose of barbecue coals properly. Water in a bucket to drown the coals recommended as they can be hot for days
- Be careful with oil rags as they are flammable
- Question was asked with status of integration with Newburg fire department
 - It has been successful, with more seamless coverage and more units
- Comment was made inviting the firefighters to Highland NAC event for ice cream on August 4th from 11 to 2

Lori Leach, THPRD:

- Nature Mobiles and Nature Camps occurring around the district
 - Nature mobile coinciding with 8 of 10 free lunch sites in area
 - Veterans Memorial Park has replaced a water fountain with an ADA-accessible one with a built-in dog bowl
- Comment was made raising awareness that there is a flag drop area for retired flags at the park
- South Beaverton NAC movie night is Friday August 17th at Hiteon Park, through the City
- Question was asked about process of securing a park for such an event
 - Contact THPRD office, Brenda Peterson, ask for certificate of insurance which is provided by the City, would go over any possible fees
- Taliesen Park is transitioning to a natural space and less of a high-maintenance park
 - Park staff visited site to assess problems
 - Of the roughly 1,000 native trees and shrubs that were planted some have died off which is expected
 - A few more plantings and trail improvements may be added in the future
- Fir Grove East Natural Area:
 - Contractor is nearly complete, expected to finish by fall.
 - Removed invasive vegetation and added shrubs.
 - Opportunity for more plantings. Wanting to plant plants that combat invasives.
 - With help from volunteers there have been 50-55 gallon bags of garbage removed from the site

- Question was asked why the site has attracted litter
 - Lack of sightlines in past may have contributed
- Comment was made that the neighborhood is relatively clean with litter in parks compared to other parts of the area, and that encampments and party sites in Fir Grove East have subsided significantly since THPRD acquired it
- Question was asked of possibility to have garbage cans in the natural area
 - Maintenance would fall under the natural resources department which does not manage trash cans
- Comment was made that additional trash cans may not solve issue of intentional dumping
- Question was asked of possibility of adopting a park
 - Adopting a park in the neighborhood is a possibility

Miles Glowacki, City of Beaverton:

- Night Markets are Saturday July 21st and August 11th from 5 to 10 at the Round.
 - Recommend walking, biking, transit.
 - There will be a shuttle to various parking lots
- Street overlays begin in July and August. Highland not getting street overlays or curb cuts
- New bike racks are being installed in downtown area.
 - Adopt-a-bike rack program which local businesses can apply to obtain a bike rack
- 10 Tiny Dances is Saturday July 14th 10-1:30 around the Round
- Concert in the Round July 26th Patrick Lamb & Hip Factory, August 16th Super Sparkle
- Picnic in the Park at Camille Park August 1st, Picnic in Park and Movie Night at Carolwood Park August 2nd (movie is the Sandlot), 6 to dusk
 - Seeking two volunteers to table
 - Talking to people about the NAC's events, award, etc.
 - Juanita volunteered, John interested as well
- Movie Night at Hiteon is August 17th (movie is Cars 3)
 - Writer is attending, as well as race cars
- Question asked of status of cameras at Beaverton Hillsdale and Griffith
 - Being reinstalled to new cameras that will photograph speeders going more than 11 mph by the posted limit as allowed by law
- Comment made that turning at the Allen and 130th intersection should be limited
 - Will look into it
- Comment made that turning could be limited depending on time of day most affected due to increased traffic in one specific direction with commuters
- Comment was made that bushes along Menlo are obscuring view
- Comment was made that city is starting to form a list of intersections to evaluate for clearance concerns
- Comment was made that the NAC can provide assistance by creating an inventory of intersections
- Comment was made that sight-obscuring trees should not be cut when possible but rather pruned to raise the canopy for clearance
- Question was asked about the Allen Boulevard project
 - Still in works but hasn't had an update to the NAC since the fall
 - Was a large survey that included Allen residents
 - Will reach out to planners for updates
- Comment was made requesting regular updates about new South Cooper Mountain urban growth boundary expansion
- Question was asked about origin of two Hargis Roads, the original being in Highland and the other near Cooper Mountain
- City has licensed contractors for providing child care at public meetings

- Comment was made that with experience with previous neighborhood associations the more of a presence the NAC has the more people will attend meetings
- Addressing abandoned vehicles has moved from code enforcement to police department
- Reggie indicated he has declined to move forward with the previously approved resolution based on updated knowledge of the efforts of project organizers and will continue to follow the planning stages

BCCI Update, Jennifer: *absent*

Treasurer's Report, Jeff

- Closed at \$3,845.15 for June
- \$250 check deposited from Neighborhoods USA award but will show up on next statement
- Mailed \$240 check for ice cream but has not cleared yet
- More expenses from the clean-up event will occur in July, with reimbursement in August
- Received note that previous NAC debit card was inactive for previous 59 months and will close July 27th
 - Will let it close itself since it is no longer used
- Konnette made a motion to approve the treasurer's report, Juanita seconded, no discussion, passed unanimously

Approval of the Minutes, Reggie

- Distributed copies of May minutes
- Konnette made the motion to pass May and June minutes, Juanita seconded, no discussion, passed unanimously

Round Robin

Fall Pet walk October 13th, 10 to noon (Reggie):

- Neighborhood walk starting and ending at Highland Park Middle School (HPMS)
 - Centered around peak fall colors and pets
 - Refreshments will be available and a raffle
 - Pets optional but encouraged
- Comment was made suggesting to make it a costumed walk
- Rock The Block Party event August 4th at HPMS (Konnette):*
- Cleaning up neighborhood: Weeding party, litter pick-ups, dumpster for household waste
- Mailing going out to neighborhood soon
- Tools and donuts and coffee provided for weeding
- 40-yard dumpster, each household can dump about an item or so
- Litter to be collected from neighborhood to be redeemed for ice cream
- Raffle and informational table at main staging site
- Comment was made suggesting to advertise fall pet walk
- 10x20 canopies for recreation
- Croquet will have 6 fields
- Question was asked of water availability
 - Water will be available at each of the activities
- Beaverton Christian Church is helping provide tables, chairs, and beverage supplies
- Renting a beverage center
- Ice cream is a rental cart with 2 licensed servers
 - Non-dairy options available for lactose-intolerant people

- Need help moving tables and chairs from church to site
 - Ryan offered to help with his pick-up truck
- Call for volunteers for weeding, litter, and dumpster via social media
 - 3 for dumpster, 10 for litter, 10-15 for weeding
- Comment was made that the NAC could try to get as many volunteers as possible then find tasks for those who drop in
- Konnette motioned to increase NAC's financial commitment to the event by \$360 to a total of \$2,000 to account for additional expenses, Juanita seconded, no discussion, passed unanimously
- Comment was made thanking Konnette, Jenny, and Reggie for their work on this project
- Recycling option was not feasible due to lack of available resources
 - Metal is the biggest recyclable dumped item
 - The City is looking into contact information for a metal salvager from a previous event
- Comment was made requesting recycling informational pamphlets from any city program to give to people when dumping items
- Comment was made to take photos throughout the day to post on social media
- City is hiring a professional photographer
- John mentioned the presentation to City Council with neighborhood's award was postponed
- Reggie mentioned he is looking into possible tree planting sites for next planting season: Fir Grove School, Fir Grove East Natural Area, or continuing Channing Heights Park
 - Comment made to continue to invest in parks as opposed to schools which could be more complicated. Could be better to wait for Fir Grove East until dust settles. Recommended Channing Heights in fall, Fir Grove East in spring
 - Comment made expressing support for future plantings in Taliesen Park and Hyland Woods

Meeting adjourned at 8:02

Next meeting: Thursday, August 8th 2018, 6:30pm, Beaverton Christian Church