

Highland Neighborhood Association Committee (NAC) Meeting - Amended on 3/7/2019

January 10th, 2019 6:30pm

Highland Park Middle School library

Social media: @HighlandNeighborhood, #fortheLoveofNeighborhoods

Members: Alan Donaldson, Ethel Sparhawk, Liz Buffam, Dean Berning, Don Lane, Nancy Lane, Randy Sinn, Bernice Howe

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

Presenters: Officer Sutton, Beaverton Police Department (BPD); Lori Leach, Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District (THPRD); Abigail Elder, City of Beaverton; Miles Glowacki, City of Beaverton

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

Presentations

TVF&R Station 67: absent

Officer Sutton, BPD:

- *Upcoming document shredding event at Sunset Presbyterian Church
- *Increased traffic enforcement and speeding campaign in January and February
- *Public survey for police department available through online social media
- *Citizens Academy taking applications, starts in March
 - Participate in similar trainings that police experience
- *To request extra traffic enforcement, contact City's traffic sergeant
- *Comment was made that police representative at last month's meeting explained what drivers should do when approaching a traffic light on yellow, expressing that it's challenging to break habit of driving through intersection on a yellow if almost at intersection
- *Question was asked how body cameras work
 - Always taking footage but only stores recording if button is pressed and otherwise doesn't save
 - Able to save 30 seconds before but no audio until button is pressed

Lori Leach, THPRD:

- *New THPRD newsletter created for board sessions
- *New safe parking program, partnering with City. Safe place for people experiencing homelessness to park
 - THPRD supporting anti-homelessness efforts
- *Looking to increase access to district program scholarships.
 - Applicant can receive up to \$200 yearly stipend if meets requirements
- *Childcare now offered at Howard M. Terpenning complex (HMT) for board meetings
- *Trail on west side of Fir Grove East natural area is on land managed by City of Beaverton
 - Any new trail would be soft-surface because of the natural area status
- *High school Metro-wide swim meet to happen at HMT
- *Comment was made that large trees were all cut down on the park property on Denney Road near Fanno Creek
- *Comment was made about uneven trail surface in Fir Grove East
- *Comment was made on the need for reforestation in Hyland Woods because some trees have been removed due to the restoration and that the neighborhood was interested
- *Comment was made that the bridge at Channing Heights Park can be slippery when wet
- *Comment was made that it would benefit the public for THPRD to use an existing watering truck or acquire one to water natural area planting sites occasionally in summer, recalled that a couple of years ago there was a planting in Hyland Woods but many of the conifers died during the summer because there was no water
 - Comment was made on a separate City path that some conifers had died from lack of watering
 - Comment was made that at a local nursery Christmas trees were suffering because of the changing climate and a watering truck is needed now

Miles Glowacki, City of Beaverton:

- *Distributed information on 2018 reporting and statistics from Mayor's Office
- *City recognized nationally as one of the best places to raise a family

- * January is start of first community-wide reading program: *The Wanderers*, by Meg Howrey
 - Upcoming library events incorporating space themes. beavertonlibrary.org/events
- *Upcoming changes to Griffith Drive building for safety, court/police business, or events during court hours
- *Effective Meetings Training for NAC leaders, Feb. 5 at Griffith building from 6 to 8 p.m.
- *Recorder training Feb. 27, 6-7:30 at City Hall
 - Dinner provided at all trainings. Contact Miles to attend
- *Accepting applications year-round for boards, commissions, and NACs
- *Comment was made that the winter decorations at library were beautiful
 - NAC booth sold out of marshmallows
 - German market was a success

Treasurers Report, Jeff: *absent*

December: \$35.87 for reimbursement of food
 Ending balance: \$4,638.30

NAC Projects

Fir Grove Elementary School Little Free Pantry update, Adam:

- *NAC facilitated 5 volunteer shifts for different weeks, \$200 budget for maintaining and stocking pantry with food and sanitary supplies
- *Committed to one month as a trial
 - This is something the girl scouts would want the NAC to take on in the long term
- *Some vandalism, wildlife interactions, and strewing on ground of contents of items were observed
 - *The door was damaged and removed at one point and animals got into some of the food
- *Sheet with instructions for volunteers on clean-ups
- *May be better way to get food and items to school than leaving them outside
- *Comment was made that it would be good to support an indoor version of the pantry
- *Tax deductible receipts or reimbursement were offered to donors
- *Comment was made suggesting to consider donating to lunch debt program as well
 - Could also have donors from neighborhood match
- *School janitor has reportedly been supervising the pantry
- *Some donated foods were not very popular based on how long they were observed untouched

Tree Planting Project, Reggie:

- *Beaverton School District (BSD) has approved for 19 trees to be planted at Fir Grove Elementary School, and more as requested in yards and planting strips of houses abutting school
 - Project was proposed in August
 - 7 trees in open area west of school, 4 along south boundary, and 8 in northeast corner
- *Seeking funding through City's Neighborhood Matching Grant program
 - Distributed spreadsheets of latest estimates on project costs, in-kind donations, and volunteer participation
 - Costs to neighborhood estimated to be about \$3,000
 - Contributions from in-kind donors and volunteers estimated to be about \$5,654.16
 - Thus, all expenses would be reimbursed through grant
- *Two planting events
 - One Sunday event open to entire neighborhood, facilitated by the NAC - February 24th from 1 to 4 p.m.
 - One Monday event exclusively for Fir Grove students - February 25th during school hours
- *BSD will be submitting private utility locate requests that could be very costly and that BSD would like the NAC to help contribute to the cost, estimated to be \$1,400 to \$2,000
 - Two plans are proposed for the NAC's budget, one including funding for the utility locates and one without
 - Reggie requested to see if BSD could cover some of the expenses and to narrow the scope of the locate area
 - BSD will provide more accurate figures soon
- *Volunteers are needed from the NAC to help facilitate both events
 - Moving trees to their sites around the school on Saturday afternoon, Feb. 23
 - Setting up and taking down event on Feb. 24
 - Helping lead small groups of volunteers during the Sunday event

- Planting trees after the event that don't get planted in time
- Leading students in planting or teaching on Feb. 25
- Helping water trees during the summer using a water key provided by BSD to access spigots
 - Donna offered to help with the student planting
- *Question was asked if litter pickers could be brought, as they worked well with the Channing Heights Park tree planting event
 - Yes, the NAC will bring the one it owns
- *Question was asked if the NAC would be interested in having an Arbor Day event
 - It is a possibility, but the City already has an Arbor Day tree planting annually in April
- *Question was asked if volunteers would be able to name the trees again
 - Yes, and any names could be recorded for future tree inventory projects
- *Jennifer moved to apply \$20 from NAC for social media to promote the planting event, Donna seconded, no discussion, approved unanimously
- *Reggie moved to approve matching grant estimates and a NAC budget of up to \$3,000, Adam seconded, no discussion, approved unanimously

Approval of Minutes

- *Reggie distributed copies of the November and December minutes
- *Juanita moved to approve minutes, Aaron seconded, two corrections: in December, Reggie wasn't at meeting, so remove name. Wrong officer was listed, so remove names. Approved unanimously with amendments

Visioning Update

- Bring updates, ideas, projects, and priorities to March meeting
- *Konnette moved to approve \$10 for boosting meeting post for visioning on social media, Quinn seconded, no discussion, approved unanimously

Round Robin

- *Jennifer, Konnette, and John going to City banquet on Friday to celebrate volunteers for the City
- *Fir Grove Park natural area restoration event happening on Saturday, Jan. 26 from 9 to noon.
 - Reggie distributed fliers on upcoming Fir Grove Park volunteer opportunities, Saturdays 9 to noon on Jan. 26, Mar. 23, Apr. 13, and May 4
 - Continuing to plant native trees and shrubs and remove non-native invasive plants
 - Last time Westview High School key club and other neighbors attended, students were overheard saying they had a good time
- *Comment was made that the City should consider holding a tree code workshop, based on formatting of existing land use workshop
- *Comment was made that at the new police building construction site, 1 Douglas-fir tree from the 2002 Beaverton Arbor Day planting and 5 Oregon white oaks from the 2011 Arbor Day planting have fencing around them and appear to be preserved, out of the original approximately 40
 - Unsure about final status of remaining trees on site
 - Street trees along Hall Blvd remain unprotected and the ones along Allen now have fencing but had their root zones disturbed during early site work when shrub layer was removed
 - Still street trees along Main Avenue city cleaned up on school path
 - Arbor Day plaques appear to be gone from along Hall
- *Question was asked about a corner lot house on Hargis Road and Danielle is going up for auction - who to talk to for subdivision potential?
 - Miles will follow up
- *Question was asked if Beaverton is still offering matching grants for sidewalk repair
 - Yes
- *Question was asked about suggestions on what to do when people don't keep up with their yards or pile up work materials on the driveway
 - Recommend having conversation, if that doesn't work, consider mediation if neighbor is willing
- *Mayor held State of City, over 200 attendees, mayor mentioned Highland's walks and its award

Meeting adjourned at 8:04

Next meeting: Thursday, February 14th 2019, 6:30pm, Highland Park Middle School library