

Highland Neighborhood Association Committee (NAC) Meeting

March 14th, 2019 6:30pm

Highland Park Middle School library

Social media: @HighlandNeighborhood, #fortheloveofneighborhoods

Members: Kendal McDonald, Annie Pasbrig, Mosh Shaik

Board: John Dugger, chair, Adam Gretzinger, 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, Ryan Sager (absent), Donna Raagas, Aaron Frumkin

Presenters: Captain Eric Oathes, Beaverton Police Department (BPD); Miles Glowacki, City of Beaverton

Meeting commenced at 6:32 pm by John. Attendees introduced themselves. Quorum present

Presentations

TVF&R Station 67: absent

Captain Eric Oathes, BPD: Public Safety Center

*Police department is moving into new building April 2020

*Work being done on site currently - underground work, foundation, wiring, conduits, concrete in April 2019, steel girders in May

*Distributed schedules of construction activity and live construction camera

*73,000 square feet total

*Built for next 30 years of growth

*Earthquake supported, and can support emergency response efforts

*Comment was made inquiring about status of Shell station

-Still in negotiations but hope is that by this summer the City will acquire the property

-PacWest are owners of property

*Question was asked what the process is for condemning a building

-If the City does an appraisal the owners have to respond with a counter appraisal

-If no agreement is reached, City could file suit in court to take ownership

-Next, a judge could rule that the property can become the City's and then a negotiation for a price could proceed

*Question was asked if the Shell station had been considered to be incorporated into the campus

-The station would eventually have to be taken down and contamination would be cleaned up

-Hopefully there is minimal contamination present, but there was some clean-up work in the 1990s

-The Shell station itself was cleaned up but then leaked into groundwater

-DEQ is still monitoring movement of contaminate

-As long as it's not disturbed, it stays where it's at

-So far, construction has not come into contact with contaminate

-The City received a grant for brownfield clean-up if it did come in contact, to recap leak and mitigate

-Planting phytoremedial plants with deep roots to pull contaminants out of soil

*Question was asked about creating a pedestrian area at the current Shell site

-Will incorporate into campus, have public art

*Comment was made that it looked like there was one tree from the 2002 and 2011 Arbor Day plantings that was saved

-Five of those trees, mostly oaks, were saved

-1 Douglas-fir tree from 2002 on corner of site

-Could not save all trees due to City requirement for parking

-Arborist for landscaping advised that the Douglas-Firs would likely not transplant well so recommended removal

-Left tall one on corner, will plant a new small tree, and install commemorative plaques

*Comment was made that it was sad to see the trees go over time but appreciated the City making an effort to save some of them. Recommended planting more large-form trees and evergreens to blend with the neighborhood and take advantage of this new development opportunity

-Trees will be dug up by spade, moved to nursery for a growing season, then replanted in the following winter

-Most of the new trees planted will likely be deciduous however

*What is liability for contaminated areas

-It is believed that the oil reservoir overflowed and seeped into ground

-Shell is reimbursing for costs of removal

*Question was asked if there have been any major changes in the plans since last shared

- Plans last shared are the same
- Still ongoing discussions on community rooms
- In 2014 with first measure, \$35,000,000 sought for 90,000 square feet building was the figure, then again in 2016 the City chose to use the same figures as to not confuse people, but by then the costs had risen and the bond was underfunding the police building
- Rooms would be handled more like council chambers
- Still available for events but can only be reserved for shorter duration
- Has grant from PGE for solar arrays on roof
- Can produce 300 kilowatts of energy to offset cost
- Not going for LEED certification but are using guidelines, would save \$10k a month with energy costs
- *Question was asked about an update for the anticipated traffic
- *Only 2 ways in and out for police: Main Avenue and Hall Boulevard. Primary route is Hall, public access is from Hall
- *Question was asked about bike path improvements on west side
 - There will be a bike lane on Main on the entire property line, redoing entire sidewalk and adding street lights
 - Added bike lane on Hall
- *Comment was made that the public voted the bonds and the City promoted the building as 90,000 square feet knowing that it would not be that way, and then public rooms were cut
 - Other rooms were cut as well in downsizing
 - More community space has opened up at Griffith building on third floor
 - Courts will be expanded at Griffith building

Lori Leach, THPRD: absent

City updates, Miles Glowacki, City of Beaverton:

- *Affordable housing bond implementation update:
 - \$31,000,000 for Beaverton specifically for projects
- *2 public community conversations, April 4 and May 16 at HPMS
- *Land Use Training 101 at City Hall 4/29 6-8, email Miles to attend
 - How development code is used, how buildings look, what you can build, notices, etc.

Treasurer's Report, Jeff:

- *Opening balance \$4,414.33
- *\$44.00 reimbursement to Jeff for girl scout project
- *Card deposit of \$7.96 from Home Depot for return of an item
- *\$2,560.27 recently spent on card for Fir Grove School tree planting project
- *Need to reimburse Jennifer \$20 for social media promotion
- *Ending February balance \$1,818.02

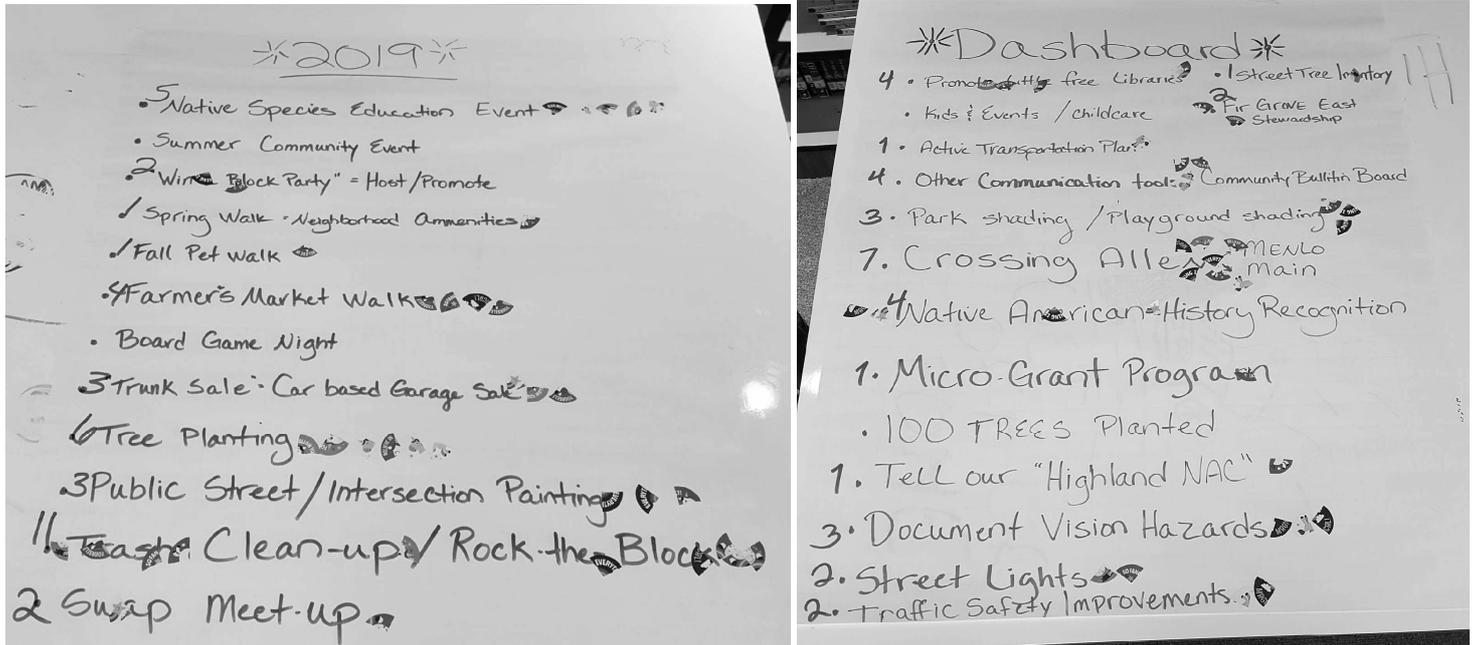
Fir Grove School Tree Planting Recap, Reggie:

- *Distributed partner organization thank you cards for members to sign
- *Thanked sponsors and neighborhood volunteers who made the project possible
- *Submitted final grant summary to City, NAC to receive reimbursement of project expenses
- *Distributed final spreadsheets of project expenses, in-kind donations, and volunteer participation
- *Total of \$3,106.13 in expenses, nearly 90% of budget spent on trees
- *\$1,056.70 in in-kind donations from volunteers and the City
- *\$4,629.54 in volunteer hours (\$23.56 per hour, at 196.5 total hours)
- *22 neighborhood volunteers attended 2/24 event, including Fir Grove principal and Beaverton High School students
- *63 third grade students from Fir Grove participated in 3/4 event (delayed a week due to weather)
- *Donna said it was fun to see third graders see value of trees to community and be engaged, followed directions pretty well, got to scoop out soil and mulch
- *Project resulted in 28 new trees, 19 of which are at the school, 8 in planting strips, and 1 in a yard
- *Comment was made suggesting to reengage students who planted to help with watering during May and June
 - Reggie will look into this
- *Comment was made thanking Reggie for his work spearheading this project

Visioning, John:

*What events should the NAC prioritize for 2019? What are non-event goals for 2019?

*Members broke up into small groups and brainstormed ideas for the two categories, then placed them on a main board. People were given stickers and selected 3 events from each category to focus on. At end, whichever events had most votes would be official priorities



Results:

*Top event priorities are a clean-up/Rock-the-Block, tree planting, and native species education event

*Top non-event priorities are addressing crossing issues on Allen Blvd at Menlo Drive and Main Avenue, promoting Little Free Libraries, implementing other communications tools such as a community bulletin board, and Native American history recognition

*Other ideas that didn't make the top list can still be implemented if someone volunteers to be the lead organizer and proposes a timeline, budget and plan

Round Robin

*Comment was made that the City's Arbor Day celebration and planting is Saturday 4/6 from 9 to noon at 142nd Avenue and Farmington Road

*Reggie motioned to approve a budget of \$250 for 2 Galaxy Magnolia street trees for 13655 SW 21st for a homeowner who was offered trees for the Fir Grove planting but wasn't able to respond in time, Donna seconded, question if it would be added to grant (not for grant because the completed grant has already been submitted), question if they are native (not native because few native trees are approved for 4' planting strips; comment was made suggesting to work with City arborist on having more native trees on planting lists), passed unanimously

Approval of the Minutes

*Reggie distributed February minutes

*Juanita motioned to approve February minutes, Jennifer seconded, no discussion, approved unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 8:41

Next meeting: Thursday, April 11th 2019, 6:30pm, Highland Park Middle School library