

Highland Neighborhood Association Committee (NAC) Meeting

April 11th, 2019 6:30pm

Highland Park Middle School library

Social media: @HighlandNeighborhood, #fortheloveofneighborhoods

Members: Kate Prakash, Puneet Prakash, Ron Tenison, Mike Hintz, Terry Hintz, Jen Fife-Adams (Sexton Mountain NAC), Marvin Houston, Liz Buffam, Ethel Sparhawk

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

Presenters: Raziah Roushan, 2D4D; Chris Ayzoukian, City of Beaverton; Miles Glowacki, City of Beaverton

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

Presentations

Officer Matt Matias, BPD:

- *4/20 car seat clinic at Kuni auto center from 9-11:30, off Cedar Hills Blvd
- *Document shred event at Sunset Presbyterian Church
- *Drug take-back event
- *Police station has drop box for prescription drugs
 - No sharps though. Instead go to a specific place
- *Police moving into new building in about 12 months
 - Go online to view live stream of the site: beavertonpolice.org
- *Chief Monger is retiring June 27, after 33 years of service
- *Police often run into people with unwanted guests in their home
 - Uptick in calls for service
 - Only thing person can do is evict them
- *Warning signs that your guest may be becoming a tenant
 - If your guest starts paying you anything for rent, you're in danger of them becoming a resident or tenant in their house
 - Guests who are receiving mail at your property
 - Guests that spend every night or most nights at your property
 - Anyone who's started moving in clothing and pets
 - Guests who you allow to make maintenance requests on your behalf
 - If someone has stayed with you longer than 14 days, hard to have police remove the person for civil and legal issues
- *Police cannot remove someone from home unless crime is being committed
- *Minimum of 30 days notice in Washington County, sometimes 60, for eviction
 - Difficult to get 24 or 72 hour notice unless something dangerous, then also call police
 - Starts at Washington County courthouse in Hillsboro
- *Help Me Home follow up report
 - Question was previously asked, could NAC help cover kits for people who can't afford it?
 - Community resource sergeant said that County won't turn anyone away, so affordability should not be a problem

C. West, L. Ryan, S. Hoffmister, R., TVF&R Station 67:

- *Local option levy vote comes up in May
- *Women's fire camp in June, Portland Fire does one in August, opportunity for young women to experience the job
- *Make sure your vegetation is correctly pruned to reduce fire risk

Lori Leach, THPRD:

- *Improved ADA accessibility at Wildwood Park
- *THPRD has 4 open positions for board of directors
 - Election forum 4/27 1-3 at Elsie Stuhr center
- *4/27 summer registration opens

- *Tualatin Hills doing visioning, visioning committee applications being accepted through 4/21
- *Spring native plant sale at Tualatin Hills Nature Park. Friends of THNP hosting annual native plant sale 4/27 10-2
- *THPRD won honored partner in public health award with Washington County for serving people with disabilities
- *KATU channel featured THPRD's inclusion services, with focus on Mountain View Champions Park
- *Various egg hunts across district
- *Cedar Hills and Garden Home recreation centers have had some partial closures for maintenance
- *Jenkins Estate concept planning, comments on that can be made online through end of April
- *Honored for Learn to Swim Program, top 10 in our territory, third in the nation behind Chicago and Los Angeles
- *Dia de los Ninos at Garden Home REC center 4/27
- *Question was asked about the THPRD board election
 - 2 new position cycles, 2 new appointments who need to run for position formally
- *Question was asked if they receive a salary
 - No, all volunteer. Potentially incidental reimburses like conferences

Miles Glowacki, City of Beaverton:

- *April is Arbor Month in Beaverton, celebrating with planting, mulching, and favorite tree program, which is restarting from 20 years ago to cultivate for more community involvement
 - Vote on 3 trees through end of month online
- *Comment was made that the Highland neighborhood used to have a "Beaverton's favorite tree", but it was cut down by a resident
- *Parking map is being released for downtown for free legal parking areas
 - City-owned lots and businesses working together
- *Question was asked about limiting painted parking spaces when more could fit
 - Business wanted them, said people don't park correctly without them
- *Affordable housing a top city priority, with metro bond for \$31,000,000 to create deeply affordable housing
- *Question was asked if any apartments at Murray and TV Highway would be affordable
 - No, private development
 - 3 affordable housing projects, the Mary Ann by Beaverton HS, Murray and Cornell vacant parcel from road widening, and another, with more coming
 - State changed law so City can spend bond money to build with private entities
- *Question was asked about building around light rail
 - Not yet, but bond just passed so more may be in the works
- *Question was asked about efforts to preserve existing affordable housing along MAX lines, such as mobile homes parks
 - City works with property owners like JMI all the time, some land may be limited for development by creeks so grandfathered in
- *Affordable housing update 5/16 at Highland Park Middle School in evening

Raziah Roushan, 2D4D, Chalk Art Festival Presentation:

- *Distributed letter to NAC requesting \$1,595 donation to cover costs for 1 professional artist and their lodging, 3 bands, and instructor's fees for 1 workshop
- *Resident in Sexton Mountain NAC and travels around country
- *Chalk art establishing in Beaverton, visioning in Beaverton from 2010 for more arts and culture events
- *Forest Grove one is only sidewalks
- *Taking over demolished Sunset Lanes parking lot
- *Street of Pastels in Italian (La Strada dei Pastelli Chalk Art Festival)
- *Street painters traveling around the country
- *Festival happening August 10 and 11 at Beaverton Mall, starting at 11 a.m. each day to around 6 p.m.
- *Artists coming from all over country
- *Hands-on activities
- *12,000 attendees anticipated
- *Question was asked how to sustain travel expenses for this event which is fleeting
 - Biggest part of budget, 30% are artist stipends
- *Question was asked if 2D4D is a charitable organization
 - Does not have 501c3 but Atlas is financial sponsor to allow for status
- *Question was asked if they could send event copy to NAC for social media
 - Have applications open online for art vendors and non-profits, musicians, performers, dancers, magicians, etc.

- *Local artists can apply, look over images, then at event 2 awards are announced, only available to emerging artists. \$250 cash and gift cards, tenants of Cedar Hills Crossing have donated gift cards. One people's choice and 1 judges' choice, artists get critique from experienced people
- *Asking NAC for \$1,595, broken down: \$1,000 stipend for professional artist, \$130 for lodging, \$300 for 3 bands, and an instructors fee
- *Comment was made that NAC would need to have voting on the agenda to approve money in May meeting
- *Chalk activity at Villasport from 1 to 4 Saturday 4/13
- *Question asked of what volunteers would be doing in association with event
 - In advance of event, volunteers help promote event, fundraising, outreach to businesses, Friday 1pm for set-up, marking squares, Saturday and Sunday starting at 7am helping vendors, crowd control, providing water, stage help, packing up for security

Chris Ayzoukian, manager of new downtown arts building, City of Beaverton:

- *Reasons for project
 - Some Beaverton residents asked for arts center and revitalized downtown
 - Social infrastructure for arts
 - Revitalize downtown Beaverton
 - Rehearsal and performance space for regional artists and arts groups
 - Increase philanthropy to the arts in Washington County
- *43,000 sq ft center, 550 seat theater, lobby, art gallery, dressing rooms, rehearsal, meeting, reception, education workshop spaces, presentation/conference room, outdoor plaza, start-of-the-art lighting and acoustics
- *A variety of on-site programming
- *About half public, half private funding
- *Question was asked what is on property now
 - Parking lot along creek
 - Parking spaces will go into parking structure, district wide garage for 350 spaces
- *Question was asked about budget of operating the facility
 - Portions of operations will be funded by ongoing lodging tax
- *Question was asked if residents would need to vote on that bond
 - No, City Council would vote, expects to vote in summer
- *Operating costs would be funded by transient lodging tax, rental fees, ticketing fees, ticket sales, concessions, private funding
- *Question was asked how this building will help the homeless
 - Times when programming would be offered that would be open to all
 - These facilities have been shown to improve the health of communities, more places to connect
 - This funding is not able to be spent on directly helping the homeless
- *Comment was made that there could be exhibits in the center and galas and fundraisers that could help the issue of homelessness
- *How suitable will the facility be for supporting the Family Promise program and warming center in cold weather
 - While rooms are meant for varying functions, not meant for shelters except emergency situations
- *Comment was made that 550-person theater seems small, and seats for high profile artists would be very expensive
 - Mountainside auditorium sits 400, Beaverton fits about 500, ACMA's fits 425
 - Formerly was at 450 seats, raised to 550 to maximize earned revenue
 - Wants to balance facility that can fill but not too small, wants intimate experience
- *Once center opens, what will governance look like, i.e. volunteer board, city appointments
 - Facility will always be owned by City, will likely be City run through lodging tax, looking at non-profit-run structure where staff will be reporting to a non-profit
- *Question was asked how will low-income people be ensured to have regular access to center
 - Range of ticket pricing, low to high cost seats, certain inventory of tickets are subsidized
 - Not every event in center will be controlled by the center, many rental events
 - Needs to link with schools in area
- *Arts card offers buy one get one tickets, a lot of non-profits honor that, and people with food stamps can get low-cost or free access to various cultural activities

Treasurer's Report, Jeff:

- *\$1,818.02 balance at beginning of month
- *\$220 expenditure from Loen Nursery for 2 street trees

- *Will issue check for reimbursement to Jennifer for Facebook ads for tree planting and visioning meeting in March
- *Miscommunication on billing for previous NAC planting project, where City's Public Works was billed \$545 for 6 trees from Loen instead of NAC. Reggie looking into this

Approval of the Minutes

- *Reggie distributed copies of March minutes
- *Konnette motioned to approve the March minutes, Ryan seconded, no discussion, approved unanimously

Visioning

- *Assigning coordinators for visioning projects
 - Trash cleanup, native species, crossing Allen, free libraries, communication board, tree planting, Native American history recognition
- *Round tabled in small groups, interests that people would like to participate in, voted on items
- *Rock The Block/Trash Clean-Up:
 - Miles and his office are available to help
 - In August 2018 there were 3 parts, the weeding by Reggie, garbage, scrap metal, and litter pick-up by Jennifer, and ice cream, tent, and croquet by Konnette
 - Jennifer and Konnette offered to help such as making reservations
- *Reggie offered to lead tree planting effort
- *Question was asked how trees are chosen for projects
 - Biodiversity, maximizing benefits, what is allowed by land authorities, what the space can fit, avoiding trees known to be prone to structural issues, diseases, and are over-represented
- *Question was asked if people could have more time to think and discuss next month on accepting a project leadership role
- *Jeff willing to lead walk across Allen to farmers market
- *Jennifer willing to lead communication bulletin boards, Reggie offered to support

Round Robin

- *Jodi Von Wright, a contractor hosting the Beaverton Night Market
- *Wants to inspire entrepreneurship and remove barriers to accessing business services
- *Performance, vendors, food, craft, art, merchandise
- *Distributed flyers to seek out vendors
- *Looking for vendors selling a product from a culture they identify with
 - Passion to share culture through food, art, craft, performance
- *Question was asked how many vendors there will be
 - 60-65 spaces
 - More applications received than spaces
 - Someone who has a desire to grow
 - Market dates are July 20, Aug 17, recruiting until May 17 when application closes
 - No space fee, scholarships available for food license, etc., language support
- *Jen Fife-Adams introduced self, Sexton Mountain NAC chair, revitalizing NAC, wanted to observe the Highland NAC
- *Question was asked how many people come to Sexton Mountain NAC meetings
 - 20 to 25 people
- *Comment was made that the Highland NAC's walks helped spur interest in meetings
- *Konnette mentioned she is on the Housing Options Project work group, answering questions about how people can build on land for accessory dwelling units. Had listening event at HPMS on 4/4, good attendance from community, set questions and received feedback, a lot of feedback from affordability and livability of area, some people pointed out that some neighborhoods were built with varying levels of housing which is not always put in to new neighborhoods today
- *Land Use Training 4/29 6-8 at Council Chambers, dinner provided, register by emailing Miles
- *Fir Grove Park work party on 4/13 from 9 to 12. Register on THPRD website
- *City of Beaverton Earth Day stewardship event on 4/20 from 9 to 12. Information on City's website

Meeting adjourned at 8:29

Next meeting: Thursday, May 9th 2019, 6:30pm, Highland Park Middle School library