

## Highland Neighborhood Association Committee (NAC) Meeting

July 11th, 2019 6:30pm

Beaverton Swim Center

Social media: @HighlandNeighborhood, #fortheLoveofNeighborhoods

Members: Annie Pasbrig, Ben Cowley (Aloha)

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

Presenters: Betina Brantley, City of Beaverton; Lori Leach, Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District (THPRD)

Meeting commenced at 6:33 pm by John. Attendees introduced themselves. Quorum present

### Presentations

*Lori Leach, THPRD:*

\*Fitness in the Park and Walk With Me events throughout July at various parks

\*Stewardship activities around the Nature Park with Friends of Tualatin Hills Nature Park group throughout summer

\*Sports equipment exchange, a free activity, at Howard M. Terpenning complex (HMT) 7/13

\*Concerts in the Park: 7/18 at Cedar Mill Park, Ashley Flynn and the Riveters

\*7/20 native gardens work party at THNP

\*7/24 concert at Jenkins Estate

\*Party in the Park at HMT, 7/27

-Games, activities, family triathlon

\*8/2 Paddleship - championship event on paddle boards with super soakers

\*8/10 all-ability triathlon

\*Big Truck Day at Conestoga, 8/3

-Cranes, fire trucks, other large vehicles

\*8/8 Garcia Birthday Band at Greenway Park

\*Fall program registration starts Saturday 8/17

-Activities guide online shortly, out in print in next week or so

\*Follow-up in concern about replacement of two trees in front of Beaverton Swim Center with turf

-Driven by budget among other factors

-Tech who works site came up with the design

-Suggesting to put things out to community more often

\*Question was asked if there is a mechanism for THPRD to take suggestions for class schedules at various recreation and swim centers?

-Not evening water aerobics, possibly others

-Programming is planned 6-9 months in advance. Need to establish if there is overall community need beyond just a couple people, then look at what programming is already offered across district

\*Comment was made expressing concern about walking path from 131st Avenue to Sorrento Road where trees were being removed because they were reportedly damaging path

-City manages that area

-May be due to similar reasons with Beaverton Swim Center sweetgum removals in front, replacing with different species

\*Comment was made about there only being one garbage bin in the Fir Grove Park area and what it would take to have an additional one

-Depends on maintenance crews and their routes and schedules, and if it's a natural area or developed park

-One on 130th is reportedly gone, but there is a new one at Iris Court entrance

-Will look into it

\*Comment was made encouraging people to not use park bins for dog waste if possible due to how heavy they get as the bags pile up, considering the public workers who have to lug the bags out, and to bring the bags back to one's own home's garbage bin to lessen the impact on public services

\*Question was asked if new THPRD board is active

-Yes, meeting 7/23, public welcome to attend starting at 7

\*Question was asked about the status of pop-up dog parks that are proposed

- Still in the works
- Looking for how to make the dog parks friendly to all users

### **Treasurers Report, Jeff**

- \*Ending balance \$3,804.30 at end of May
- \*Closed June at \$3,804.30

### *Betina Brantley, City of Beaverton:*

- \*Rhonda Groshong is new interim police chief, been with department since 1995
  - Previous chief Jim Monger retired
- \*Willamette Water Supply Program
  - Beaverton is now an owner
  - Designed to increase flow of water to the Tualatin Valley from the Willamette River
  - Opening 2026
  - ourreliablewater.org
- \*10 Tiny Dances 7/13 10-1 at City Park
- \*7/20, 8/17 Night Market
- \*7/25 6-7:30 Picnic in the Park at Greenway Park
- \*7/28 Beaverton Bee Fest at Beaverton Main Library
- \*Comment was made requesting more information be shared from the city such as land use policy updates and proposed developments
- \*Comment was made about trees and buildings being cleared out of construction site at 2nd Street and Lombard Avenue
- \*Groundbreaking on parking garage for arts center
  - Working on new parking plan for the long-term
  - Utilize 9-5 businesses for afterhours public parking program

### **Visioning**

- \*Konnette distributed papers detailing a 3 part event series - "Highland Neighborhood Natural Gardening"
  - Follows the Backyard Habitat Certification Program guidelines
  - Part 1: Invasive and native plants in your garden
  - Part 2: Pesticide reduction, stormwater management and wildlife habitat
  - Part 3: Getting ready for certification; education and volunteers
- \*Contacted Briita Pajunas, Tualatin Water and Soil Conservation District, and Susie Peterson, Columbia Land Trust
- \*Focus on adult population
- \*Monday October 14 at 5:30 p.m.: Invasive and native plants. January would be pesticide reduction and stormwater management and wildlife habitat. April would be certifying backyard, what it would take
- \*Question was asked if all three events would be indoors
  - Yes, but still would need to determine venue
- \*Would also take advantage of one of the NAC's free mailings
- \*Comment was made that we could lump all events and dates together in a single mailing in September
- \*Comment was made that they had talked about a native plant giveaway previously, would work out in January to get bare root plants ordered, Reggie would volunteer to look into this
- \*Event may not have as much volunteer involvement to get matching grant money back
- \*Would like to have volunteers purchase native plant books to fundraise
- \*Question was asked about signs to promote event, like at tree planting
  - \*Attracting a certain amount of people, people must register beforehand to ensure capacity isn't passed
- \*Comment was made that the NAC has 2 signs and permanent markers, could reach out to previous volunteers who decorated signs
- \*For the Native American History and Recognition visioning goal, Reggie proposed to consult with a representative from the Grand Ronde community to find a Kalapuya or other indigenous name for Fir Grove East, and formally propose it to THPRD
  - Reach out to David G. Lewis, PhD who has done presentations to the Beaverton Historical Society
- Park would have "Woods" in name
  - No other indigenous park names in the area that we're aware of

- \*Comment was made about the Plains-Falls Road trail, if there's a name
  - \*Comment was made to ensure that there is a plan to improve it
    - Plan is to build a loop trail eventually
  - \*Adam offered to support this by providing contacts
  - \*Konnette moved to have Reggie investigate possibility of naming property an indigenous name, Adam seconded, no further discussion, approved unanimously
  - \*John is looking into 2-3 more Little Free Libraries for around the neighborhood
  - \*Making proposal for next meeting. Needs ideas for locations. Volunteers on social media? Keep it in the NAC?
- Application process?
- \*Comment was made that it should be visible and near someone who will be home daily so people can keep eyes on it, and to put it out to community for involvement
  - \*Question was asked if we know where all current ones are
    - If purchased through Little Free Libraries, then there is a map, but may be voluntary information only displayed
  - \*NAC would do initial allotment, then at an event with volunteers such as tree planting, the group could tie the installation in with the event
  - \*Comment was made in support

### **Approval of minutes**

- \*Reggie distributed June minutes
- \*Konnette moved to approve June minutes, Jeff seconded, no discussion, approved unanimously

### **Round Robin**

- \*Elections in October for officers and board positions
- \*John working with neighbors to change city policy on tree preservation, looking into best practices and solutions, meeting with mayor's office soon, if interested in participating let them know
- \*Comment was made that the visioning process restarts in 2021 and there will be a new visioning process for the City
- \*Would like to identify sites around city that need trees, for example
- \*Prioritizing keeping what we have instead of cutting it down
- \*Comment was made requesting to have a program that helps people plant trees in their yards
- \*CatalystNW.org: started in Highland, helping people who can't help themselves with things like home maintenance, helping two elders maintain their house off of Allen. 7/26-29, volunteer shifts available, over Friday-Monday
  - Don't have to be skilled, there will be a contractor on site who will teach people
  - If not comfortable doing the work, you can still chip in with a donation to help pay for the new products

Meeting adjourned at 7:34

**Next meeting: Thursday, August 8th 2019, 6:30pm, Beaverton Swim Center, 12850 SW 3rd St**