

Highland Park Neighborhood Association Meeting
Thursday June 11th at 6:30PM
Online meeting

Meeting opened at 6:35 PM: Adam Gretzinger opened the meeting with the following board members present representing a quorum: Konnette Etheredge; Recorder, Reggie Frumkin; Vice Chair, Adam Gretzinger; Chair, Annie Pasbrig; Media and Ryan Sager. Miles Glowacki; city advisor, Lori Leach, THPRD representative and Police Capt. Eric Oathes were also present. A moment of silence was held in memory of George Floyd whose death has resulted in community protests and calls for change related to community policing.

Beaverton Police/Public Safety Report – Captain Eric Oates, Public Safety Building Project Manager

- Public Safety Building 90% of the construction is completed. Interior work remains with furnishings arriving daily. The move to the new building is expected to be in mid July. Due to Covid -19 restrictions, Virtual Open house tours are being planned
- Beaverton Police Department Changes Residents posed questions regarding recent events and the related call for changes. Officer Matias is working and unable to sign in to the NAC meeting. Captain Oathes voiced recognition of community concerns. The Beaverton Police Department is reviewing all of its policies. There is a push in the community to adopt the tenets of “Eight Can’t Wait” initiative. The aim of these is to reduce use of force and there is a feeling that these would be positive changes. The tenets of this program include: 1) Situational De-escalation, 2) required warning before shooting 3) Banned use of choke and strangle holds 4) All alternatives exhausted before firing 5) Duty to intervene 6) No shooting at moving vehicles, 7) Use of force continuum and 8) Required comprehensive reporting. The department has reviewed current policy in order to assess alignment and BPD Policies are on the city website for comparison. The department is concerned and wants to be involved and transparent and realizes we can do more.
- Resident questions and comments:
 - Annie thanked Captain Oathes for sharing and expressed sadness for the Minnesota community where she recently lived just 5 blocks from where Mr. Lloyd died. She would like for the captain to return and present more information. Anne had a question regarding the percentage of the city budget provided to the police department. She would also like to hear more information about the “Eight Can’t Wait” program and the BPD policy alignment with it. She was surprised we are not further along with adopting it. She wondered if BPD officers are required to live in Beaverton or in the county? What is the review process for use of force and are disciplinary actions public information. Also, as Portland is pulling school resource officers from schools, what discussions are happening in Beaverton? What is working now with the program and what needs to be better?
 - Captain Oathes responses to Annie’s questions: Officers are not required to live in the city or county. Use of force policies can be viewed online. The DA determines what information is public record. However, individual personnel files are generally not considered public record. The Chief, School assigned officers and School District staff met with school officials yesterday to determine next steps. Captain Oathes will try to find information related to percent of budget which is designated to the police department.
 - Annie points out that overall the Beaverton community has had good experiences with the BPD but that was true in Minnesota as well. There are racial profiling examples in Beaverton

- such as pullover incidents and requests to search which indicate the problem is here as well Captain Oathes agrees, we can do better.
- Reggie had questions about addressing the problems of homelessness and lack of mental health services by city budget reallocations from the police department. Could mental health professionals be included as first responders? Also can other models of policing be considered which have been proven effective and consider cost? Captain Oathes comments that it would be a great help to have mental health professionals to work with police. Police have limited training in handling of those problems and are not trained clinicians. Over time services have been cut leaving few options. Now, if they are a danger to self or others, police options are to take them to the hospital which is also unfunded. Funds to help with this would be great. Currently there are 3 clinicians who work with police. They work 40 hours per week caring for individuals in crisis. It is important to have these conversations. This budget is due to be submitted this Wednesday. However Captain Oathes will pass this on
 - Konnette wondered about the Police department's use of the conflict resolution program. Captain Oathes explained this is a city program which they refer to. Konnette also asked about the fallout around the closure of Hooper program, Captain Oathes reported there has been no replacement of this service. Police can bring them to the county Jails which are required to act as sobering stations but space is very limited so the next option is to take them to ER which is also ideal. Over time services and facilities have been defunded and options are not available. Adam asked if refunding of Hooper be requested. Captain Oathes explained that 3 counties had jointly paid for those services but the not for profit program made the decision to close this part of their services. As a nurse Konnette concurred that acute treatment of impaired adults is not well handled by ER departments and a bigger solution is needed.
 - Ryan asked about a 2018 case that is just coming to conclusion regarding the assault of an individual in custody by a deputy. Why the delay? As a county case, Captain Oathes was also unaware of the case until recently and was horrified at the incident.

Tualatin Hills Parks and Recreation District (THPRD) Report - Lorie Leach

- **Summer camp:** This event will be scaled down to 10 kids per session with appropriate outdoor activities at Mountain View, Riverdale and Raleigh Hills
- **Summer registration :** This begins Saturday with online , phone and in-person registrations. Offerings on ability to comply with Covid -19 restrictions and phase of opening. In person registration will be held at the Walker Road facility from 8a-10a.
- **Pool openings:** Opening of the pools will be based on phase II opening and ability to comply with restrictions with larger facilities likely to open first.
- **State opening of volunteer events/ other activities** Scheduling of volunteer events such as the NACs plans for the Tailiesen weeding party have been slowed due to park district furloughs of regular and part time staff. There are details not yet worked out about how the staff would be brought back. Lori will check with the park staff on the NACs anticipated project. It is also uncertain when Park playgrounds and equipment will be available pending State guidelines. Resumption of activities is being based on assignment to Covid reopening phases and this is changing as we learn more.
- Online information: Summer camp, Coronavirus Restrictions/information, and virtual recreation offerings are all on THPRD.org.

- Resident questions/comments:
 - Other states have moved to phase III; where are we at? June 22nd is the earliest Washington County could move to phase II. There are spikes in cases that have been noted in other states that we are watching.
 - Are there senior activities being planned? No activities are being planned as this time but they are under discussion.

NAC Event/Project Reports

- **Annie -**
 - **NAC Facebook**- This page is where most updates and event information is posted. Content is chosen and posted by board members and by city staff.. Also posted is the agenda to this meeting.
 - **Other media options**- The Next Door app and city email list are also used for postings. This meeting's video will also be uploaded to Youtube.
 - **What is helpful? What would you like to see?**- Some members expressed that they are not on Facebook. They would like to see more of a presence on NextDoor--specifically for upcoming events, volunteer opportunities and meetings, and anything else that might be helpful at a neighborhood level. There is some difficulty with the amount that Highland NAC can be involved on Nextdoor because of its moderation policy. Others want to receive more updates via email. People would like to continue to have a dial-in option once we go back to in-person meetings to help people with little kids at home - Also is there a potential for an area for kids at the meetings? Is there a potential to use Instagram in the future? People are encouraged to like, comment and share social media posts because it creates a larger footprint, lets more neighbors see the information and is free advertising.
- **Reggie-**
 - **Tree maintenance event-** _ This fall event would partner with the school district to clear tree wells, trim damaged trees, and add wood chips to wells.
 - **Tree planting event-** This event is tentatively slated for November 15th from 1p-4p and would focus on -Facebook page is where most updates and event info is posted. Content is chosen and posted by board members as well as the city. Also posted the agenda to this meeting on NextDoor App as well as through the city email list. This video will also be uploaded to Youtube. -Is what is being posted on social media helpful to the neighborhood? What would you like to see? -Some members expressed that they are not on facebook. They would like to see more of a presence on NextDoor--specifically for upcoming events, volunteer opportunities and meetings, and anything else that might be helpful at a neighborhood level. There is some difficulty with the amount that Highland NAC can be involved on Nextdoor because of its moderation policy. -Want to receive more updates via email -People would like to continue to have a dial-in option once we go back to in-person meetings to help people with little kids at home -Also the potential for an area for kids at the meetings? -Potential to use Instagram in the future? -People encouraged to like, comment and share social media posts because it creates a larger footprint, lets more neighbors see the information and is free advertising. Wilson Park. This area had been an orchard and several large oaks have been removed.

- **Motion Made-**A move to form a tree planting sub-committee was made and seconded. There was no further discussion and a voice vote passed unanimously. Those wishing to volunteer contact Reggie
- **Konnette-**
 - **Summer Event Venues -** Permission to use venues for the summer events has been thwarted by school district and THPRD closures due to Covid -19. Initial contacts were made prior to state wide closures but efforts to contact the responsible parties after phase I was not successful. The middle school will be under construction and so is unavailable. Fir Grove is not booked but the district had not been allowing reservations. A message has been left with Andrew at the Beaverton Christian Church as a backup. Konnette will continue to make contact.
 - **Grant submission-** The grant for the event has been submitted. Miles will check up on it's status.
 - **Dumpster Day-** The dumpster is left over a week end and a covered option may be needed to be found according to the district.
 - **Weeding party -** The HOA has agreed to partner with us on this project. Konnette will meet with Michelle Sinn the HOA landscape board chair to define the project area and other project details this Saturday.

City of Beaverton- Miles Glowacki

- **Covid Restrictions-**
- **Council Report –** The City council conducted their last meeting online and passed a resolution regarding the city's stance on racism and inclusiveness. The newly approved City Charter takes effect June 18th and transition plans will be discussed on June 23rd. Mayor runoff election will occur in November
- **Emergency preparedness-** A focus on emergency preparedness t the Neighborhood level is planned. Board members should look for an informational email soon.
- **Night Market Plans-** The market is still planned for August 14th and 15th but this year will be a "Virtual" market which will include panels, videos, and craft kits to go among other things. Please check out the city website.
- **City buildings reopening-** It is anticipated that city buildings will reopening in a restricted capacity at the end of June. Large meetings will still be in a virtual format. Additional details pending.

Roundtable-

- **Adam –** Meeting venue for July is being planned and may be outside
- **Annie-** Thanks to city staff for help with arraigning our virtual NAC meeting. Public outreach is important now especially in our black communities. (Miles notes that the city cares about how it supports diversity through the city's diversity committee and manager.)
- **Reggie-** Agrees with the need to build bridges and community and the need for better outcomes
- **Terry-** Terry is eager for the Library reopening (Miles comments that this is part of phase one which is anticipated June 12th. Currently "Soft Curb" services for the vulnerable available. Check the website for updates.)
- **Konnette -** Be prepared! Konnette will ask for volunteers at the next meeting

- **K8**- Likes the dial in option especially with child care issues (Adam reports kids are welcome!)
- **Linda** - Linda has not previously attended will come again and tell neighbors.

Minutes – Adam asked that we address the approval of the minutes of February and March. _Annie moved that we approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and there was no further discussion. The minutes were approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM. Next meeting is on July 9th at 6:30 PM at a site TBA