

Highland Park Neighborhood Association Meeting
Thursday February 6th at 6:30PM
Highland Middle School Library

Meeting opened at 6:32 PM: Adam Gretzinger opened the meeting with the following board members present representing a quorum: Juanita Coparanis, Konnette Etheredge, Reggie Frumkin, Adam Gretzinger, Bernadette Le, Jennifer Lee, Annie Pasbrig and Ryan Sager. Betina Brantley city advisor, Lori Leach, THPRD representative and Police Officer Steve Matias also present along with our speaker Greg Creager from the THPRD.

Beaverton Police Report – Officer Steve Matias

Crime report : The 2020 January Crime Report was distributed and showed an increase for total crimes from 20 in 2019 to 33 this past month. It is too early to suggest this increase is a trend.

Car Seat Clinic: This month's Car Seat Clinic will be Feb. 15 at Kuni Auto.

Coffee with a Cop: The next coffee event will be held 3/7/20 from 10AM to 12PM at Brickhouse Coffee.

Online Crime Reporting: Non-violent crimes such as car burglaries, package thefts, stolen bikes and the like can be reported via a form found on the Beaverton Police website. This also allows a case number to be assigned for insurance purposes. <https://beavertonpolice.org/DocumentCenter/View/81/Citizen-Crime-Report?bidId=>

Hooper Center Closure Update: The Hawthorne Center is providing resources for persons in contact with the police who need help in their addictions and living situations but are not currently impaired. The Washington County center is open 7 days per week on a walk in basis and can connect people with mental health resources, addiction medical services, and suicide prevention and is connected with the Washington County Crisis line. Police will continue to evaluate impaired persons who may need emergency attention on a case by case basis and assist with getting them the resources they need.

Active Police Activity Updates Questions were asked about recent siren and police activity which occurred with attempts to contain a fleeing suspect. As per our last meeting, this type of activity is standard procedure and helps to contain suspects in a timely manner. This recent activity stems from 3 separate events involving the same person who is no longer a threat. Citizens are advised to stay inside their home during these events. For those who feel they may be in immediate danger, 911 and reverse 911 calls have been used as tools. With reverse 911 calls, public safety staff phones citizen residence(s) to alert occupants of localized threats. 911 texts are now available too. This is used in cases where someone is hiding or not wanting to alert someone they are calling for help, such as when there is an intruder or a domestic violence situation. If citizens are not in immediate danger, the non-emergent police line may or may not be able to give limited information.

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

THPRD Upcoming Events :

- **Parents Night Out:** This event is held on 2/14/2020 at the Beaverton Swim Center from 5:00pm to 9:30PM
- **Zumba – Cultural Celebrations :** Two Zumba classes will be held at the Conestoga Aquatic Center with a cultural focus. Classes will be held at 6:30 to 7:30 PM on 2/13/20 and 2/27/20.
- **Census 101 information sessions:** There will be 3 information sessions held in Spanish regarding the US census. The 1st session will be held on 2/19/20 from 6:30 to 8:00pm at the Garden Home Recreation Center. The 2nd session will be 2/22/20 from 11:00- 1:00pm at

Conestoga Aquatic Center. The 3rd Session will be 2/25/20 from 6:30-8:00pm at the Cedar Hills Recreation Center

- **Spring/Summer Registration:** Spring Classes Registration begins 3/7/2020. Summer Registration begins on 4/18/20. Look for mailers or check on line for more information
- **Tualatin Aquatics Center Swim Meet-** The Center will be closed for a swim meet will to be held March 5-8. Check online for times. Meet for Middle School and High School age swimmers
- **Volunteers for Community Garden Clean Up-** A work party is scheduled for 2/15/20 from 9:00 to 11:30 AM

THPRD Natural Landscape and Trails – Greg Creager

- **Fanno Creek Flooding -** THPRD is working on control of Fanno Creek flooding in Greenway park.
- **Highland Wood Dog control-** Resident Complaints about dogs running free add owners not picking up after they stool. This occurs in an area near an apartment complex. Greg reports that the free range activity has decreased and he will speak with the Apartment Manager about information to residents regarding cleaning up after their pets.
- **Talisen Park-** At this point there is no plan to connect up trails passing through Talisen Park. In answer to last month's question the Northern natural areas are part of the park.
- **Fir Grove East-** Recent work on the park has included Invasive plant removal and restoration of trail sight lines. Over 50 bags of debris also were removed. This coming summer removal of Invasive cherry trees is slated. Naming of the park using a Native American title was discussed. The communication with the tribal confederation indicates that a list of vetted indigenous names has been established for this purpose and THPRD has a naming process. Lorie will follow up on next steps. Signage can then follow. There is no plan for developing interior trails but the NAC can continue to look into this.
- **Fir Grove Park-** A planting event of bare root shrubs is slated next Saturday from 9am to 12pm.

City of Beaverton- Betina Brantley

- **Renter / Landlord Forums-** A Renters Rights forum, sponsored by the Fair Housing Council of Oregon, will be held 2/12/20 from 6:00 to 8:00PM at the Beaverton Library. The training will help renters understand Fair Housing laws, and what to do if these rights are violated. The training is facilitated in English and other languages by request. Dinner and childcare are provided.
- **The Landlord Forum:** This series continues to occur monthly through May and is hosted by the Westside Crime Prevention Coalition for local landlords. Upcoming forums are Wednesday, February 12, March 11 and April 8 at 6:30 p.m. at PCC Willow Creek (241 SW Edgeway Drive in Hillsboro). Training sessions are 90 minutes and cover a wide variety of topics. Landlords will learn how to better manage their rental property and how to partner with local law enforcement.
- **Free Tax Assistance-** Tax assistance for low income residents is being held at the Griffith building . 1/29/2020 to 4/15/2020 Tuesday thru Friday from 8am to 3pm and on Saturdays from 9AM to 4PM on a walk in basis. The program has helped Beaverton residents take advantage of the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). For more information and a list of documents to bring with you visit www.BeavertonOregon.gov/taxprep.
- **Nonprofit Volunteer Fair-** To attract much needed help for non-profit organizations, a volunteer fair is being held at the Beaverton Library on April 18th from 10am to 1pm . There is no cost to participate. Learn more and apply online at www.BeavertonOregon.gov/VolunteerFair or contact the Neighborhood & Events program at 503-526-2559. Non profits wanting to participate can still apply until 3/9/20 at 5:00 pm.

- **Beaverton Tree Canopy** – Evaluation of the area canopy is being planned so that loss or improvement of the city canopy can be determined.
- **Participation dollars**- The NAC will receive 100\$ for Jen Lee’s participation at the Christmas Tree Lighting event.
- **Tree Removal**- The white oaks removed across from Vose School were removed because of the Safe Sidewalks project and Storm Water improvement project
- **Purple Pipe Project** - Comments regarding the installation of a Non-Potable H2O system for city water conservation will be accepted until 5:00pm 2/14/20. Installation of “Purple Pipes” would help to conserve Potable water supplies. The alternative pipe system would allow channeling of non-potable water to areas currently and unnecessarily using potable water sources. This is being considered by the planning commission as part of the city’s climate change initiatives.
- **Traffic Commission Procedures** – Traffic Commission Procedures Policies related to traffic calming to be reviewed by the BICC amidst concerns by resident related to increased traffic concerns.
- **Neighborhood Food Pantry**- The Beaverton Christian Church has applied for a permit to host a Food Pantry.

Treasurer Report/Minutes- Adam Gretzinger- On behalf of the treasurer, the chair provided the NAC treasurer report. The end of January balance was 3287.67. January minutes draft and attendance sheets were distributed. The January minutes were approved as written

Roundtable- Adam solicited ideas for speakers and topics for future meetings which include Allen project update and Transportation Planning updates. Jen will follow up on the planning for this event. There will be a date proposed for the Rock the Block event. The event this year will be pared down to the dumpster and ice cream cart events. Reggie reported on the Tree planning Activities. These include plantings for this year in Wilson Park, Large trees in Fir Grove and Hyland Neighborhood in 2021. It was suggested that the NAC develop Urban Tree education for the neighborhood and possible include in the Welcome packet. Use of City Arborist is possible for those concerned about tree health. Konnette reported that the final Native plant work shop is coming up on April 13th. This will cover the Backyard Habitat Certification process.

Candidate Introduction- Alison Tivnon, who is running for city council position #4 introduced herself to the NAC.

Charter revision - A NAC resident had questions regarding a newspaper report on the proposed city charter revisions. A council vote on the revisions has passed and the charter will be up for a vote in the May elections. Discussion ensued regarding the major changes to the charter. Copies of the draft are available on line. Betina read the following official statement from city officials regarding the charter draft under consideration:

“A series of council work sessions and public hearings held during open public meetings has resulted in a draft of a new city charter which — if approved by city voters — would replace Beaverton’s current charter. A presentation that provides an overview of the draft changes is available at www.BeavertonOregon.gov/citycouncil. Questions and comments should be directed to the City Recorder at citymail@BeavertonOregon.gov.”

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM. Next meeting is March 12th at 6:30 PM at the Highland Middle School Library