

Minutes to be reviewed and approved at the April 14, 2011 Highland NAC meeting.

Highland Neighborhood Association Committee (NAC) Meeting March 10, 2011 7:00PM

Chairman Tammy Bass opened meeting 7:05 pm.

February minutes were approved.

Officers Defrain and Deputy Chief T. Merritt spoke on promoting the possibility of a new police building to be built. This was a public awareness approach for the BPD. They currently only have 1/3 the space needed and there has been a 176% growth since moving into the City Hall building. The goal is safety for police and the community. They will have police all located in the same building, getting rid of leased buildings. There is no known budget or dates, but an awareness campaign for city counsel, the mayor, building committee, NACs and the residents of Beaverton. A tour of the current building will be set for next month and announced to the NAC board.

Treasurer's report - Craig Bass: \$2,661.64 balance. \$1,250 will go to the 2011 scholarships.

BCCI report - Lirra Conrad: NAC outreach subcommittee wants to rebrand NAC with a new name to be more city of Beaverton oriented by name. A common misconception is that the NAC's are homeowner associations.

The Land Use subcommittee has no new information on bill HB2001. The city counsel wants feedback on the civic plan. Upcoming events are the International sustainability project, Pooches on the Green and a car seat clinic.

HNAC now has an actively used Facebook page at facebook.com/highlandneighborhood.

Rebecca Fitzsimmons and Councilman Marc San Soucie, guest speakers, spoke on Solar Beaverton. It is to encourage sustainability initiatives and make a simple and affordable process for Beaverton residents to install solar panels. The goal is to have 220 additional homes using solar power to offset electrical costs. They are \$5.50 per watt, the lowest price in the state. There would be both federal and state level tax credits available. The City of Beaverton is providing workshops for residents to learn more about the solar program.

Gayle Schula spoke on the Sister City program. International students ages 18-24 are going to be part of a sustainability project July 17-August 5. There are 30 who need host families. It is all volunteer and requires transit use. The sister cities are in France, Germany, Russia, Taiwan and South Korea.

Scholarship update: Several applications were picked up from the school. Will report at April's meeting and inform the school of names chosen.

Upcoming events: The mayor will be coming to present the State of the City Address to the Highland NAC - possibly in May.

Highland NAC is attempting to compile names of all small businesses within its boundaries. This compiled list would enable people from the neighborhood be aware of the business offered within the neighborhood.

Future matching funds: There is a proposition for a few community bulletin boards around the neighborhood.

New business: It was proposed that an additional street light be put in at Fir Grove park. PGE will be contacted to gather information on if it is possible. Once info has been gathered a determination will be made if a light would be feasible.

The NAC board is looking into the costs of producing small signs to hang under the current "Highland NAC" signs to bring awareness to the NAC's Facebook page. Facebook pages were developed by the City of Beaverton for each NAC and is a place for residents to learn of items and information within their neighborhood.

The Chevron gas station on the corner of Murray and Allen has been torn down and will be replaced by the same owner with a more pleasing and environmentally friend service station and food mart.

Meeting adjourned 8:40 pm

Respectfully submitted by Hanna Menzel, Jr. Board Member