

Highland NAC – Meeting Minutes 06/09/2016

In attendance:

Jeff Menzel – Treasurer (recorder this meeting)

Reggie Frumkin – Board member

Juanita Coparanis – Board member

Sharon Hoffmeister – THPRD

Nathan Maycock – Beaverton Police Dept.

Aaron Frumkin, John Dugger, Robin Senn, Tim Lohman

7:00 PM – Meeting opened – Jeff Menzel (filling in for absent Chair Michael Dillon) - Welcome to group and introductions.

Approval of May meeting minutes – Minutes posted late, unable to approve.

Treasurer's Report - -Jeff Menzel – Beginning balance - \$2,979.25. Expenditures for Fun Run/Walk - \$532.51; Mason Bee Project – \$67.62; Misc. Poster Presentation Board – \$15.56. Revenue from Fun Run/Walk T-Shirt sales - \$123.00. Ending balance \$2,486.56.

Beaverton Police Dept. Officer Maycock – Presented info on upcoming child car seat clinics and document shredding events. General discussion about various police activity in and around our neighborhood. Special precautions about July 4th and firework safety.

Presentation – Reggie Frumkin – Highland Park Middle School trail and hill project – Restoration, cleanup and tree planting on the grassy area of Highland Park Middle School on the SE side of property on Hyland Way. Students and walkers utilize this trail and stair-stepped area to gain access to the school and is in need of restoration. Reggie has done extensive planning and coordinating to transform this area into a safer pedestrian foot-traffic right of way. In addition, cleanup and removal of invasive species (blackberries, trees, etc.) will take place by a coordinated work party provided by Washington County taking place June 13 & 14. Highland NAC volunteers will then work under Reggie's direction on **Saturday, July 9th, 9:00 am until about noon beginning with the trail and path improvements. All neighborhood residents are invited and encourage to participate.** Many tools (rakes, shovels, etc.) will be available – please bring work gloves. Future volunteer work parties will be announced for the replanting of this area with approx. 180 trees. Also, the Highland NAC previously approved a budget of up to \$300 to buy supplies for this project. As funds are spent and volunteer hours accumulated, Reggie will apply for grant money by application to the City of Beaverton Neighborhood department.

Sharon Hoffmeister – THPRD – Sharon brought the Highland NAC up to date on THPRD activities and upcoming events – including the Concerts in the Park events schedule. Thank you to Sharon for her ongoing support and participation with Highland NAC.

Update – Fir Grove East / Narzareen Park project development – Due to early season high temperatures, THPRD has determined that it is necessary to use herbicides to combat the invasive plants and trees within the developing park area. Previously, volunteer work parties had been scheduled to remove these invasive species. The supplement of spraying, rather than pulling, will keep this project on track.

Update – Reggie Frumkin also brought to the groups attention that the natural area of Fir Grove Park (22nd & 130th) is also in need of invasive removal. The group agreed that once our other active project is nearing completion we should turn our attention to this area for restoration.

Update – With the tremendous success of the 5K Fun Run/Walk (organized by Lindsey Lewman with nearly 90 participants) a fall event will also be planned. This too will focus on historic and tree-related highlights of our neighborhood and also will encourage the inclusion of walking your dogs. This event likely to occur late September or early October.

Update – For those that were unable to attend the Fun Run/Walk, the route map with highlighted points of interest can be found on the Highland NAC Facebook page.

Meeting adjourned – 8:45 PM