

Highland Neighborhood Association Committee (NAC) Meeting

March 9th 7pm

Highland Park Middle School library

Board members: Lindsey Lewman, chair, Jeff Menzel, treasurer, Aaron Frumkin, Juanita Coparanis, Reggie Frumkin

Attendees: Steven Hall, Faith Winters, John Dugger, Quinn Simpson, Alina Micka, Paul Micka

Presenters: Lori Leach of Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District (THPRD), Officer Mandi Defrain of the Beaverton Police Department (BPD), Todd Hepp of EasternWestern Corporation (EW)

Meeting commenced at 7pm

Chair approved R. Frumkin as interim recorder

Presentations:

TV F&R: Absent

Lori Leach, THPRD:

Aquatics

*Women-only swimming (and kids under 5) on Sundays at various swim centers

*"Free first Fridays"

Design & Development

*SW Community Park: 600+ name suggestions that are being considered, closed through fall 2017

*Westside trail segment Rock Creek-Kaiser Rd, connecting to Hansen Ridge: being worked on this spring/summer

*Metro trail grant approved 3.7mil to construct 1.5 mi portion in downtown Beaverton

*Structures on properties being demolished: Winkelman Park, Lilly K Johnson natural area

*Howard M Terpenning pool will be shut down in fall to save money, perform maintenance

*Master signage plan to replace all signs in district, process moving along

*Fifth Street park had fence replacement

*Elsie Stuhr garden arbor

*Greenway Park playground to be replaced April to July 2017

Natural resources:

*Increased number of volunteers

*THPRD received budget award for transparency and public communication

General:

*Spring registration started March 4th, summer registration starts April 22nd

*Starting June 4th no credit cards accepted over phone: just call the facility if need assistance paying

Juanita and Reggie expressed interest in salvaging old "Hyland Forest Park" sign.

Officer Mandi Defrain, BPD:

*Car seat clinic (installation by certified technicians), March 18th 9-noon at Kuni Auto Center and April 1st, same hours but at BPD building

-Important to check that seat isn't compromised

*Shredding event postponed to summer

- *Crime stats: not much crime - increase of burglaries from January to February.
 - Uptick citywide in burglaries from vehicles - people on foot taking advantage of unlocked car doors
- *BPD trying to balance how much information is being released, specifically in mapping exact locations of crimes
- *Make sure front of house is well-lit
 - Suggestion was made of city improving street lighting in darker areas
- *Be familiar with your neighbors for extra safety
- *Question was asked, who can be contacted on property unsightliness/what can the NAC do to address unsightliness?
 - Code enforcement, but only have limited resources to deal with immediate hazards to health and safety. Instead, have polite conversation with neighbor; if escalation occurs, call and make complaint.
- *Suggestion was made of requesting more code enforcement resources from the city.
 - Neighbors aren't always interested in being neighborly and compliant, but dispute resolution can be an option if both parties are agreeable.
- *Issue was mentioned of cars, particularly business vehicles, parked longer than code allows on the street.
 - BPD and code enforcement have different resources for dealing with issues - more of code enforcement, but owner can be issued citations.
- *Must balance rights of the person causing the issue, officials are inclined to give them more time to resolve issue on own. City code for parked vehicles was read aloud.
- *Issue was brought up of ambiguity and noncompliance with drivers regarding "school zone when children are present" along Allen Blvd.
 - Use best judgement, considering school hours.
 - Possible option: having a defined time to slow down.

Todd Hepp, EW, representing owners of Hyland Hills Shopping Center:

- *Workout Anytime: to maintain 24-hour-openness, need conditional use permit
- *Potential issues of late night business traffic: transients, poor lighting
- *Lindsey offered support of more 24-hour businesses in neighborhood
- *No objection from anyone in attendance to Workout Anytime being permitted to operate 24 hours a day
- *Alina mentioned a parking shortage
 - Customers not allowed to park after dark behind center, but employees must park there now
- *Reggie mentioned concerns of smokers impacting business patrons
 - Alternatives have been explored but potential pushback from tenants
 - Can't have smoking area behind shopping center due to houses
 - Ash trays are best solution for now, discouraging littering
- *Mr. Hepp distributed maps of shopping center

Nothing Bundt Cakes: absent

Ideation

Memorial Day flag(s) on Hart traffic circle:

- *Either large United States flag or several small flags - Lindsey to follow up next month on costs
- *John suggested a permanent flag pole for multiple occasions - must check with city for specifications
- *Paul mentioned concern of visibility issue of a flagpole; would not seem to be an issue
- *Juanita mentioned need to illuminate flag if it's left up at night

Spring walking tour: architecture/history

- *Reggie described tentative 3.5 mile route
- *Lindsey suggested reaching out to historical property owners - Reggie will follow up
- *John said that the neighborhood Rummer subdivision is pronounced "Tally-ES-en"
- *Lindsey proposed date/time and members agreed: *June 3rd, 9-11am*
- *Rose Festival Half-Marathon is Sunday May 28th
- *Reach out to Restore Oregon - Quinn and Reggie to follow up
- *John had attended an Oak Hills Rummer tour, a possible idea for Taliesen subdivision in future
- *Future walk dedicated solely to dogs

Working with realtors to welcome neighbors:

- *Realtors giving new homeowners welcome cards, neighborhood business gift cards or coupons, information on NAC and past/upcoming events, neighborhood map, cheap magnets with NAC information and city resources
 - Jeff offered to compile map
 - Lindsey recommended everyone contribute their specific knowledge about the neighborhood

Providing yard services to those in need:

- *NAC needs to first understand what the need is, then advertise
- *Volunteers would show up on a day and be assigned to a house.
- *Neighbors who need help must be nominated
- *Potential issue if neighbors don't want the help - would need permission first.
- *NAC must define what they are willing to do, like pruning, lawn mowing, edging, etc.
- *Aaron suggested if people are unable to maintain yard, NAC should encourage low-maintenance alternatives that environmentally beneficial, such as moss.
- *"Spring forward: clean up"... "Fall back: clean up"
- *Reggie suggested if the event is in fall, incorporating this with a general neighborhood cleanup event with tools from the Neighborhood office like at the Central Beaverton NAC's "Rock the Block" in February 2017.

Treasurer's report

- *Ended February at \$3525.04
- *US Bank charged NAC \$10 for "analysis service", but re-credited \$5. Jeff will look into it.
- *It was suggested that the NAC acquire a debit card.
- *Discussion opened for eventually switching account to a community bank, to be discussed more at a future meeting
- *Recent deposit of \$545 from city from volunteer fund
 - Reggie mentioned that the neighborhood office changed the way they reimburse NACs for general volunteer hours at city events
- *Current balance, minus the disputed \$5: \$4065.04

Meeting adjourned at 8:38pm