

Highland Neighborhood Association Committee (NAC) Meeting

April 13th 6:30pm

Highland Park Middle School library

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

Attendees: Robin Senn, Jim Connelly, Barbara Wilson, Rich Hartland

Presenters: Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue (TVF&R), Officer Marc Hevern of the Beaverton Police Department (BPD), Steven Bledsoe of the Portland Rose Festival, Lori Leach of Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District (THPRD)

Meeting commenced at 6:30pm

Presentations:

TVF&R: Left early due to emergency call, unable to present

Steven Bledsoe, Portland Rose Festival:

Rose Festival Half-Marathon:

- Memorial Day weekend, Sunday morning, Southridge High School, 7:30am
- Presenter handed out aerial photos and NAC maps with overlaid route and pace chart
- Biggest traffic impact at Allen and Hall
 - Marathon is a rolling opening, people are chipped so the progress of runners is known
 - When the vast majority of people are through, the roads will be reopened
- Highland residents have a \$20 discount code for registration: *HIGHLAND*
- Another impact from event could be religious institutions along route
 - Event organizers working with police and traffic engineers to find alternate points of access
- Question was asked about volunteer opportunities
 - Visit website, click on volunteering section to see different opportunities such as giving out water
- There is a charity donation sponsorship option for runners
- Route finishes on Southridge school track with audience in grandstand
- Conestoga Recreation Center will be open with childcare
- Event organizers looked for route with good pedestrian services, minimal traffic impact away from largest roads, safety, and scenery
- Parking available at Greenway Elementary and Conestoga Middle schools, no shuttles
- Expecting about 500 runners
- Signed 3-year agreement with City of Beaverton, will improve route alignment with experience
- First time (THPRD) trail system is utilized

Officer Marc Hevern, BPD:

On the topic of the Rose Festival Half Marathon:

- Some apartment complexes along Hall may get police escorts for people looking for access
- OR 217 ramps at Denney will be closed
- About 40 police will be working to keep half marathon flowing
- Route will be cleaned before and after event
- For questions, contact BPD Sergeant Steve Schaer, Traffic Safety Team (sschaer@beavertonoregon.gov)
- Question was asked whether pedestrians are allowed during event
 - No pedestrian or bike movement will be restricted unless directly interfering with event
- Question was asked if people are allowed to watch and cheer along route
 - Spectators along the route are allowed
 - Southridge grandstand overlooking the track and route terminus will be open to the public, with event restrooms provided

Message from Officer Mandi Defrain via Off. Hevern:

- Car seat clinic on May 6th at BPD station
- Prescription drug drop off on April 29th, 10-2, at BPD station
- No major crime incidents in Highland

Lori Leach, THPRD:

- Aloha Swim Center is closed over the weekend
 - Women's swim for April 15th is cancelled
- First free Friday open swims begin on May 5th
- Summer registration begins April 22nd
- The last piece of property for Southwest Quadrant Community Park (by Mountain View Middle School) was purchased
- THPRD seeking more grant money for trails and picnic pavilion
 - New grant steering committee established
- Maintenance concerns: Trails suffered due to recent weather
 - Example: Fanno Creek trail near Bel-Air Drive
- Greenway and Burntwood Park looking for bid on new play equipment
- Schlottman house at Howard M. Terpenning (HMT) complex being repainted
- Lowami Hart Woods bridge damaged by heavy rains, working to repair damage
- Nature Park has new map and brochure at entrance, Spanish version available later in spring
- Public forum for board candidates on April 29th, Manzanita Room, Elsie Stuhr center
 - 3 open positions, 7 candidates running (2 incumbents)
- "Hyland Forest Park" signs have been saved and a new process is being developed for similar future cases
- Question was asked about scholarships for low-income people
 - Scholarship forms are online, one can submit them to a THPRD center
 - THPRD Foundation also does work to assist low-income people

Treasurer's report

- NAC is now charged \$5 every time a statement is mailed, so signed up for paperless
- NAC now has a debit card
- Only recent purchases were the signs, at \$95.32 total
- Current account balance is \$4,065.04

Approval of minutes

March amendments:

- THPRD not closing HMT pool in fall to save money but only to do repairs
- Corrected misspelled name

Board approved March minutes after amendments

Planning and ideation

Memorial Day flag(s):

- Flagpole or small flags at Hart roundabout
- Cost for aluminum flag poles: \$125-350 (20ft)
- Solar light on top for night illumination: \$80
- Nylon high-wind flag: \$80-100 (6ft x 10ft)
- Interest in estimates for 25ft or 30ft pole as well
- Find out who would do installation and pay for it, costs

- Suggestion was made of having just small, grounded flags to avoid complications
 - Looking into flagpole for Independence Day could allow for extra planning time
- Small flags are about \$3 each, could possibly get about a hundred
- Lindsey will measure roundabout to estimate total needed small flags and look into installation and costs

Spring photo contest:

- Winner would get gift card for new local hardware store
- Photos must be of spring foliage, must be taken within Highland NAC boundary
- Suggestion was made to utilize Strawpoll website where people can vote for images
 - Anyone with link can vote
- Suggestion was made to upload entries to Facebook album
 - Whatever photos have the most "likes" win
 - Could generate better viewership for NAC Facebook page
- People would have one week to submit photos, 3 days to vote
- Board approved \$25 allocation for gift card
- Contest to happen around Earth Day and last a week

June 3rd walk:

- Lindsey organizing event logistics, Reggie compiling route and information
- Map to be confirmed with landmarks/history to be sent to chair by April 27th
 - Event will be posted May 3rd
 - Reggie will send completed map to City for in-house printing
- Event costs to be discussed at May meeting
- Leftover shirts will be for sale
- Suggestion was made for map to include more wording and photos
- Suggestion was made to let homeowners know their house will be featured
 - Reggie will conduct outreach
- Coffee could be provided by coffee shop near Allen and Murray owned by Highland neighbors

Hart roundabout mason bees:

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- Mason bees to be reinstalled, will check with Michael Dillon

Welcome packets to new neighbors:

- Information on NAC meetings, coupons, neighborhood facts, maps (parks, schools, businesses) provided to new homeowners by realtors on behalf of NAC
- Lindsey to offer help with list of places of interest (stores), Aaron to help with parks - will return in May with completed map draft
- Opportunity for group mapping, Jeff to draft comprehensive map

Round robin

- Summer meeting possibility to be discussed in May
- Girl scouts will come in May to present
- Signs have been dispersed to members to be put up by neighborhood entrances
- Board approved 3 additional signs at \$75 total
- Barbara mentioned the buried creek under Cherryhill at 22nd having a rushing sound, seeking to find its source
 - Reggie spoke regarding the natural history of the area

Meeting adjourned at 8:08pm