

Highland Neighborhood Association Committee (NAC) Meeting

June 8th, 2017 6:30pm

Highland Park Middle School room A12

Members: Ken Dobyms, Laura Dobyms, Konnette Etheredge, Robin Senn, Debra Frappier, Bernadette Le, Catherine Rund

Board: Jeff Menzel, treasurer, Reggie Frumkin, recorder, Juanita Coparanis, Aaron Frumkin

Presenters: Officer Mandi Defrain of Beaverton Police Department (BPD), Lori Leach of Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District (THPRD), Miles Glowacki of the City of Beaverton Neighborhood Program

Meeting called to order at 6:40pm by Jeff, with introductions. Confusion on meeting location due to school event. Jeff explained background and purpose of the NAC. Quorum present

Presentations:

Officer Mandi Defrain, BPD:

- Last meeting with the NAC - brought donuts for the attendees
 - Members thanked for her service to the NAC
- Broadway Street Fair is June 24th during daytime
 - Street closed off
 - Vendors will be present
- Flicks by the Fountain
 - Giant movie screen in City Park at dusk
 - August 25th is first showing
 - Also one in South Beaverton & Sexton Mountain hosted by NACs
- September 2nd is Beaverton Celebration Parade
- Shredding event
 - June 10th, August 12th at Sunset Presbyterian Church from 10 to 1
 - Come between 12:30 and 1 for shortest line
 - Non-perishable food donations requested
- Car seat clinics on June 17th, July 5th, and August 19th at Kuni Collision Center, August 5th at BPD headquarters
- August 1st is National Night Out
- July 4th: Fire investigator from TV F&R will ride with police officers for safety issue calls
 - If personal safety or fire hazard concerns, call non-emergency line
- Question asked if there is a certain time window to allow fireworks
 - No specific window, but illegal fireworks are not permitted
- Recent MAX stabbing: while incidents like this are horrendous, these are infrequent incidents and people should not feel like they can't use public transportation as an avenue of travel or recommendation to friends and family
 - Police have ramped up patrolling and response
 - Be aware of your surroundings and be a good witness
- Question asked if city still holds recycling events
 - Miles responded that the City does not host a recycling day
 - Far West Fibers is seeking a new location in the area
 - Solid Waste & Recycling Program from the City can provide resources
- *Attempted kidnapping in Schiffler Park on June 7th:*
 - Police working on apprehending a suspect
 - While cases are infrequent, always important to be aware of surroundings
 - Have conversations with kids regarding what to do if they feel unsafe and how to safely escape a situation
 - Washington County Crisis Line is available 24/7 as a resource
- Question was asked if using a knife in a kidnapping is often a bluff
 - Discouraged to assume it is a bluff because you never know
 - Best would be to de-escalate situation, such as calling attention to situation and then leaving
- Left business cards of crisis team
- The park is still safe and the chances of something happening are very slim
 - Call police if unsure of any situation

TV F&R: Absent

Lori Leach, THPRD:

- Women's only swim at Sunset and Aloha, First Sunday and Second Saturday of the month respectively, with female lifeguards
- First Fridays of the month are free at all pools
- Saturday July 29th at Howard M. Terpenning pool (HMT) is the family triathlon (register online)
- "Doggy paddle" on August 20th at HMT due to pool closing for season
- Last THPRD board meeting, Southwest Quadrant Community Park was named "Mountain View Champions Park"
 - There will be synthetic fields, disability-accessible fields paid for by private fundraising
 - Opening in October
- Camille Park boardwalk: replacing uneven panels
- McMillan Park is having a bridge restoration
- Cooper Mountain Nature Park has spots open in nature camp this summer
- Nature Mobile will appear during summer nearby at Camille Park 12:30-3 Tuesdays and Greenway Park at Scholls Ferry 9-11 and City Park 12:30-6 Wednesdays

Regarding issues from last meeting:

- Damaged Lowami Hart Woods bridge is being removed after community review due to duplicate bridge nearby
- Hyland Forest Park signs: currently being replaced, now called Hyland Woods to conform to district naming standard
- August 14th: Groovin' in the Grass, with live music performances
- THPRD is in the running for a gold medal in a national award for park districts in September
 - Competition is two districts from Texas and one from Tacoma, Washington
- Question was asked about plans in Hyland Woods for trail segments that need gravel, as the main loop on the west end of the park is seasonally muddy
 - Lori will follow up
- Question was asked about maintenance issues with path that leads from Highland Park Middle School to Fir Grove Elementary, east of Peach Lane and west of Hyland Way
 - Blackberries, tree branches are obstructing trail
 - Ken notified City, which was unsure if they, THPRD, or Beaverton School District is responsible for maintenance. Miles and Lori to further look into which agency is responsible
- Praise was offered to City for taking out uprooted tree along 31st Street bike path and replanting with native trees this winter
- Question was asked regarding status of Fir Grove East property (parcel west of Beaverton Nazarene Church)
 - Lori to follow up

Miles Glowacki, City of Beaverton Neighborhood Program:

- The NAC is always looking for ideas and volunteers
- City has a matching grant program for neighborhood improvement
 - Someone submits idea which is approved through city committee, NAC pays bills, submits receipts, and is reimbursed
 - \$30,000 per year budget for all NACs approved by city council
 - Up to \$3,000 per project
- Members offered feedback that signs and Nextdoor post helped them find the meeting, as people may forget
 - Suggestion was made to post as an event in the future to be able to be referenced later

Treasurer's Report:

- Reggie and Lindsey to be reimbursed for recent event expenses
- \$3,964.72 is current balance, before expenses
- Recently deposited check to appear on June's statement: \$71.49 expense for more meeting signs
- Question was asked about current status of NAC scholarship
 - Late member Marv Doty had set up scholarship
 - Sought people with civic involvement
 - At Farmers Market, Highland NAC previously had community booth to raise funds
 - Previously, there was the Beaverton Cleanup Day where the NAC would be reimbursed for volunteer hours
 - Both ended due to lack of volunteer interest to sustain funding
 - NAC decided it would instead spend limited funds on projects that benefit greatest number of people possible

Highland Park Middle School East Hill Restoration update (Reggie):

- Trail was rebuilt using matching grant in July 2016 with help of neighbors

- 100 native trees and shrubs donated by Clean Water Services were installed by students in November 2016
- Current activities: Reggie is cutting blackberries and grass with string trimmer as needed and watering plants regularly throughout the summer. Weeding and litter pick-up also needed.
- Suggestion was made to have a work party
- Question was asked about Hart roundabout being watered
 - There should be a hose or spigot available for watering
 - NAC planted the center of roundabout in 2015 and 2016, as well as a mason bee hive installation

Approval of April and May minutes:

- Reggie distributed copies of both months' minutes to be reviewed
- Juanita motioned to approve April minutes, Aaron seconded, no discussion, unanimously passed
- Juanita motioned to approve May minutes, Aaron seconded, no discussion, unanimously passed

Planning and ideation:

Packets for new neighbors (Jeff):

- Working in conjunction with realtors to promote NAC, businesses, and public spaces to new residents
- Map prototype with parks, trails, schools, commercial areas, streets, and taxlots was distributed

Future events:

- Fall walk featuring trees, dogs, or both (Lindsey & Reggie to lead)

Round robin:

- Question was asked about the new neighbors map, regarding ownership of 125th Avenue Greenway
 - Public property managed by the City open to pedestrians
- Comment was added that it is good to include businesses on map for publicity
- Question was asked when 99 Ranch will open in place of former Albertsons on Greenway
 - This summer they are slated to open
- Question was asked regarding old Department of Motor Vehicles building on Allen Boulevard
 - State property, likely no plans for it in foreseeable future
- Question was asked regarding future status of 125th Avenue Greenway and hesitance to put on map if designated as a future road
 - The land is identified as future road, but current mayor does not intend to pursue
- Previous discussion was brought up of neighborhood clean-up event in the fall
 - Opportunity for general clean-up and assistance to less-abled people who need yard work done
 - Central Beaverton NAC had an event in February that was financed through a matching grant
- Juanita represented the NAC and also won the raffle at the City's Neighborhood Program 30th anniversary volunteer dinner on June 1st
- Discussion was opened on possibility of July and August meetings
 - Need to carry on momentum, but historically have had low summer attendance
 - Suggestion was made to provide work party event in lieu of a meeting to provide continuity
 - Suggestion was made that the NAC could propose summer meetings for the upcoming year in the fall
 - Suggestion was made that if missing two months the momentum will be lost, but acknowledges that people might not be able to make it
 - Suggestion was made for the NAC to have a master calendar
 - Miles indicated possibility of having a 'welcome back' dinner at September meeting
- After discussion, nobody motioned to have July and August meeting; motion failed
- Reggie motioned to have August 5th work party at Highland Park MS East Hill (near Hyland Way stairs) with unofficial, optional meeting beforehand, Juanita seconded, Jeff, Reggie, and Juanita voted yea, Aaron abstained; motion passed
 - No official business or voting at this meeting, just planning and date setting
 - All NAC members are encouraged to attend meeting, work party, or both
- Konnette expressed interest in being a board member
- Juanita motioned to elect Konnette Etheredge as a board member, Reggie seconded, no discussion, unanimously passed
 - Only requirement is regular attendance to ensure a quorum
- Miles mentioned leadership trainings by the City available for board members

Meeting adjourned at 8:28pm