

12/14/17

Highland Park Neighborhood Association Committee

Miles Glowachi, City of Beaverton Representative, as acting chair opened the meeting with Attendance sign-in request and introductions. Thanks Lindsey and all for your work. The meeting proceeded with community partner reports and guest presentation by Patrick Hoff and Jared

City of Beaverton Police Update-

Crime and Safety Concerns: Police reports indicate that November rated for our area our with car break ins topping the list. Door step package thefts are also a major concern and neighborhood residents are urged to take precautions. Suggestions were to be sure doors are locked , use delivery alert apps, ask neighbors to pick up packages or use local delivery centers as an alternative to unsecured deliveries. The police are using "bait" cars to tag thefts and this has been successful. Finally be careful with door to door solicitations. Individuals should have 501C status, proper ID, and organizational literature.

Car Seat inspection An inspection is scheduled for December 16th from 9am to12p at the Kuni auto center

Police Charity Efforts a Success The Beaverton Police "No Shave" Fundraiser has raised 4000 dollars which was donated to the OHSU

Warming Shelters Open. Both City of Beaverton and Washington County have warming shelter openings. City of Beaverton's Shelter is located at the Resource Center. It is open on Thursdays at 530p and close in the early morning. For details call Housing and Homeless Services at (503) 640-3263 Washington County has shelters open 7 nights a week. If you find someone who needs a shelter call 211 to find out the closest open shelter.

Attendee Comments and Questions Appreciation was expressed for police efforts in the neighborhood including increased surveillance of pass through speeders and distracted drivers. Specific concern for incomplete stops at Wilson and Hart was expressed. This is a crosswalk frequented by children walking home from school. The "Speed on Green" program is being implemented but the extent of neighborhoods make them hard to completely survey and officers are patrolling. Citizens should submit Traffic commission reports of hazards and concerns. Cell phone usage in the wake of the new house bill seems to have decreased but is still a problem. Regarding Cell phone usage, drivers are allowed to use built in car features and you are allowed to turn your phone on and off in a non-distracted manner but not to manipulated it.

Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District ((503) 645-6433)

Holiday Toy and Toiletry Drive The program is in the middle of their Holiday toy, clothing and toiletries drive. Toys will go to needy children and their families in the THPRD boundary. Items need to be labeled with age and sex. They are also working with the Gospel Union Mission for needed toiletry donations to poor and homeless adults. For details and drop off locations go to <http://www.thprd.org/connect/news/thprd-renews-holiday-giving-drive-for-those-in-need>

Women's only swim A women's only swim continues on the 1st three Fridays of the month

New Aquatic center opening The new center opening has been delayed but is scheduled to open on the Tuesday after MLK day in 2018

Weather Closures You can call the Hotline (503) 614-4018 hot line for information. School associated programs will close with school announced closures

Garden Home Get Fit The Garden Home THPRD center has announced a "Get Fit " program to begin January 2 to the 23rd. Go online for details or call the center.

Conestoga Event Conestoga will host a "Super Heros" event on January 26th from 6:30 to 8p.

Green way Park and Fir Grove maintenance Muddy areas in the Greenway park have been graveled. Work of this kind is always need and there is a project in the Fir Grove School area being planned. You can find contact information on the website if you can volunteer. Greg Krieger coordinate this. It was suggested that Greg be invited to a NAC meeting.

Dog walking Related to previous meeting comments, a flyer of THPRD policies regarding dogs was distributed.

Over 21 Dive in Movie A "Beer "event is being tried as a result of area member requests for adult events. Security will be provided. Some discussed ensued regarding safety. Family oriented "Dive in" events are also planned.

Fanno Creek improvements Fanno Creek trail improvements and modifications to improve winter accessibility are under review. Please check the website for more information.

Pat Hoff and Jared ; City of Beaverton Arborist.

Neighborhood Tree Preservation Pat presented a "Care for Trees" tree tag which has information about the benefit of trees. He expressed concern that increasingly healthy native trees are being removed in our neighborhood. The city has preservation and significant grove designations which can protect trees but education and consultation with ISA credentialed arborists are important strategies for homeowners with tree concerns. They generally have a business license and work by a code of ethics. Planned planting is also a tool for preservation. Topping of trees is not a good practice but dead branch removal is fine. Also trees on a ½ Acre or more with 4 or more trees require a permit to remove trees. Discussion ensued regarding NAC authorizing neighborhood specific requirements to remove trees. An Arborist should make a "risk "assessment but does not also remove a tree as part of their business. There is concern that even public agencies are unnecessarily removing important trees. Pat announced that NAC concerns about the Beaverton Community Center Trees were addressed and some of the arbor day trees will be saved. Unfortunately trees at the Vose School were removed with a majestic Oak still standing.

Value of trees and public information Our large urban trees add at least 15 % to the value of your home. Trees. Water filtration, trees improve heat and cooling of homes and O2 purification are additional benefits. They provide habitat and naturally are adapted to the environment as well as providing a sense of community to the area. A number of informational flyers are available to the public and were

distributed at the meetings. A suggestion was made to include information in the welcome packet. The Power Company is allowed to top trees otherwise this is not advisable. Trees should not be touching power lines but some contact with phone lines is permissible. Burnt trees on Menlo and Allen will need to come down.

NAC business

Treasurer Report There are no changes to the report at this point but yearend expenses are expected.

Turkey Trot Success! The Thanksgiving Turkey Trot was very well attended and a great NAC success. It was estimated that over 40 persons attended. Thanks Lindsey and everyone for your work

Board Elections There is a Chair or Treasurer opening as Lindsey wishes to resign . (Thanks for your service, Lindsey!) Duties include agenda and meeting coordination. Miles and Jennifer Lee (as the NAC Involvement coordinator) are there to help those assuming this role.

Welcome packets The packets are progressing. It was suggest that tree information be added

CERT Program- Suzan Watterson introduced herself as the neighborhood CERT Representative. This is a community program to help mobilize neighborhood volunteers in emergency and disaster preparations. They participate in Incident Command Support, Search and Rescue , and have 109 certified volunteers. The organizations utilizes "captains" who are responsible for 20 homes and utilize a "Map your Neighborhood" program as a strategy to organize support for the over 90,000 persons living in Beaverton. Volunteers are needed. It was suggested that the NAC invite Susan to present at a future meeting so that we can hear more about this important program.

Round Table Hall street Pedestrian crossing In the round table a concern was expressed about the use of the crossing.. It was clarified that the initial red light stops traffic and then the light flashes red and is intended to be a stop and then go direction. The Ice formation at the Hart street Traffic Circle is of real concern. One of our member incurred 700\$ in damage to her car prior to the ICE sign being put up. This is a year round stream and that may affect deicers. Miles will look into this.