

Highland Neighborhood Association Committee (NAC) Meeting

January 11th, 2018 6:30pm

Highland Park Middle School library

Members: Terry Hintz, Jacob Baran, Jennifer Lee, Alan Donaldson, Jim Connelly, Scott McKern, Donna Raagas, Andrea List, Ethel Sparhawk, Quinn Simpson

Board: Jeff Menzel, vice chair & treasurer, Reggie Frumkin, recorder, John Dugger, Bernadette Le, Lindsey Lewman, Konnette Etheredge, Juanita Coparanis, Aaron Frumkin

Presenters: Miles Glowacki, City of Beaverton, Lori Leach, Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District (THPRD)

Meeting commenced at 6:34 pm by Jeff. Reggie distributed copies of the September, October, November, and December 2017 meeting minutes. Miles brought donuts for the members. Quorum present

Presentations:

Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue: Absent

Beaverton Police Department: Absent

Lori Leach, THPRD:

- THPRD is seeking Community Participation Organizations (CPOs) and NAC members to take survey for feedback
 - Distributed surveys
- Howard M. Terpenning Aquatic Center opening Tuesday 1/16 after extensive upgrades and renovation
- Women-only swim sessions at Sunset and Aloha
- First Free Friday - all open swims are free
- Dive-In movie at Conestoga Aquatic Center: Guardians of the Galaxy, January 19th
- Get Fit Challenge at Garden Home Recreation Center to promote healthy lifestyles - can join at any point
- Several other Garden Home-area volunteering opportunities, especially with Natural Resources
- New interactive exhibit for public at Tualatin Hills Nature Park
 - Other exhibits in Nature Center, which is open 7 days a week
- More signs from parks have been removed and upgraded - call communications specialist in interested in preserving any: Bill Evans, 503-619-3981
- Question was asked about process for adding trash cans to a park - particularly Taliesen Park where there is litter
 - Depends on what the park routes are and where they are placed - need to be accessible to workers, but either end could be feasible
- Comment was made about how Fir Grove Park is dark at night, outside of existing light pole
- Comment was made expressing concern for potential impact of light pollution on environment
- THPRD site manager for Fir Grove and Fir Grove East natural areas, Greg Creager, is amenable to attending a future NAC meeting
 - Referenced previous question from past meeting about NAC volunteer opportunities in Fir Grove East
 - Current work is being contracted out but that should be completed within the year
- Comment made expressing gratitude to THPRD for allowing old park signs to be saved

Juanita thanked Konnette for writing minutes in December 2017 meeting

Jeff commenced member, board, and presenter introductions

Jacob Baran, teacher and student leadership advisor at Highland Park Middle School (HPMS), presenting on upcoming HPMS 5k fundraiser

- Graduated from and taught at Beaverton for a while, now on 6th year of teaching at HPMS
- Distributed sample letters for potential event sponsorship outreach
- Started a student leadership group in 2017
- Students recently had a large supply drive and posted on social media to involve neighbors
 - Collected 3,500 items to be sent to various organizations, many local

- Program engages other students, wanting to inspire them to think big and make a difference
- Group is planning a 5k run from the middle school, Saturday, May 19th
 - Raising money for St. Jude's research hospital and Cancer Institute at OHSU
 - All proceeds to be donated
- Intends to be a large event, hoping for 400 runners
- Seeking neighborhood volunteers on race day, and networking out to people who might be interested
 - Looking into potential requirement of district approval to volunteer
- Group is looking for sponsors. HPMS will contact any potential groups
- Could eventually become annual event
- In early stages of planning, acquainting with permitting, security, road closures, etc.
- Sponsors have option to set up a tent for a vendor fair
- Comment was made how NAC has had 3 walks or runs recently with good attendance
- Comment was made voicing support of project, and that if road closures were to happen, let neighbors know in advance
- Comment that flaggers could be substituted for road closures
 - School Resource Officers suggested only crossing Hart in one place
- Comment was made suggesting route to have fewer turns to make running easier
- Question asked about how many students in leadership program
 - 35, of all grades
- Question asked if this is possible for NAC to support and help fund
 - It is up to the NAC
 - Miles added that this could be a good candidate for a City of Beaverton matching grant, where Sexton Mountain and Vose NACs recently had 5ks with matching grants
- Question asked why the group chose St. Jude instead of a more local organization
 - Students came up with groups to support and gave presentations to rest of group about the organizations and then voted
 - Supply drive was more focused on local charities
- Comment made that NAC can help publicize
- Jeff made a motion that the NAC support the 5k with a Bronze sponsorship of \$250, Konnette seconded
 - Comment made in discussion that this level of sponsorship was a good fit for the NAC
 - Comment made in discussion that if a matching grant is filed and approved, the NAC could provide further financial support
 - Miles clarified a matching grant: volunteer hours are the NAC's match to City's funds, not dollar-for-dollar match
 - Comment made that Jacob is welcome to return to NAC meetings to provide updates
 - Motion approved unanimously
- Question asked of other sponsors that have been identified
 - Students are reaching out to potential sponsors
 - Highland NAC would be the first sponsor
- Comment made that the donor organizations could potentially provide support through free giveaways
- Comment made that students should know that the Highland neighbors support their work

Treasurer's Report

- Balance last month: \$3785.71
- Expenses reimbursed from recent events: \$207.15
- Current balance: **\$3578.56**
- New expenditure for \$250

2018 Board Election Discussion (continued)

- Jennifer Lee was appointed to Beaverton Committee for Community Involvement (BCCI) and is now interested in becoming representative to Highland
- Lindsey asked if there are any nominations for a chairperson
- Reggie okay to remain as recorder
- Juanita nominated John for vacant chair position, John accepted

- Lindsey nominated Jennifer for BCCI representative to Highland NAC, Jennifer accepted
- Jeff okay to remain as treasurer, but stepped down as vice chair
- Jeff nominated Lindsey for vice chair, Lindsey accepted
- Jeff motioned to vote to approve the slate of candidates for their nominations: John Dugger, chair, Lindsey Lewman, vice chair, Jeff Menzel, treasurer, Reggie Frumkin, recorder, Jennifer Lee, BCCI representative, no discussion, approved unanimously
- NAC will make a post announcing new chair on social media
- Question asked of opening board positions for election
 - Jeff asked that people who are interested continue to attend meetings and express interest in becoming a board member
 - If not enough board members are present at a meeting then no quorum is reached
 - Board members are expected to regularly attend meetings and support NAC projects and events
- Offer was extended for anyone to nominate board members
 - Quinn expressed interest
- Jeff motioned to add Quinn Simpson to board, John seconded, no discussion, approved unanimously

Miles Glowacki, City of Beaverton Neighborhood Program Coordinator

- Role is to build community in neighborhoods and is a City contact for neighbors' questions or concerns
- Design Open House for planned police building at former Beaverton Activities Center, February 1st, 5:30-7:30, to take place at recently-completed Bridge Meadows (5995 SW Menlo Dr)
 - There will also be information about the Allen Boulevard District Plan
- City is taking on a downtown design project (5th Street to Center Street), Monday January 22nd 6-8pm at Beaverton Library
 - For example, creating "mini-districts" to enhance sense of place
- State of the City address from January 11th, to be posted online
- Miles is new staff liaison to Highland NAC
- Question was asked about the new food cart pod at Rose Biggi Avenue and Millikan Way
 - About 27 pods around a seating area with additional amenities
 - Opening in the spring
 - Filling to capacity quickly
- Comment made expressing support for the diverse food options at the La Scala building at 1st Street and Lombard Avenue
- Former Stars Cabaret building could be developed soon
 - Zoned mixed use
- Question was asked about outcome of 130th Avenue public hearing
 - Miles to look into this
 - Traffic commission would have record

Ideation

Channing Heights Tree Planting (Reggie):

- Working with THPRD to plant 8 trees in Channing Heights Park with goal of addressing under-utilized spaces and restoring tree canopy lost in the park over the years; seeking NAC support
 - Distributed a map depicting proposed 2 Douglas-firs along west end of park near north-south school path, 1 tuliptree just west of Valley Avenue, 1 Douglas-fir between Valley, playground, and existing sweetgum and pine trees, 1 western redcedar east of recently-planted cascara and south of loop path, 2 incense cedars on northeast corner of park to replace recently-fallen shore pine, and 1 metasequoia to replace recently-removed beech
 - Current proposed plan has been approved by THPRD, with potential for more tree added in the future
- Question was asked if these will provide shade to the playground to make it more useable in summer
 - The Douglas-fir fir to the east and western redcedar to the south of the playground will help provide afternoon shade as they mature
- Comment was made supporting planting of larger trees to deliver benefits sooner

- Reggie asked about whether to make it a volunteer event
 - Comment made in support of having a volunteer planting
- Question was asked about potential for a plaque mentioning NAC's involvement
 - Will look into this
- Question was asked of budget: about \$600 for trees, but would likely be less due to wholesale connection through the City
 - Reggie has already purchased a large metasequoia, and would seek NAC reimbursement after planting
- Comment was made to encourage to apply for a matching grant
- Question was asked about any guarantees for ensuring the trees' survival
 - Reggie will look into it with the nursery
 - Trees would be watered regularly over the summer to increase odds of survival
 - There would be a planting demonstration for volunteers at a potential volunteer event
- Question was asked about a potential planting date
 - To avoid a potential April 1st NAC event, Reggie proposed Saturday, March 3rd, for a volunteer planting
- Question asked about posting event on SOLV for publicity
 - NAC typically targets just a local audience but could reach out to SOLV for future events of a greater scale
- THPRD could support volunteers through providing tools and leadership
- Comment made expressing support of volunteers in that planting trees creates a stake in the community and many people will be proud
- Comment was made that it's an opportunity to even just invite neighbors for refreshments and socializing
- Possibility of using matching grant to purchase tools for future plantings or work parties, ask neighborhood businesses for tool donations, borrow THPRD tools for the day, or continue to request neighbors to bring personal tools
- Reggie motioned for the NAC to support a volunteer tree planting on March 3rd from 9am to 12pm following the current approved plan and for Reggie to begin applying for a matching grant with a budget of up to \$1,000 for total event expenses, John seconded, discussion of what to do with tools will be discussed at a future meeting, approved unanimously

New neighbor welcome packets (Jeff):

- Project to be put on hold

April event (Lindsey):

- Proposing an Easter egg hunt for April 1st, to be discussed on agenda in February

Round Robin

- Comment was made that City was responsive to icy patch on Hart Road from a natural spring
 - Miles requested for people to let City know of other related problems
- Comment was made regarding Safe Routes to School: Fir Grove has SRTS plan on City website, identifying challenges to pedestrians, Coordinator has offered to attend a NAC meeting
- Jeff mentioned that Councilor Marc San-Soucie is interested in attending NAC meeting in February
- Comment was made suggesting a code enforcement officer attend a meeting
- Comment made about an abandoned-looking car that was towed to a new location in a neighborhood by another neighbor
- Question was asked if people are having rat issues, discussing how it was costly to address rats
 - Miles suggested there was a food source nearby and encouraged to talk to neighbors
- Reggie motioned to approve September, October, November, and December 2017 minutes, John seconded, no discussion, approved unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm by Jeff