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Highland Neighborhood Association Committee (NAC) Meeting

February 8th, 2018 6:30pm

Highland Park Middle School library

Members: Terry Hintz, Alan Donaldson, Carol Baldwin, Doug Johnson, Pat Johnson, Donna Raagas, Adam Gretzinger, Ryan Sager, Minta Johnson, Jennifer Lee (Beaverton Committee for Community Involvement (BCCI) representative), Jim Connelly, Katy Brumbelow, Laura Mitchell (South Beaverton Neighborhood)

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

Presenters: Miles Glowacki, City of Beaverton, Lori Leach, Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District (THPRD), A. Baker, E. Phillips, D.M. Cantrell, S. Hankel, Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue (TVF&R), Councilor Marc San Soucie, City of Beaverton

Meeting commenced at 6:30 pm by John. Explained background and purpose of NAC. Members introduced themselves. Laura is running for Beaverton City Council position 2 in May. Quorum present

Presentations:

A. Baker, E. Phillips, D.M. Cantrell, S. Hankel, TVF&R Station 67:

- Presenting information on Measures 34-280 and 34-281, whether to allow annexation of the City of Newberg and Newberg Rural Fire Protection District territories, respectively, into TVF&R's service area
- Distributed information on both measures
- There has been an increase in calls by 40% without increase in staffing in recent years
- An election in March will allow the entire TVF&R district to vote for or against the merger
 - TVF&R already is serving Newberg on a 2-year contract that expires July 1st, 2018
- Consolidation of resources is important to increase buying power
- Question was asked how the merger will affect response times in area
 - Response times will not be affected in the Highland NAC area or other parts of TVF&R's service area.
- If absorption occurs, taxes for existing TVF&R residents remain unchanged
- Adds 40,000 extra people who would now be paying into the existing TVF&R levy
- Question was asked about how firefighters feel about the merger
 - Presenter originally from Newburg, felt that it was needed, talked over with other first responders, support has been overwhelmingly positive
- Question was asked who is paying for the petition to have the measure be decided by election
 - While spending is necessary to have an election, it allows the public to have a greater voice
 - Clarified that in both existing districts in Newberg those district constituents already passed a measure to merge
 - Only 100 signatures in TVF&R area were required to have on ballot
 - TVF&R does not know who funded the petition (or why), but it's their understanding the chief petitioner was hired to organize the effort to gather signatures.
- Question was asked if budget record was public, e.g. comparing expenses between the different districts
 - Yes; You'll notice that all of the specific costs associated with the fire department are not broken down in past Newberg budgets because they were part of the city's general fund allocations. During the two year contract with TVF&R, which began on July 1, 2016, the city of Newberg pays a flat fee annually to the fire district.
- True cost to voters would likely decrease in existing TVF&R area while Newberg remains the same
- Question was asked about percentage decrease of bonded debt for existing residents
 - Difficult to provide a specific figure until new taxroll is established
 - Money not to be collected until 2019
 - The exact percentage decrease depends on multiple factors, including: exact assessed valuation of the added area at the time of annexation, exact assessed valuation of the existing TVF&R service

area at the time of annexation and whether one or both areas are not added at the same time (i.e. one measure passes and one measure does not pass). If both measures pass and annexation is finalized, TVF&R estimates that the bonded rate will decrease about one cent per \$1000 assessed valuation. Currently, the bonded debt rate is 10.47 cents per \$1000 assessed valuation so it could be up to a 10% decrease.

- Question was asked of why large fire trucks respond to medical calls
 - The fire trucks have paramedics on them for better response capacity in emergency situations
 - Hard to determine what responders are truly getting into when called
 - Paramedics and EMT assess patient, treat on scene, then transfer to ambulance
 - Implemented smaller cars to address smaller routine operations to minimize costs of sending larger trucks

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 open after 5 month closure
- Aloha Swim Center turns 40 in March, celebration in November
- Registration for spring programs opens March 3rd
- Greenway Park Concept Plan open house in February
- Hyland Woods, middle trail head is closed off due to steepness
- Willow Creek Boardwalk: Staff trying deck surfacing options, seeking feedback from patrons
- ADA improvements at Veterans Memorial Park
- Holiday Giving Drive was a success: twice as many gifts and donations as last year (600 items, helped 12 families, numerous unaccompanied minors)
- Question asked about Winkelman Park water fountain being turned off with concern that people are bringing own water and litter is accruing as a result
 - Will look into it

Miles Glowacki, City of Beaverton:

- February 10th: Beaverton's 125th anniversary - celebration events throughout the year
- BG Food Cartel now open at Millikan Way and Rose Biggi Avenue
 - Soft opening
 - Almost all spots rented
 - Generally open 8 to 10, or when the carts run out of food
- Grand opening in March
- Downtown Design Project work series
 - 2 physical workshops and online survey
 - Want to live up to community vision of having a vibrant downtown
 - Thursday February 22nd, 6-8 design workshop, City Hall
 - Saturday February 24th, 10:30-12:30, Beaverton Library
- Question asked of the current definition of downtown Beaverton
 - Roughly north of 5th Street to Center Street, east of Erickson/Hocken Avenues, west of OR 217
 - Unique districts within downtown, like Broadway, Beaverton Creek corridor
 - Wanting to look at the area as whole
- Interest of planners presenting to Highland NAC in future
- Comment made of good presence from Highland at previous open house
 - A major concern relating to Highland was connectivity between Highland and downtown
- Beavertonoregon.gov/downtowndesign
- Question was asked if online survey is still active
 - No survey, but now project map
- For downtown property owners, City is holding a workshop to help them think strategically about their properties

- Interested property owners can contact Miles for more information if interested in attending
- In January, City Council approved Family Promise of Beaverton to receive \$50,000 to assist children and their families attain permanent housing
 - 3-5 families, up to 14 people daily
 - Expected to open in March 2018
- Spring Basic CERT class enrollment
 - Community Emergency Response Team
 - 50 openings
 - Classes conducted every Thursday for 6 weeks from 6 to 9pm
 - Register online, beavertonoregon.gov/cert
- 130th Avenue traffic calming
 - Neighborhood review meeting was in January
 - Next meeting February 27th at HPMS, Tuesday
 - Third is March 19th, Monday
- Comment was made by resident who attended, reporting that \$100,000 are available to make changes on 130th, open to neighborhood response
 - Need 66% from the neighborhood, within 500 feet of 130th, to move forward with the project once design is ready
 - Neighbors who don't live as close can still be a part of the planning but can't vote
 - City had to get 50% of that project area to get to this point
- Comment was made that this is the only neighborhood who had made it this far in the year because neighbors organized
- Question was asked if bioswales are an option
 - Could happen
 - At meeting, various options found elsewhere in the city were presented
 - Traffic counts had to be consistently over the speed limit at multiple locations and times of day
- Comment was made in support of an option that physically forces people to slow down
- For questions about the neighborhood or city or finding the right person for an issue, contact Miles

Marc San Soucie, Beaverton City Councilor:

- Attitudes towards pedestrians and bicycles have changed over the years, more traffic issues as city grows, will look into the reasoning behind the 66% requirement
- Question was asked if the 50% mark will be looked at
 - Would be best to look at entire process as a whole
- Allen Boulevard District Plan
 - Multiple neighborhoods along street
 - Higher outreach as a result
- Adopted Active Transportation Plan
 - Concentration focus on pedestrian/bicycle issues/opportunities
 - Intention to incorporate into overall transportation plan in the city, with process starting next year
- Over last 3 years there has been a shift in how transportation projects are funded, with emphasis on sidewalk gaps
- Menlo Drive sidewalk installation, \$2,000,000 allotted
- Increase in road pavement funds from state and county
- Comment was made that at public meetings discussion for bike infrastructure were guided by a survey responded by about 120 people, wondering if there will be further outreach to gain more feedback
 - Active Transportation Plan is a catalog of potential transportation projects, with choices being guided based on limited funding
- Comment made that Allen is a barrier to connectivity between Highland and downtown
- Comment made that there is the desire to walk, bike, but also concern about getting hit by cars, particularly along Allen
- Council wants to prioritize alternative transportation options but there are still barriers in design
- Comment made referencing SE Division and Clinton Street bike diversion and traffic calming projects in Portland ('Bike Boulevards' or 'Neighborhood Greenways') as a similar case study for Allen

- Neighbors should be involved with Allen Blvd district plan and voice opinions
- Police building design open house at Bridge Meadows
 - City would like to purchase Shell Station at Allen and Hall Boulevards but it needs the company who owns it to clean up the underlying brownfield
- Center for the Arts and parking structure at the Round
 - Funded almost entirely from lodging taxes in the city
- New hotel at 217 and Canyon Road, other projects to increase hotels
- Housing affordability and urban camping:*
- Acknowledged that there is an issue in the city but no ordinance yet to tell someone to get off the street (can't force someone to move off public right-of-way)
 - Some cities do have that ordinance
 - Many diverse opinions that are valid, which complicates the issue
 - The situations of each person is unique
- Would like to pass an ordinance to allow people moving some off right-of-way but not until there are options to help those people
- Building roster of tools to help people who are willing to take it
- Ordinance returning to agenda in March
- Question was asked if there is a similar program like CERT for people who are in crisis to connect to the city and neighbors
 - Professional outreach workers with the County who do that, but not enough
 - City has trained police officers, particularly bicycle officers, similar to the outreach workers to effectively address some situations
 - County mental health, outreach professionals, or bicycle officers as first point of contact, an inquiring interaction instead of enforcement
 - Question need to be asked to better understand situation of each individual, but must be done safely
- Comment was made that a lot of burden falls to mental health professionals and others and it would be good to have options for neighbors in how to work with the houseless community
- Comment was made about a parked non-official bus and "zombie car" on 136th
 - Police needs help from the city council for an ordinance with teeth
 - Reported that there used to be a similar ordinance in Beaverton
 - Concerned about quality of life issues due to potential criminal activity, litter, etc.
- Question was asked of partnership with the county, referencing Clover Court and Luke-Dorf
 - City is trying to work with County on potential projects
- Tualatin Valley Water District (TVWD) rates are 45% higher than City of Beaverton
- Water supply won't initially switch and would save residents about 18% on bill
- Later this year, the four red-light camera intersections in the city will target drivers speeding 11mph or more, as allowed by the state legislature
- Question was asked about what the law is regarding releasing potentially hazardous criminal suspects soon after booking and if jails are too crowded to keep people
 - When local police drop someone off at jail, they know that they might get out on bail or own recognizance
 - Decision comes down to judge and jail operator

Treasurer's Report

- January: \$3578.56
- Issued check to presenter at HPMS fundraising walk for \$250 (bronze level)
- Approved up to \$1,000 for upcoming NAC project in Channing Heights Park
- Question was asked when the supplement from the city arrives
 - July, beginning of fiscal year
 - Even split of money by budget committee to all neighborhoods (total \$6,000)
 - Reimbursement for any expenses if a neighborhood matching grant is discussed
- Question was asked about having a second bank signer

- Jeff was looking to have the chair become the second signer
- Reggie motioned that John become second signer, Konnette seconded, no discussion, approved unanimously

Reggie distributed the January minutes

Ideation

- John mentioned that in March the neighborhood will devise a plan for the year
 - Breaking into small groups to think of what the NAC wants to accomplish in 2018
 - Projects the NAC can do themselves
 - Long-term projects
 - Projects on which the NAC will need assistance from the City
- Idea of an Easter Egg Hunt, other walks like a pet walk in spring or early summer
 - Coordinate with local businesses, like dog trainers
 - Align route with parks with waste bag dispensers
- Comment was made requesting different walk types over the next couple of years, like a native plant walk
- Each plan must have neighborhood volunteers to spearhead, but other neighbors can offer assistance such as with outreach
- Jeff motioned to approve the January minutes, Juanita seconded, no discussion, approved unanimously

Channing Heights Park Tree Planting and Mulching (Reggie):

- Saturday March 3rd, 9am to noon, the NAC is hosting a tree planting and mulching volunteer event
 - The NAC is purchasing 8 trees to fill in underutilized spaces and restore tree canopy
 - Mulching will increase volunteer capacity for the event and help ensure tree survivability
 - Breakfast refreshments, tools, hot beverages, leadership provided
 - Dress for the weather, able to get dirty
- Distributed outreach materials printed by the neighborhood program for members to give to neighbors
- Reggie is writing a neighborhood matching grant
 - Distributed a copy of current expenses and in-kind donations, to be finalized later
- Reggie motioned to add \$300 to the budget due to having to source three Douglas-firs from another nursery due to stock limitations, totaling \$1300 for project budget, Jeff seconded, question was asked about expenses (the NAC will use this grant to fund items that can be used at future events, such as a canopy and raffle tickets), question was asked about how in-kind donations work in the grant (can be added to neighborhood's match to add to total reimbursement; NAC cannot make money from the project), approved unanimously
- Comment was added expressing support for English ivy removal from trees during the project
- New Seasons at Progress Ridge has donated a bagel tray and pastries
- Seeking volunteer help with distributing fliers and setting up event in the morning

BCCI Update (Jennifer):

- Police volunteer program for citizens
 - Similarity to Highland NAC due to the need for safety during our neighborhood runs and walks
 - Distributed applications for program
- Boys and Girls Aid are opening a new house between Beaverton and Hillsboro with a full-time resident there
 - Clothing drives are an option for the neighborhood to provide support
- Question was asked if Boys and Girls Aid correlates with Home Plate in downtown Beaverton
 - Separate groups
- Representatives from Boys and Girls Aid are willing to speak to NAC
- Question was asked to Miles about information on NAC boundaries

-On website, Miles will follow up

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 by John