

Highland Neighborhood Association Committee (NAC) Meeting

August 9th, 2018 6:30pm

Highland Park Middle School library

Social media: @HighlandNeighborhood, #fortheLoveofNeighborhoods

Members: List of attendees available from City of Beaverton Neighborhood Program

Board: John Dugger, chair, Lindsey Lewman, vice chair [absent], Jeff Menzel, treasurer, Reggie Frumkin, recorder, Jennifer Lee, Beaverton Committee for Community Involvement (BCCI) representative [absent], Juanita Coparanis, Bernadette Le, Quinn Simpson, Konnette Etheredge, Aaron Frumkin

Presenters: Four firefighters from Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue station 67 (TVF&R); Matt Matias, Beaverton Police Department (BPD); Lori Leach, Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District (THPRD), Miles Glowacki, City of Beaverton

Meeting commenced at 6:30 pm by John. Attendees introduced themselves. Quorum present

Presentations

Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue:

- Public cooling centers available around Beaverton, such as libraries
- Some crews from TVF&R are participating in state-wide firefighting
- No major change in call volume

Matt Matias, BPD:

- Distributed crime statistics for neighborhood for July
- Shredding event for sensitive documents; free event at Sunset Presbyterian Church 8/11 10-1
- City Council approved new camping ordinance
 - Still in 30-day grace period
 - Police have authority to approach individuals and give 72 hour written warning and then issuing citations or towing when they decline to leave after being offered services
- Pursuits, such as one that happened in the neighborhood recently
 - When flashing lights or siren are on, police may be pursuing people, or time
 - Drivers should slow and pull to the right when an officer in pursuit is approaching, not just stopping
 - Reasons to pursue a person in a vehicle: if a violent felony has occurred, reckless driving, fights in cars, or if a person poses an imminent threat to an officer or citizen in that immediate moment
- When you see a school bus stopped, even when you're going in the opposite direction, the only time you don't have to stop is when there is a divided highway
- Question was asked regarding new officer hires
 - New officers are currently in training
- Question was asked what the trend for car break-ins is in Highland
 - Hard to say what a trend is in summer because there seems to be an uptick in everything
 - Haven't noticed many car break-ins, but did have residential burglary in Highland where a door was unlocked during the day
- Comment was made referencing a person who was in the neighborhood offering to hang no-soliciting signs who wanted to have a unified effort to keep solicitors or unwanted strangers knocking or loitering

- Question was asked how to respond to an unknown pedestrian pruning vegetation along the sidewalk and in yards without authorization
 - Raise awareness through social media such as Nextdoor
 - Accumulation of information is helpful to police
 - Wouldn't encourage to chase down an individual but ask people if they know anything instead and then call police
- Question was asked what can be done about a dog next door barking late into the night if videos with timestamps have already been taken and given to police
 - Try to talk to homeowner first, dog has to be barking when police are present, first time could be warning, second time could be citation. More of a long-term option
- Comment was made that they used the conflict resolution program by the City with a neighbor and it was helpful
- Everyone in Washington County is required to have dog registered through the county
 - Officials can confirm to see if there's an animal that's registered, might be able to visit the property to address it
- Comment was made suggesting to let them know that the dog is barking if they aren't aware of it, to deescalate things

Lori Leach, THPRD:

- Distributed information on park maintenance and dog park surveys
- Saturday 8/11 is a triathlon for people of all abilities
- Cooling shelters at pools, athletic center, and most recreation centers
- Fiesta en el Parque on 8/19 at Schiffler Park 2-6, Latinx cultural event open to everyone
- Garden Home Recreation Center mini-market/bazaar 8/26 10-2
- Elsie Stuhr Center rummage sale 8/31-9/1 8-4
- THPRD won Metro grant for \$70k to connect Latinx students to nature
 - Nature Experiences and Workforce Training program to recruit and train high schoolers in natural resources field

BCCI Update, Jennifer: absent

Miles Glowacki, City of Beaverton:

- Libraries getting new hours effective Sunday 8/26
- New arts building near the Round was named after a donor to the project
- Located off of Rose Biggi Avenue
- Public Safety Center - demolition of Activities Center mid-August
 - Dedication event is Monday 9/17, completion of move-in is scheduled for 2020
 - Artists being selected to create art for the site, incorporating neighborhood elements
- Study looking at improving bus service to Hall and Allen, focusing on 76 bus line
- Question was asked who decided to name the arts building after the donor
 - They donated a lot of money so they got to pick the name

Visioning Update:

- John thanked Konnette, Jennifer, and Reggie for working to organize the Rock the Block *Rock the Block summary (Konnette):*
- Distributed an event summary and numbers, and a list of recommendations for future events from Jennifer

- \$1,103.56 expenses
- \$553.98 in-kind donations
- 140.75 volunteer hours, or \$3,475.18 value
- 47 neighbors utilized the dumpster
- Would like to make space on next agenda for talking about feedback and planning for future similar events
- Thanked Adam and Ryan for working with Andrew at church to pick up and return tables and chairs, and return the weeding party
- Thanked Miles for meeting requests of neighborhood
- Thanked Quinn for helping to get the word out on social media
- Thanked Bernadette for staffing the NAC booth
- Thanked Aaron for waking up early and picking up refreshments
- Miles collected \$120 from donations at the dumpster
- Matching grant reimbursement form to be filled out

Treasurer's Report, Jeff

- July 31st statement: \$250 deposit from Neighborhoods USA award and two expenses: \$550 for dumpster rental to Waste Management, \$240 for deposit for mobile ice cream service
 - Might get rebates if dumpster weight is light
 - Confirming mobile ice cream service fees
- Beginning balance for July was \$3,845.15, end balance is \$3,305.15
- Question was asked about possibility of tax deductions for charitable donations to the NAC, suggestion to promote that for future events

Approval of the Minutes, Reggie

- Distributed copies of July minutes
- Juanita moved to approve the July minutes, Konnette seconded, comment was made that the location for the next meeting was different than in the minutes, approved unanimously except for Bernadette who abstained because she wasn't at the meeting

Round Robin

- John: seeking people to consider ideas about dog parks to discuss at next meeting
- Fall pet walk (Reggie):*
 - Will be along streets with great fall color
 - Seeking feedback for trees or streets to be featured
 - Seeking feedback if there should be tree information distributed
 - Comment was made supporting distribution of tree information, which would make walk more interactive and wouldn't be a burden to carry
 - Reggie asked how people feel about cancelling December meeting due to historical challenge of reaching a quorum for that month
 - Comment was made suggesting to continue momentum
 - Comment was made suggesting an open-house or holiday party in place of meeting, including kids, with perhaps a cookie exchange
 - Reggie indicated that the NAC can't do a second planting in Channing Heights Park at this time because of scheduled maintenance work, looking at Fir Grove School and adjacent properties on Wilson for next project
 - John expressed interest in creating art project: "This is Us, Highland 2018".

- Invite neighborhood to bring a photo of family or a paragraph for a board to be displayed in public spaces, promote on social media, explain how people can give to NAC
- For mailer for fall pet walk, give copy and photo to Miles by first of September
- Jeff moved to create a subcommittee for walk to make decisions without further vote, Aaron seconded, Reggie and John suggested \$500 for a walk budget which Jeff added to motion, Quinn suggested social media should get some budget for boosting posts, approved unanimously
- 130th Avenue traffic calming (John):
- 130th and Allen intersection will be amended
 - Cannot turn left from 130th onto Allen after 60 days due to high accidents
- 130th and Allen overall traffic calming project failed due to not enough people voting, traffic commission will look at reviewing process and barriers
- Question was asked how people are determined if they are eligible to vote
 - Included houses on 130th and up to 75 feet away
- Comment was made that barriers are too high for the projects as four-year process has been reset
- John and Quinn stepping down from board and officer positions due to moving to Central Beaverton
- September meeting: John opening to new board members and for new elections in October for officers
- Konnette: Kate Prakash of the NAC put together a recycling list for resources, distributed copies

Meeting adjourned at 8:27

Next meeting: Thursday, September 13th 2018, 6:30pm, Highland Park Middle School library