

Highland Neighborhood Association Committee (NAC) Meeting

September 13th, 2018 6:30pm

Fir Grove Elementary School library

Social media: @HighlandNeighborhood, #fortheloveofneighborhoods

Members: Terry Hintz, Mike Hintz, Donna Raagas, Adam Gretzinger, Ronald Pacheco, Amr Khalifa

Board: John Dugger, chair [absent], 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 [absent], Konnette Etheredge, Aaron Frumkin

Presenters: Grace Eisenhauer, Parker Seitzer, Katy Smith, Rich Eisenhauer, Girl Scout Troop 45066; H. Jeff Campbell, Ty Donahue, Dean Yoder, Jeff Welch, 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 6:34 pm by Jeff. Attendees introduced themselves. Quorum present

Presentations

Girl Scout Troop 45066:

- *Completed their Bronze Award project in June 2018 by constructing a free little pantry outside Fir Grove school and keeping it stocked with food and hygiene items
- *Patrons can take what they need, leave what they can
- *Box located off of Wilson Ave near main entrance
- *Asking for help keeping stocked with food and hygiene supplies for people experiencing need
- *Beaverton Christian Church (BCC) is a community partner. Looking for additional community partners to restock every couple of weeks
- *Requesting items be sealed and unexpired
- *Scouts were stocking once to twice per week and pantry emptied out frequently
 - Installed at end of May, kept stocked until September, had no issues
 - Only items that weren't supposed to be in there were books
- *Recommended to not fill at a predictable date to make more fair
- *Comment was made praising the box and that two City of Beaverton public works employees complimented it during the recent parade
 - Nobody has ever asked to install little free pantry, so this was the first in the school district
- *Distributed flyers about the Little Free Pantry
- *Contact for the project is troop leader Amy Newton, 503-724-1868 or amynewt@yahoo.com
- *Question was asked, how will people know that this is an available resource?
 - Working with BCC who already has a food pantry and will help get word out to patrons like for example when they're not open
- *Question was asked of the current supply needs
 - Hygiene items - toothbrush/toothpaste, soap, razors, shampoo/conditioner, lotion, feminine hygiene, diapers/wipes
 - Nonperishable food items - peanut butter, tuna and canned chicken, mac and cheese/canned pasta meals, canned fruit/vegetables, pasta and sauce, soup/chili, cooking oil
 - Household items - dish and laundry soap
- *Question was asked if there is a limit on how much one can take
 - No limit
- *Question was asked if someone picks up your donation and then adds it to pantry
 - Donator places items, undo the latch on the pantry door to open
- *Question was asked how frequently a group would need to stock if it's their month
 - Once at the beginning, once at the end, or once every one to two weeks
- *Question was asked what would happen if someone brought more items than could fit in the pantry
 - Try to fit them inside or save some to restock later
- *Question was asked if the troop would consider creating a bigger pantry if successful?
 - Maybe, or create more pantries at new schools
- *Question was asked if there are items people don't use
 - Dehydrated beef stew and beans, for example seemed to not be in demand over the summer, possibly due to heat

*Jeff thanked for presentation and will continue discussion among the NAC later in the meeting, and follow up with Amy

H. Jeff Campbell, Ty Donahue, Dean Yoder, Jeff Welch, TVF&R:

*October is Fire Safety Month

*Working smoke detectors are extremely important, especially with increased wood use in fall and winter

*When daylight savings time happens, test your smoke detectors and change batteries

-If older than 10 years, should probably be replaced

-If hardwired, need to have battery backup in case power fails

*Question as asked about the best placement for carbon monoxide detectors

-Lower is better, but follow package directions for optimal placement

*Clean chimneys, make sure soot is out, should be done once a year, as well as air ducts

*Cooking: now that children are back in school, talk to them about how to use stove appropriately, as well as microwave, and cooking appropriately, i.e. don't leave towels or hot pads around stove when cooking due to fire hazard

*Fire escape planning: make sure there are at least two ways in and out of the house

-Go over plan with whole family

*With children back in school, pay attention early in morning and afternoon with increased activity

*Question was asked if any recent fire or rescue activity in Highland

-Nothing alarming, just a couple of minor fires and medical issues. Some bark dust fires

*Question was asked of how to proceed with a neighbor possibly burning garbage

-Call TVF&R non-emergency line as it is illegal

-Fire pits are allowed in backyard all year long, but recommend having hose and a zone clear of vegetation around pit

*Is leaf burning prohibited?

-In city limits, not allowed to burn leaves

-We live in DEQ boundary, no burning allowed to protect air quality

*Question was asked of best locations for smoke detectors

-Every bedroom, or hallway outside bedroom, each room ideally, ceiling is best, but follow instructions for installing new ones

*Question was asked about a sports flag arson at 21st St and Peach Ln

-Not aware of incident

Matt Matias, BPD: absent

Lori Leach, THPRD: absent

BCCI Update, Jennifer: absent

Miles Glowacki, City of Beaverton:

*Welcoming Week is 9/14-23, a dozen events planned around city, full listing is on beavertonoregon.gov/welcomingweek

*Police building groundbreaking is Monday 9/17 from 3 to 4pm at Hall and Allen Blvd

*Beaverton Restaurant Week, begins 9/27, nearly 40 restaurants signed up, 9/27 through 10/7, beavertonoregon.gov/eat

-Unique menu items alongside normal menu

-Opening night celebration 4:30 to 6 Thursday 9/27 at La Scala food hall at 1st St and Lombard Ave

-Instagram contest each night, winner gets \$25 to restaurant

*Question was asked about the possibility of reevaluating sizes of parking spaces in downtown to more efficiently fit vehicles

-City parking engineer has assessed parking in all of downtown

*Comment was made that 30mph is too high for areas north of 5th St on Watson Ave and Hall Blvd

*Comment was made that there are numerous blind corners in downtown, making pulling out of side streets difficult

-City hired first parking engineer, did study of downtown, looked at parking spaces and how to increase efficiency, accessibility, working on shared parking agreements, improvements to safety in existing lots, City will be enforcing parking time limits. Parking spacing decided by state standards

-For side streets, more efficient not to have lines separating spaces but some businesses don't like it

*Question was asked of new high-rise at MAX tracks and Cedar Hills, will there be underground or on street parking?

-Underground parking

-Arts center getting own parking garage

- *Boards and commissions recruitment, join one or 13 boards and commissions, deadline to apply Monday 10/1
 - Distributed flyer on boards and commissions
- *Family Promise of Beaverton: Non profit that helps families move into permanent housing, temporary housing available for families, rotates throughout area mostly by churches
 - City is hosting two weeks, September 16-22, October 14-20 at Community Center, seeking volunteers
 - Volunteer roles are easy like cooking meal, bring it to site, have dinner with families, have activity, assist with laundry, male and female role needed to stay overnight
- *Comment was made that on Denney Road around 2:30pm on weekdays during Vose school's release, people stop in lane of traffic waiting to turn when there is no room in the lot. Some times as many as 20 cars backed up waiting for idling driver to turn into lot. Question was asked what the City can do about it
- *Comment was made suggesting to contact to BSD, safe routes to school coordinator
 - Other schools have addressed this with for example a staggered release
 - Call transportation planning at City who can work with BSD to study situation to come up with solution
- *Comment was made that at another area school it was forbidden to stop if in travel lane, highly enforced
 - It was addressed at school, with PTA, and developed a system to not back up street traffic
- *Comment was made that the City recently addressed this issue at a Dutch Brothers location at Hall Blvd and Eliander Lane
- *Comment was made that at Hart and Sorrento Rd people are driving erratically
- *Question was asked of status of pipe replacement on Hyland Way
 - Will follow up

Rock The Block Debrief (Konnette)

- *79 people participated in one or more events
- *49 cars/parties deposited items in dumpster
- *Metal salvager took away \$120 worth of items
- *25-30 people had ice cream
- *A few people played croquet
- *About a dozen people did the weeding event, as well as another dozen picked up litter
- *Attendees expressed interest in being added to news list
- *Mayor attended
- *Question was asked of general size of neighborhood
 - About 8000 residents

Treasurer's Report, Jeff

- *\$3305.15 ending balance for August
- *\$512.11 expenses for Rock The Block
- *Konnette was reimbursed \$360.26, Reggie \$85.63
- *Jen paid for dumpster, will be reimbursed for \$362.84
- *Ending balance after expenses \$2347.15
- *Since end of August, check was received from City for neighbors attending Picnic in the Park (Juanita, John, John, and Ryan) for \$300
- *Expecting reimbursement check from City for matching grant to recoup all expenses from Rock The Block

Visioning Update

Fall Pet Walk (Reggie):

- *Saturday October 13, 10am to noon. Meet at 9:30 at Highland Park Middle School for refreshments
 - 2.68 mile route with information about trees along the way for self-guiding
- *City is able to print materials
- *Encouraged to bring pet and dress up in costume to be entered in costume contest
- *Distributed route with highlighted trees and groves of interest
 - Walk is centered around trash and bag dispensers for pet walkers
- *Apple fritters to be main food item
 - Comment was made that at previous events they liked fruit, coffee, juice, danishes, and apple cider
- *Requested to Quinn and Jen to promote event on social media in coming weeks

Officers Election Preparation

- *John is reportedly willing to remain as chair but will need to be revoted
- *Jeff confirmed that those officers present were willing to continue in their roles, to be revoted next meeting during the board and officer election
- *Bernadette motioned to nominate the following slate to be voted on next meeting, with John chair, Adam vice chair, Jeff treasurer, and Reggie recorder, Juanita seconded, Jeff mentioned that board members would be voted on next meeting, adding Ryan and Adam as board members while taking Lindsey off roster, approved unanimously

Round Robin

- *Adam mentioned that volunteer and cash donations get a cash match from his company
 - NAC is 501(c)4
 - Promote status when people have donated in-kind
 - Miles can provide donation letter
 - Any time spent at a public meeting could qualify, thus the NAC gets money from company
 - NAC can work with Miles to create NAC letterhead and receipt for companies
- *Miles mentioned the postcard for the fall pet walk is being mailed
 - Donors' names or logos can be included on postcards as future incentive
- *Donna, Republican precinct committee person, distributed information about a candidate for House District 27
- *Comment was made that the Elsie Stuhr rummage sale was very successful
- *Reggie distributed information on Fir Grove Park work parties this fall through spring
 - Removing invasive plants to improve park health and protect native vegetation
 - Saturdays from 9am to noon, 10/20, 11/17, 1/26, 3/23, 5/4
 - Meet at SW 130th Ave and 22nd St, dress for the weather wearing closed-toe shoes
 - Preregistration required: <http://www.thprd.org/activities/nature/volunteer/habitat-trails-gardening-projects>
- *Regarding the little free pantry at Fir Grove school, Jeff would like to see NAC members visit the pantry once or twice a week to get familiar, and proposed a budget of \$200 per month to reimburse donors
 - Matching grant a possibility
 - Donna volunteered to be a monitor
 - Adam volunteered, has a supply of natural foods for donations, previously donated to food bank
 - Konnette volunteered
 - Terri volunteered
 - Will coordinate with each other and Amy
 - Comment was made that unsealed hygiene items were observed, reminded that they must be sealed
- *Jeff motioned to allot \$200 for one month to reimburse volunteers who are restocking, Aaron seconded, no discussion, passed unanimously
- *Reggie relayed a message from Highland principal Curtis Semana, a reminder to refrain from entering school grounds during school hours
- *Reggie mentioned a tree planting by Friends of Trees in South Beaverton on Saturday 9/22 at SW 125th Ave and Scholls Ferry Rd from 9am to 1pm
 - Friends of Trees Crew Leader Trainings: Saturday 10/27 at Portland Audubon Society for greenspace plantings, Saturday 11/3 in NE Portland or Saturday 11/10 in SE Vancouver for neighborhood tree plantings. Sign up at friendsoftrees.org
- Fir Grove School Tree Planting (Reggie):*
- *Facility Improvement Plan submitted, approved by Fir Grove principal, awaiting feedback from project coordinators at district level
 - Passed around aerial image of open space between school and Wilson Avenue with 27 identified potential tree locations
- *Reggie motioned to allot \$200 from the treasury to purchase two replacement trees for a dead Douglas-fir in Channing Heights Park planted March 2018 and a dead Bowhall maple at Highland Park Middle School planted April 2017, and purchase up to five small-stock replacements for dead trees planted in 2017 along the 31st St bike path as per Konnette's observation, Konnette seconded, no further discussion, approved unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 8:27

Next meeting: Thursday, October 11th 2018, 6:30pm, Highland Park Middle School library