

## Highland Neighborhood Association Committee (NAC) Meeting

May 9th, 2019 6:30pm

Highland Park Middle School library

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Members: Jaydon Deming (Portland State University), Alan Donaldson, Liz Buffam, Ethel Sparhawk, Annie Pasbrig, Shelly Eugenio, Katy Brumbelow

Board: John Dugger, chair, Adam Gretzinger, vice chair, Jeff Menzel, treasurer, Reggie Frumkin, recorder, Jennifer Lee, Beaverton Committee for Community Involvement (BCCI) representative (absent), Juanita Coparanis, Bernadette Le, Quinn Simpson, Konnette Etheredge, Ryan Sager, Donna Raagas, Aaron Frumkin (absent)

Presenters: Miles Glowacki, City of Beaverton; Lori Leach, Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District (THPRD); John Griffiths, THPRD board candidate; Ashley Hartmeier Prigg, THPRD board candidate

Meeting commenced at 6:33 pm by John. Attendees introduced themselves. Quorum present

### Presentations

*Officer Matt Matias, BPD:* absent

*TVF&R Station 67:* absent

*Lori Leach, THPRD:*

\*Plan canceled to close redundant Hyland Woods trailhead

\*Question was asked about state of Douglas-fir trees in Hyland Woods

-Monitoring and replanting when they can

-May remove trees when they are deemed an imminent hazard

\*Comment was made that ranger Scott Wagner came out on short notice to take care of a fallen tree and that was appreciated

\*Scholarships for THPRD programs available to those in need online

\*Election is coming up for THPRD, 5/21, please vote

\*Water safety month in May

-Aloha - boater safety day 5/17

-HMT free open swim 5/24, rescue simulations getting public involved to know what lifeguards do

-Conestoga Swim Center has boat regatta 5/10 6-8pm

-Harman Swim Center has water safety scavenger hunt and coloring contest

-More scholarship opportunities for Learn to Swim program

\*Visioning Task Force is launched, 41 applicants, chose 13, beginning work this month

\*Park Patrol - if safety concern in parks, call park patrol at 971-246-0169

-Parks require leashes for dogs

-Washington County may issue \$160 citation for dogs off leash, park patrol offers warning cards

-If frequent sightings, district can issue exclusions from park use

\*Question was asked if off-leashed dogs are observed on school yards, should park patrol be called because of shared use?

-No, call police

\*Partnered with Washington county library system for summer reading program, free passes from June to December

\*Question was asked about sharing highlights of capital improvements plan across the district

-Last 4 parks from 2008 bond measure in development

\*Question as asked about dog parks

-Looking at dog park under power line but adjacent neighborhood was not on board

-Cobb Property does not yet have master plan

-Some neighbors say it can be noisy, cars coming and going

-Option of taking existing parks, creating off-leashed fenced areas

-3 right now, PCC Rock Creek, Hazeldale, and Winkleman

\*Question was asked about status on waiving system development charges for all affordable housing units within boundary

-Board is considering now

-\$108,000 in proposed budget that would go towards waivers

- Problem is if waive, they don't build the increased infrastructure for parks, so starts to stretch the system
- Can't waive and go away, THPRD would have to pay the fee in lieu of developers

*Miles Glowacki, City of Beaverton:*

- \*City of Beaverton public works has received national accreditation, just 4th in Oregon to receive
- \*City and employee Police and Public Works Week 5/13
- \*Safe park program being planned, 3 sites, one being THPRD
- \*Beaverton volunteer fair returns to City library from 10 to 1 on May 11, 35 local and non-profit groups
  - Also Beaverton Youth Summit held by Mayors Youth Advisory Board - RSVP online
- \*Question was asked about water work being done on 140th Avenue
  - Result of a leaky water pipe
- \*Question was asked about the police building and Shell station at Hall and Allen Blvd, would the gas station building be condemned because it has to be or just to acquire it?
  - Two kinds, public hazard or greater good, as in this parcel needs to be used for public service
  - Get paid fair market value for property
- \*Comment made about 2nd St and Lombard Ave apartments' plan for clearcutting entire site of all 43 Community Trees, that no trees are required to be preserved or mitigated under current City codes. More trees than zero trees must be preserved, which show failure of current development code to protect public's best interest relating to preservation of greenspaces and the community's natural history. Removing trees in urban core exacerbates climate change effects and makes Beaverton less resilient
  - City needs to balance housing needs
- \*Question was asked about proposals to remove all the trees at the Biggi property south of Bruce Lane on Lombard Avenue
- \*Question was asked when construction on Menlo will wrap up
  - End of June

*John Griffiths, THPRD board candidate in upcoming election:*

- \*Up for reelection
- \*Running on a record
  - Bond measure. While serving, board completed 142 projects, 4 left, addressed a variety of issues
  - During time of bond measure, able to refinance bonds at lower interest rates, got \$31,000,000 in savings for taxes, bond ended 2 years earlier than planned
  - Priority to maintenance, funding replacements, maintenance backlog cut by 75%
  - Last 3 years, National Recreation and Park Association, named THPRD one of best park and recreation districts in US
- \*Things supportive of:
  - Adding parks and sports facilities, trails, in underserved areas
  - Helping families by expanding after school programming, helping families who can't afford fees
  - Getting maximum value for tax payer, match growth and diversity
- \*Only one on board who has completed a full term
- \*Wants to provide institutional knowledge, help transition to next generation
  - 20 years on board in end of June
- \*Question was asked about why there is a big turnover on board, what are the problems
  - Were 4 people, one lost reelection 2 years ago, one won reelection but saw job come open with THPRD and applied and got job, board president stepped down, one other person appointed who is not running
- \*Question was asked why the board president stepped down
  - Sexual harassment claim

*Ashley Hartmeier-Prigg, THPRD board candidate in upcoming election:*

- \*Grew up in downtown Beaverton, attended Valley Catholic school, University of Portland, then Willamette University, now lives in unincorporated Washington County, wants to bring unincorporated voice to board
- \*Has dog, works at Nike
- \*Wants to increase access to dog parks
  - 3 west of 170th, much of district without dog park
- \*THPRD is responsible for instilling good practices for tree stewardship
  - There are opportunities to take better care of land, such as reducing pesticide

- \*Heidi is educator, mom, has 2 kids
- \*Tya is a pharmacist, raising 3 children in district
- \*Met through this process, would want to work together on the board
- \*All participated in the district
- \*Question was asked who Ashley is running against
  - A former board member, Bill Kanable
- \*Question was asked explaining about one of the reasons they were running, responsiveness
  - Canvassing more to hear voices due to their importance, hearing that the board hasn't been accessible to community, i.e. having to be present at board meetings
- \*Question was asked about waiving system development charges for affordable housing
  - On budget committee, approved \$108,000 to waive system development fees
  - Open to system development charge waivers, also open to other ways in being partners of affordable housing
- \*Question was asked is there is a plan for connectivity between trails
  - Yes, working with Metro and Washington County, there is increasing interest in community for connectivity
- \*Question was asked that what makes you stand out from opponent
  - Knocked on 1,400 doors, trying to solicit large amounts of feedback, opponent didn't show up to voters form
- \*Comment was made by former THPRD committee member that Griffiths attended many nature and trails advisory committee meetings as board representative, and that Kanable has a track record of working as president of Westside Soccer Club, encouraging to look at other candidate's credentials as well

#### **Treasurer's Report, Jeff:**

- \*Charge to account for \$8.72
  - Reggie purchased 4 thank you cards and photos for project supports of the Fir Grove School tree planting
- \*One check that cleared, paid to Jennifer Lee for \$40.00 for social media costs
- \*\$220 charge from Loen nursery for Fir Grove School tree planting project
- \*Received check for \$3,000 for matching grant, waiting to clear
- \*Reggie motioned to pay \$545 to city for trees to reimburse for them being billed for 6 trees from Loen for the Fir Grove School planting project, Adam seconded, no discussion, approved unanimously
- \*With adjustment, beginning May balance is \$1,809.30
- \*Now \$1,549.30
- \*Next month, \$3,000 check will clear

#### **Round Robin**

- \*Housing options project is moving forward, affordable housing implementation open house #2 on 5/16 at 5:30 at HPMS
  - Had previous meeting at Highland and used electronic voting for feedback
- \*Comment was made about Raziah Roushan soliciting donation funding for chalk art festival, Jeff spoke to her, revised down ask due to budget and available funds
- \*John communicated with her, open to board's feedback, asked about \$165 artist stipend
- \*Comment was made that the approach was wrong of asking for huge amount of money for a festival with uncertainty; willing to support with that lower amount but not anymore
  - John had spoken to Raziah about future potential partnerships more specific to neighborhood
- \*Question was asked why artwork can't stay up
  - Due to make-up of chalk
  - Talked about how in Forest Grove squares are offered to public and art is left until rain
- \*Comment was made that they are neutral about it but liked idea of involving the artist in future to have more funds available to do something specifically for the neighborhood, good thing to do for community
- \*Adam motioned to allot \$165 from NAC for the chalk art festival, Konnette seconded, comment was made that it's the first year of event and worth investing in to see it mature, comment was made that it was about supporting the event but also about supporting the artists at the event, Jeff motioned for the \$165 to be updated to \$200, Ryan seconded, comment was made that the business profits amount was promising, question was made if money can be specific for local artists, comment was made that this will not have major impact on tourism, comment was made that people go for the experience of watching them watch and have a target area of a 4-hour drive away, comment was made that it fits with direction of performing arts area, comment was made that the artist is going to a middle school in Beaverton this year to do a chalk art class which could be done in Highland in the future; approved unanimously for \$200
- \*John has been working on relationship with Fir Grove, 45% students are living below poverty line, desperate need for snacks and clothes such as coats, has ideas such as clothes or snack drive, can be gently used or new

- \*Comment was made that another way to connect is through the free lunch program during summer, hands-on way to see how many kids are needing
- \*Comment was made with interest in seeing demographics for neighborhood, adding that NAC has governorship over our neighborhood schools and can afford do help, so is supportive
- \*Comment was made that people wanted to donate cash during neighborhood clean-up
- \*Comment was made that future NAC events could solicit suggested donations of goods or money
- \*Comment was made that as a resident of Allen Blvd, it's important to walk around neighborhood and see full extent of neighborhood income levels
- \*Question was asked about details of program
  - Any child 1-18 can get a free meal, \$3.50 for adults
- \*Beaverton Downtown Association wine walk next Friday 5/17, \$30 per ticket, 10 1 oz samples at each place

## **Visioning**

- \*NAC previously voted on 3 priority events, rock-the-block, tree planting, native plant species education walk
- \*Had 4 non-event priorities, crossing Allen/farmers market, Native American history/recognition, other communication tools/community bulletin board, little free libraries
- \*Needing coordinators for event
- \*Existing NAC board members and people who previously organized events are resources
- \*Jeff volunteered to organize the Crossing Allen project
  - Work with Jabra Khasho
  - Bernadette offered to help support, suggested purchasing safety vests, potentially with NAC logo on them, for regular projects
  - John suggested to bring ideas and solutions
- \*Jenny is taking on community bulletin
  - Reggie to support
- \*Reggie to organize tree planting
- \*Konnette would like to organize fall native species walk
  - Bernadette offered to support
- \*Comment was made by John Griffiths about how THPRD can be involved in projects such as planting and native species walk
  - Can help support
  - Comment was made that the species walk could be good segue to Backyard Habitat Certification Program
  - Comment was made in support of partnership with Friends of Trees and also planting more trees in underserved neighborhoods to create a bank of tree canopy into the future out of underutilized space
- \*Katy offered to organize the rock-the-block event
  - Pick a couple of dates and send to Miles
  - Comment was made that September is good
- \*Native American History Recognition and Little Free Libraries are available

Meeting adjourned at 8:10

**Next meeting: Thursday, June 13th 2019, 6:30pm, Highland Park Middle School library**