

## Highland Neighborhood Association Committee (NAC) Meeting

September 12th, 2019 6:30pm

Channing Heights Park

Social media: @HighlandNeighborhood, #fortheloveofneighborhoods

Members: Melinda Butterfield, Kathryn Brumbelow, Kate Prakash

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

Presenters: Officer Matt Matias, Beaverton Police Department (BPD); Betina Brantley, City of Beaverton; Lori Leach, Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District (THPRD); Cassera Phipps, City of Beaverton

Meeting commenced at 6:36 pm by John. Attendees introduced themselves. Quorum present

### Presentations

*Lori Leach, THPRD:*

\*Going to forward to NAC district policy for naming parks

\*Staff working with contractors to remove nonnative species in Fir Grove Park

-Focus is to benefit wildlife habitat as well as include ongoing volunteer efforts, increasing site safety, reduction of fire risk

-Removing ivy, replanting species, non-native tree removal such as cherries. Some may require professional felling. Happening fall into next year

-Fewer instances of camping, trash as a result

\*Question was asked if there is a possibility of trail in the new Fir Grove East park

-Not clear at this point. Will follow up

\*Indian cultural festival at Conestoga Recreation Center on 9/13 from 6:30-9:30

\*Saturday welcome walk in Greenway from 10 to 2 with immigrant refugee members becoming part of the community

\*Cedar Mill Cider Festival 9/22 1-4 at John Quincy Adams house

\*If you see vandalism, graffiti, or another issue call park patrol (971-246-0169)

\*Marvel movies - 22 movies across district at pools coming up

\*13,000 children attended summer camps this year

\*Howard M. Terpenning athletic center doing after school programs

\*Native Plant sale, Saturday 10/5 10-2 at Nature Center

\*Schiffler Dog Park, a pop-up dog park, was successful

-Survey available through 9/13. On Schiffler park page.

\*Comment was made suggesting to engage nearby residents who use the park for other uses who might get negatively impacted by more activity from outside the area

\*Question was asked if trees cut down on the Sorrento Road-131st Avenue bike path will be replanted

-Will look into it

\*Comment was made suggesting that deep-rooting native trees should be replanted in their place like Oregon white oaks

*Officer Matt Matias, BPD:*

\*Generally calm month in August except for a few thefts, such as packages on doorsteps or unlocked cars which can pick up throughout the city in summer

\*Group of people were checking mailboxes, combining theft and possibly fraud

-Beware of credit card offers in mailboxes

-Consider getting a locking mail box

\*Car seat clinic at Kuni Auto 9/21 9-11:30 am on Cedar Hills Blvd

\*9/19 Coffee with a Cop event at the Human Bean at Murray Blvd at TV Hwy

\*Beaverton Big Truck Day at City Library 9/17

\*A couple of months ago someone asked about crime stats over time. Those specific numbers not available but one could find out what crimes are occurring throughout the city, up to over 6 months time

\*Can sign up front door cameras for police program where you can be contacted if additional video evidence is needed for a crime committed nearby

\*Comment was made of concern about people looking through waste bins on the curb

- Until trash and recyclables is taken by Waste Management they are yours
- Keep sensitive documents out of bins
- \*Question was asked about the shooting on Hargis Road on Friday 9/6, where someone reportedly purchased a house, hired some people to do work for them and allowed them to stay on the property with a motor home
- \*One woman in the motor home was grazed by a round, one person uninjured, one dog killed, and multiple rounds fired
- \*Comment was made of concern about multiple code violations and junk being brought on the property by apparent owner and ongoing suspicious and potentially illegal activity, that they are feeling unsafe, frustrated at the speed of movement from the City with exception of police department on the problem, and concerned about violence continuing or retaliation
- \*Officer Matias commented that it is difficult for police department to control what decisions the owner's making, typically detectives in active cases are reluctant to share information related to issues
  - A number of houses in Beaverton are long-standing issues for criminal activity
  - Can be a long process addressing these
  - The house in question is drawing a lot of police activity, more so due to the shooting
- \*Question was asked how they can be informed if there is progress on the house with the safety issues
- \*Question was asked if there is a length of time people should wait for a response from a phone call
  - There was another situation where a City department was contacted in May but didn't respond until September
  - Recommended instating a City policy on responding to calls
- \*Comment was made that the neighborhood program aims for 24 hours response time
- \*Comment was made that using the City conflict resolution center was useful
- \*Officer Matias commented that it is good to see people offering to help to speed up their renovation process but warned to be cautious about getting involved with and offering services to a potentially uncredible property owner which could open oneself to civil liability
- \*Will look into bringing new information on issue to next month meeting

*Cassera Phipps, City of Beaverton:*

- \*In last phase of Allen Boulevard District Plan, asking for feedback on plan draft, one more round of engagement
- \*Had community engagement liaisons to better involve underrepresented demographics
- \*Distributed copies of the draft
- \*Four implementation categories
  - Supporting multicultural businesses
  - Enhancing park access, particularly in the Vose NAC with working with THPRD and finding new properties and amenities for parks
  - Transportation safety
  - Promoting health and connecting people
- \*Online comment form as well as hard copies of surveys were distributed
- \*Summary of previous surveys are online as well at [Beavertonoregon.gov/Allen](http://Beavertonoregon.gov/Allen)
- \*Full version of document with specific actions available
- \*Comment was made that they heard there was some frustration with one of the existing business grants because they had to front the money and then be reimbursed potentially a bit far into the future, suggested implementing solutions such as no interest loans
- \*Comment was made that there is generally good tree coverage along Allen Blvd but in the business area there are a lot fewer trees, and more tree canopy coverage is needed for the underserved areas
- \*Comment was made that utility undergrounding could be an option for Allen Blvd. If non-high voltage lines were undergrounded there could be potential for additional trees
- \*Question was asked what the project timeline would be
  - Engagement through next 2 months, then going to city council for adoption before end of year in time for the planning of the next fiscal year budget
- \*Question was asked how deadlines match up with ODOT changes to 217 with new auxiliary lanes

*Betina Brantley, City of Beaverton:*

- \*Welcoming week is 9/13-22 with over a dozen events
- \*BCCI land use and planning summit from 10 to 1 on 9/22 at Beaverton City Library, [Beavertonoregon.gov/Summit](http://Beavertonoregon.gov/Summit)
- \*Restaurant Week 9/26-10/6, over 40 restaurants last year participated, [beavertonrestaurantweek.com](http://beavertonrestaurantweek.com)
- \*Boards and Commissions open house on Wednesday from 5 to 7

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

\*No transactions since July. Same balance as before at \$3,804.30

### **Approval of Minutes, Reggie:**

\*Distributed copies of July minutes

\*Adam motioned to approve, Jeff seconded, no discussion, approved unanimously except Bernadette abstained because they weren't in attendance in July

### **Visioning**

Natural Gardening and Landscaping: A 3 Part Workshop, Konnette:

\*Submitted grant for native plant education series, looks to be approved

\*Ordered neighborhood fliers and books

-Recommended having books be available for the first 20 people

-Location will be a room at the current police station that could accommodate over 100 people

\*Confirmation on 2 speakers for the dates, possibly 3rd

\*Distributed flyer information (see Page 4 of these minutes)

\*Jennifer offered to help with social media outreach, recommended a budget of up to \$50

\*Cost of the books increased since last meeting

\*Konnette motioned to increase the project budget by \$140, to \$620 total. Jennifer seconded, no discussion, approved unanimously

\*Dates of workshops are Mondays 10/14, 1/13, and 4/13, all 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Griffith Building at 4755 SW Griffith Dr

\*Question was asked if the grant paperwork will be submitted for all expenses for the 10/14 event up that point or will it be delayed to include new costs for 1/13 and after

-Budget is included in original plan to be distributed over all events, then filing for a single reimbursement

Barlow Road Tree Planting, Reggie:

\*Distributed tree offer letter to 120 houses near Barlow Road in July

\*Meeting location for event is now intersection of Barlow Road and Lily Place

-Meet around 12:45 on Sunday 11/17. Event is from 1 to 4 p.m.

\*7 trees confirmed so far, with 4% positive response rate. Aiming for 10-12%

\*Now recruiting planting volunteers from neighborhood and community for a goal of 30 in attendance

\*Asked if the neighborhood program would be able to help by printing off postcards and flyers

-Yes, will follow up

\*Conducting second round of outreach to households in coming weekends

\*Jenny offered to coordinate planned social media posts

Community Bulletin Boards, Reggie:

\*Help get word out to neighbors that we are seeking a volunteer to lead in building and installing a bulletin board

-NAC would provide all materials

-Volunteer involvement would help keep costs down and add significantly to the neighborhood match for a grant

### **Round Robin**

BCCI update, Jennifer:

\*Land Use Summit is coming up on 9/22. Learn about how to read the proposed development signs, language, renter rights, etc. Is a member of the subgroup and worked hard to put on the event

\*Lani with the neighborhood program is providing some money for boosting posts on Facebook pages

\*Juanita brought a box of her home-grown tomatoes to share with the group

Meeting adjourned at 7:34

**Next meeting: Thursday, October 10th**

See next page for Natural Gardening and Landscaping flyer:

From your City of Beaverton Highland Neighborhood Association:

## Natural Gardening and Landscaping: A 3 Part Workshop

Highland Neighborhood residents can learn about the benefits and basics of natural landscaping and gardening. Event is free to residents. Local experts from the Tuatatin Soil and Water Conservation District and the Backyard Habitat Certification Program will present topics around the tenets of wildlife friendly gardening including native and invasive plants, attracting garden pollinators, water saving and habitat conservation. Also included is discussion of the Backyard Habitat Certification program. Refreshments will be provided, and the first 20 attendees will receive the book “Real Gardens Grow Natives” by Eileen White

Workshop Dates and Speaker Topics	Workshop Times and Location Details
<p><b>Native and Invasive Plants, Large Urban Trees</b>  <i>Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup></i> (1<sup>st</sup> 20 attendees receives copy of book!)                      Briita Pajunas; Conservation Specialist – Urban Program                      Tuatatin Soil and Water Conservation District</p> <p><b>Pesticides, Wildlife Habitat, Storm Water Management</b>  <i>Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup></i>                      Briita Pajunas; Conservation Specialist – Urban Program                      Tuatatin Soil and Water Conservation District</p> <p><b>Backyard Habitat Certification Review and Tour</b>  <i>Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup></i>                      Susie Peterson, Representative                      Backyard Habitat Certification Program</p>	<p><b>Workshop Times:</b>                      Workshop starts at 6:00 pm and finishes by 7:30 pm</p> <p><b>Location:</b>                      Griffith Park Building                      4755 SW Griffith, Room 330                      See Beaverton Police and Court sign at entrance to parking lot.</p> <p><b>Please note:</b>                      As court is in session at this location, persons entering are required to go through an electronic security screening.                      The following items are prohibited: firearms (even with CHL), weapons, knives, incendiary items, pepper spray, drugs, alcohol and any item that poses a security risk or health hazard</p>
<p><b>For Questions call:</b> Konnette Etheredge at (503) 469-9293</p>	