

Highland Park Neighborhood Association Meeting
Monday, March 30th at 6:00PM
Online Informational/Planning Board Meeting

Meeting opened at 6:05 PM/Roll Call:

- Adam Gretzinger, chair opened the online meeting with the following board members present representing a quorum: Konnette Etheredge, Reggie Frumkin, Adam Gretzinger, Bernadette Le, Annie Pasbrig and Ryan Sager. Miles Glowacki, NAC City advisor. Because of the statewide meeting restrictions and cancelation of the March 12th General NAC meeting, the Highland NAC Board members are meeting to discuss future meetings and continuation/planning of current NAC projects and future meetings. No decision votes will be held or new projects planned.

Electronic Meetings, Resignations and April NAC meeting:

- With school cancelled the Middle School Venue is not available until further notice.
- Miles will be exploring the framework and possibilities of online NAC meetings with city staff and be in contact when he has more information
- In addition to the March meeting the April general NAC meeting will be cancelled Miles will update city website. May and June meetings will be held or cancelled according to current situation and state of Oregon directives.
- Please check the city website for updates regarding council meetings and more information on how the city is addressing the Covid -19 shutdown.
- The April 13th Natural Landscaping event has been delayed. Konnette has sent an email and talked with the Briita Pajunis who will coordinate conversations with the speaker(s) and sent an email to NAC residents who have attended. At this point the Backyard Habitat certification speakers are willing to support an event that would be held in September. We will touch base again in August to see if that time will be feasible. Betina will contact City staff to coordinate media messaging and update NAC Facebook.
- Resignations have left some vacancies in our current lineup. Jennifer Lee has resigned from the board and the BICC. Bernadette Le is interested in taking on the BICC Highland NAC representation but will need to check for scheduling conflicts and get back to Adam. The meetings are held the 1st Wednesdays of the month at 6:30pm. A NAC social media coordinator is also needed. Annie Pasbrig is interested in volunteering. This would include managing the Facebook page and coordinating with city staff on NAC messaging.
- Volunteer activities during the corona outbreak for those who would like to help include support of established non-profits/ charities, Highland Helpers, and Family Promise. In addition the Beaverton Severe Weather Shelter will provide expanded services during the Covid 19 crisis. Starting today the homeless shelter will remain open nightly to serve persons who have registered and who are most at risk if becoming infected. Breakfast and dinner will be served.

Treasurer's report:

- There is no Treasurer's report for this meeting

Clean up event:

- A new project coordinator is needed for this event. Konnette volunteered to take on this event.

- Initially information on a venue, submission of a grant request by May or June and coordination of communications regarding the status of projects during this time of shutdowns will be investigated.
- Then a dumpster rental and event set up can be arranged. General consensus was that an August event could be considered.

ASR project:

- Adam attended the public hearing regarding the anticipated updates to the ASR wells and water supply upgrades that will be affecting the neighborhood and the 136th St treatment center located in the Highland Neighborhood. Changes include removal and updating of older waste tanks, seismic upgrades and water supply improvements. Around 40 residents attend the March 9th hearing.
- Because of the sensitivity of the project to the neighborhood the city approved a non low bid contracting process. The approved contractor will be able to include resident sensitive processes into their project plans.
- Questions attendees asked included information about generator and construction noise and construction and water supply interruptions. Brian from Public Works will be the point person and Adam will communicate with him regarding upcoming notices.

City Charter Amendments and Upcoming Vote:

- At a recent NAC chair meeting, the city charter changes slated for a vote in the upcoming May election was discussed. The Charter revisions include housekeeping updates such as gender neutral language. The major change related to the charter regards city administration and management. This change adds the position of a City Manager to work along with that of a Mayor. The city manager focus is on operational administration of city departments and financial controls while the Mayor works with city council and city project development. An additional focus is the establishment of a code of ethics.
- Details of the changes are on the city website.
- As a reminder, board members, when representing the Highland NAC, should take a neutral tone when discussing city elections and other official business.

Joint South Beaverton and Highland NAC Project Suggestion:

- Konnette suggested a joint project with the South Beaverton NAC which shares a boarder with our NAC on the Hyland Wood. The Wood is currently used a lot and has invasive Ivy and Holly growing throughout. Konnette suggested that sometime during the next fiscal year we could hold a joint NAC work party to help clear some of this out. The members agreed that Konnette could investigate this possibility and bring information back to the group.

Online NAC Engagement :

- There was discussion that during this time of self isolation online engagement might be helpful to keep in touch with neighborhood residents needing help or information using Next Door and/or the NAC Facebook. Use of media to keep in touch could help mitigate some of the problems individuals may face with self isolation.

Announcements :

- Miles reported that City Hall is closed until 4/29/20 at least. City hall staff is working from home as much as possible. More information will be forthcoming as new processes are determined. A question was asked if it is known what the financial impact of the covid -19 stay at home mandate is. Miles reported that to date Beaverton's contingency fund is healthy and there is no talk of layoffs or major project delays. We are likely to know more in the coming weeks and Miles will look into this.
- Reggie reported on current tree planting projects. The next major event will be the Wilson Park planting. This event will likely be a tree planting in the fall of 2020 or winter of 2021.
- Annie announced that the Fir Grove PTO is conducting fundraising for the kid's lunch program as the need has increased due to recent events. They help the school to provide pick up lunch and breakfast meals. They are requesting donations of gift cards that can be easily used for what is needed. In addition, different restaurants have supported the school by hosting events where a percentage of the receipt is given to the PTO. Currently Lion Heart Coffee is hosting this event. Remember to support Beaverton chamber businesses!
- Annie is working on a neighborhood planting booklet. This could go out to new residents or any resident with questions.
- Bernadette led a round of thanks to Adam for arranging this meeting, a first for the NAC board!

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM. The April 9th meeting is cancelled. Future meetings to be determined.