

Highland Park Neighborhood Association Committee (NAC) Meeting

Thursday Jan. 14th 2021 at 6:30PM – 8:20PM

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6:30P Call to Order | Introductions | Public Recording Statement

Adam Gretzinger opened the meeting with the following board members present online or by phone to represent a quorum: Adam Gretzinger ; chair, Reggie Frumkin; Vice Chair, Konnette Etheredge; Recorder, Annie Pasbrig; treasurer, Juanita Compranis and Ryan Sager. Kate Prashak , NAC resident was also present. Also present were Miles Glowacki; Neighborhood Program Coordinator, Liana Heldon; THPRD Liaison, Officer Denise Barrett; BPD, Sgt. Ed Mastre; Mountain Bicycle Patrol Team.

The NAC is a volunteer level of city community government which serves Beaverton neighborhoods. This meeting is held online and is recorded. It will be posted on the City of Beaverton Website.

Treasurer's report | Minutes approval - Annie Pasbrig and Konnette Etheredge

December 2020 minutes were reviewed and a motion was made to approve and this passed. Regarding the Treasurer's report, the \$5.00 fee incorrectly applied to the NAC account has been reversed. A \$1192.48 check for NAC volunteer hours from the Shredding event has been received. There were 2 checks issued to reimburse NAC members for past event expenses of \$ 63.12 and \$84.00. for the shredding event and tree planting event. Current balance is \$1379.85. A reimbursement request for the last event will increase that balance. As a reminder, estimated expenditures are approved through a motion to the NAC board. If the expenditure exceeds that amount at the time of payment, another approval motion through the NAC board should be made. The Debit Card is held by the treasurer so that payments can be coordinated.

THPRD Update | Liana Heldon (Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District (THPRD))

Class registration opened January 4th and registrations can be made online.

Raleigh Swim center will open for lap swims on Jan 11

Preschool program has been well received and has been expanded with programs available at multiple sites [Preschool Programs | THPRD](#)

THPRD Mobile programs are coming to a park near you. There are 2 programs which are provided.

Nature Mobile: <http://www.thprd.org/facilities/nature/nature-mobile>

Rec Mobile: <http://www.thprd.org/facilities/recreation/rec-mobile>

Construction improvements are ongoing including ADA improvements

Pop up off leash areas for dogs and their owners have been successful with the latest one at Ridgeway Park. More are being scheduled.

Virtual Recreation Center has a growing list of activities you can take advantage of.

Volunteer opportunities are available for THPRD events and community gardens

Drive in Bingo is being held at 10AM on 1/25/21 at the Elsie Stuhr Center. Space is limited and first come first serve.

Fitness in the Park activities are being increased with bilingual options available

Police Update – SGT. Denise Barrett and Sgt Ed Mastre

Bicycle Patrol Unit has been in place since the 70s patrolling parks and other public areas which are less accessible to vehicles. Its goal has changed through the years reflecting changing community priorities. It currently is focused on issues surrounding homelessness and mental health crises. A different approach is needed for these problems as Case Law prohibits criminal punishment for persons

with bodily function needs such as sleeping. As such the team is able to assist with getting persons to shelter, contacting family, providing clothing, hygiene and obtaining PPE supplies.

There are 3 groups of persons for which the services they provide are designed. 1) Homeless and mentally ill persons requiring environmental help such as bus tickets to medical appts, calls to family and live to work programs help such as clothing, resumes, hygiene and PPE supplies. 2) Severely impaired individuals who may be suffering from uncontrolled mental illness, addiction or other chronic problems. This work is done in conjunction with community partners, including the BPD social worker. 3) Persons involved in criminal activities.

The Bicycle Team response time is dedicated to this program. The need is great and the hope is that this team is more approachable for the communities affected. At this time community programs including healthcare facilities are limited. Mental Illness Courts which are on the horizon may help with long term measures. The BPD does not participate in non bench ordered evictions. Community donations are accepted and Chaplin McGuire oversees this. During the winter clothing, gloves, socks and coats are needed. During the summer food, water, and sanitation supplies are needed. Prepaid cards such as a Goodwill card are easier to keep on hand and always needed. Covid 19 restrictions have resulted in shut down of number of holding cells and decreased resources such as access to medical care, medications, and talking with persons.

General Policing Matters | Denise Barrett

Effects of DMV closures have made it difficult or impossible for persons to comply with its requirements. A decrease on the enforcement of certain offenses is related to the shutdown of DMV centers including parking and unattended vehicle problems and certain traffic infractions.

Covid precautions for BPD Staff Staff are taking precautions to remain safe such as mask wearing, communicating with a driver from the passenger side.

Recent Siren Activity was related to events on Hall and Allen which required a 2 car response. Hillsboro RV camping is closing. There is not an alternative as yet. RV camping has resulted in fewer problems to communities than camping. Some do break down and there is not repair or towing services for them.

Crime Stats have been decreased but with Tax season and stimulus checks arriving fraudsters will ramp up. Watch for problems with improper tax filing ID theft, and stimulus check scams. Larceny and vehicle theft continue to be problems so be sure to lock vehicle doors and remove packages. Illegal dumping has increase with dumpsters being targeted.

The Courts are still operating

Tree committee report | Reggie Frumkin and Annie Pasbrig

The 1/31st event will be held Beaverton Christian Church. 75 trees were requested and we will continue to accept requests online using the link on the NAC Facebook page. Expenditure for less than \$2100 is expected. Grant was approved for \$1136. \$396 is needed for mulch and other planting supplies. Sequoia , Western Cedar are part of tree give away as is broad leaf maple , White oak, Douglas Firs and Western Hemlock . See [surveymonkey.com/r/QQRBWVL](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QQRBWVL) link to register. Also a message to highlandnactrees@gmail.com can be sent. Volunteers are still needed. A motion was made to authorize an expenditure of up to \$1500 to cover cost of trees and planting supplies, delivery fee and misc supplies was made and passed. Regarding Trees from the November event will be planted after a repair to the public way is completed. City risk management is reviewing the breakage and once this is completed, the owner can repair the area and bring receipts to them.

Fir Grove East Naming Project Reggie Frumkin and Liana Heldon

Reggie presented a document formalizing the Highland NAC's request for the provision of an indigenous name the Fir Grove East THPRD property. It outlines the activities taken to date by the NAC. Please review prior to the February meeting when a vote regarding its submission to the THPRD naming counsel. Comments or suggestions for change can be sent to Reggie. Liana will help ferry the document through process.

BCCI Report | Konnette Etheredge

Regarding Land Use Resources, The BCCI met in December and discussed their role in the Land use process. They will be looking at the current resources and see what changes or updates are needed for these.

How Covid has impacted the individual NACs was discussed and there have been fewer events than would be expected. Efforts to put on cooperative events were discussed. Reggie Frumkin talked about the recent tree planting event as one that could safely be held. Annie suggested that media could be used toward this purpose.

City Updates | | Miles Glowacki

Noise Ordinance questions were posed and Miles reports that the parameters are in the city code and different times are indicated for different activities. For construction work and landscape work may begin at 7 AM and continue until 7P while for owners working on their residence, may begin repair or other noisy work at 7A and continue until 10P. Amplified sound is prohibited from 10p to 10A. Especially offensive noise such as persistently barking dogs and muffler noise are the responsibility of owners. Muffler noise is difficult as the DEQ is closed due to Covid 19 and unable to provide monitoring services. Miles suggests contacting neighbors first before registering a complaint.

Other nuisances and community problems are also addressed. Water, sewer and sanitation are required. Hoarding issue can be difficult but focus on safety concerns when deciding to report. Fences must be maintain and if leaning >15 degrees should be fixed within a week. Ice and snow should be cleared within 4 hours of daylight. If repair is needed related to street trees, the city will pay half the cost. Sidewalks are the responsibility of the home owner and it is their liability if someone falls. The cost to maintain Street trees in the public right away are maintained by owner but a permit is required to remove. Grinding roots and topping trees is generally prohibited. Contact City Arborist for questions. Vehicles can be parked anywhere on the street if the car is operational and is moved by 72 hours.

Reservoir work continues. Brian Barnett, project supervisor, sent photos of the site which has been dug out. Work has been mindful of residents. Large evergreen trees were removed. Miles will check on their replacement. The pump station demolition began in January, February budget to be finalized and new construction to planned for May to June. Project completion is targeted for completion in April 2022. City water storage capacity currently supplies water for 3-4 months

NAC Meeting signage is being made for the A Frame signs. These stick-ons will announce an upcoming NAC meeting as we use to have prior to on current online format.

New and old faces at city hall are starting the New Year. Mark Fagan was sworn in and the interim manage, Kurt Wilson hired. Mr. Wilson is from the Oakland area working there as a consultant. Outreach is being planned. Prepare your questions for that event.

8 can't wait report was made to the council and the Chief of police and human resource staff have been meeting and preparing recommendations to be presented to the council. Many of the tenets of this program are met within current BPD policies. Questions about the use of force guidelines and BPD practice with life threatening situations were at issue. BPD policy use of force is permitted in life threatening situations as is shooting at moving vehicles as a last resort measure. More discussion is needed on both sides of this issue.

The NACs and Neighborhood Program was moved from the Mayor's office to its own Department termed Community services and Public Engagement under the directorship of Abigail Elder. Mayor Elect Beatty now has an office and staff and will report to the city manager who will head city departments.

With no roundtable items the NAC meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be held February 11th at 6:30PM