

**Highland Neighborhood Association  
Annual Meeting Minutes  
June 13, 2019**

The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Geoff Darling at 7:02 p.m. with a quorum of Board of Directors present. Introductions were made by all and there were 18 neighbors in attendance.

**Meeting Minutes Approval** – Approved by acclamation with no changes. The agenda did need a correction to show that the next meeting would be September 12, 2019 instead of July 11, 2019. HNA does not meet in July or August.

**Police Officer Report** – There was no officer available for the meeting due to being detained out on a call.

**Code Enforcement – Christi Wolfe** – Officer Wolfe reported that there are currently 110 new cases, 24 of which are still open and 11 that she is currently working on. There are four derelict properties within Highland: one at 2250 4<sup>th</sup> St, 2690 Maple St., 1922 Commercial St. and 1130 Highland. Currently there are approximately 104 cases related to junk, 62 related to parking and several related to garbage.

There has been a change in personnel at the Code Enforcement Office and there will no longer be a person answering calls, but residents can still leave a detailed message, or they can file a complaint online.

**City Councilor Comments – Councilors Cara Kaser and Matt Ausec**– Councilor Ausec was not in attendance however Councilor Kaser was. Councilor Kaser discussed some changes for the city’s budget and stated that Community Development Services had been reduced but that it had been reinstated. There will be a Revenue Options Work Session held on Monday, June 16<sup>th</sup> to be discussed. Those options are Operating Fees, Employee Paid Payroll Tax and a Gas Tax.

Councilor Kaser stated that there will be some upcoming Bike/Pedestrian improvements. Broadway will be going from a four-lane to a two-lane and have a center-turn lane with bike lanes on both sides of Broadway between Pine and Tryon. The intersection at Pine and Maple will have a crosswalk and pedestrian island.

Speed bumps were already installed on Maple, but residents are complaining they are not serving their purpose and that they have not slowed down the traffic at all. Councilor Kaser will contact Public Works and see if there is a plan to do another traffic study to see what the results of adding speed bumps have made.

Salem now has a “Bike Sharing” service such as the same one in Portland. If you want more information, go to [www.ridesalem.com](http://www.ridesalem.com).

There are also some concerns about the traffic circle at the intersection of Maple and Locust. People are turning illegally and the signs that show the direction are rotting and need to be replaced. Councilor Kaser stated that she would contact Public Works to see what could be done to solve the issue and to make the area a little more attractive to the neighborhood.

**Oregon Long Term Care Ombudsman – Dennis Douglas** – What is a Long-Term Care Ombudsman? It is a trained advocate who gives voice to the concerns and issues raised by long-term care residents. He/she assists residents with issues such as move out notices, quality of care, violation of rights, billing disputes, and concerns about food. For more information contact 800-522-2602.

**Neighbor Concerns and Announcements – Issues not on agenda or previously discussed** – The old Ma and Pa Market now known as the Village Market will be reopened as a convenience store and the new owners are finishing up the interior remodel. No specific opening date has been set at this time.

Mary ran in to Mayor Bennett and he is wanting to attend one of our meetings soon so that he can catch up on what's happening in the neighborhood.

Teresa Diaz-Fernando has expressed interest in doing National Night Out again this year. They felt their event last year was successful and learned about ways to make things better this year. She has asked if the association would be interested in helping financially again this year. The 2019 National Night Out will be on Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup> and the sooner things are decided the better chance of getting more participation. It was suggested that the association meet on Friday, June 21 at 3:00 at the North Neighbors Resource Center to discuss how we can help.

Currently we have \$ 1,400.00 in our Communications Fund and an additional \$ 1,500.00 in our General Fund.

Annual Meeting – This is the night that the group nominates board members. Once board members are nominated then the Executive Committee will have a meeting to decide on officers for the coming year. The current board members are Geoff Darling, Steve Emerson, Mary Harp, Rick Kokel and Darlene Strozut. Darlene has expressed the desire to share the position with another board member.

The following board members were nominated and have agreed to continue to serve the Highland Neighborhood Association: Geoff Darling, Steve Emerson, Mary Harp, Rick Kokel and Darlene Strozut. In addition, Don Ferguson was nominated as a board member and accepted.

A vote was put to all members in attendance and approved by acclamation.

**Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. and minutes were written by Mary Harp.**

**Next Neighborhood Association Meeting: October 10, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Highland Neighborhood Association  
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A vote was put to all members in attendance and approved by acclamation.

The committee then discussed and made a motion to combine the positions of Secretary and Treasurer in to one position and Mary Harp was nominated and approved by acclamation.

**The following are the current 2019 Executive Committee Members:**

Geoff Darling – Co Chair  
Steve Emerson – Co Chair  
Mary Harp – Secretary/Treasurer

**The following are the current 2019 Highland Neighborhood Board Members:**

Geoff Darling – Co Chair  
Steve Emerson – Co Chair  
Mary Harp – Secretary/Treasurer  
Rick Kokel – Board Member  
Darlene Strozut – Part-time Board Member  
Ed Ferguson – Part-time Board Member.

**Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. and minutes were written by Mary Harp.**