

**Highland Neighborhood Association
Annual Meeting Minutes
October 10, 2019**

The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Steve Emerson at 7:00 p.m. with a quorum of Board of Directors present. Introductions were made by all and there were 16 neighbors in attendance.

Meeting Minutes Approval – Approved of September 10, 2019 minutes by acclamation with no changes.

Police Officer Report – Officer Hodges was present and reminded residents to not leave their car unattended during cold mornings if they are going to warm it up. He also wanted residents to know that if they see someone strange driving around the neighborhood to call it in to the non-emergency police dispatch number. There has been an increase in graffiti problems in the area and encouraged people to also report this. In the past during the holiday season there has been reports of property damage, theft of yard ornaments, etc.

One resident did report that there was a recent incident in the neighborhood of Johnson St. N.E. where a person tried to break in to over 16 cars on Johnson St. N.E. area alone. This happened around 2:30 a.m. It's important that anytime there is an issue or incident in a neighborhood that it be reported as this allows the city to distribute resources where they are needed the most.

Marion County Parole and Probation – Officer Heather Day – Officer Day deals with Sex Offender Supervision and there are currently 7 sex offenders living in the Highland Neighborhood District. Six of these offenders are currently housed at the restoration house on Locust and the seventh is living on 4th St. NE but currently in jail. Most sex offenders have a lower rate of repeat offending.

There is currently no in-house treatment, but sex offenders are required to go through a certified sex offender treatment program. There are three groups within Marion County and all of them do polygraphs and report information to probation officers and all offenders are required to be employed.

Officer Day stated that if you have information about a sex offender that has moved into the neighborhood that seems not right or out of place, contact Oregon State Police or you may contact her directly.

Code Enforcement – Officer Wolfe – Officer Wolfe stated that since the last meeting in June, she currently has 122 active cases of which 29 are open cases and she is handling 16 of them. There are two unfit houses, 2 derelict houses and 1 public nuisance cases in the Highland district.

City Councilor Comments – Councilors Cara Kaser and Matt Ausec – No councilors were in attendance.

Broadway Street Project – Kevin Hottman and Aaron Edelman did a presentation of the project which is in the design process and the main goal is to improve safety by reducing crashes in the area. They described the changes that would be taking place and the project should begin sometime during 2021.

There were some concerns regarding the bike path and how it would be affected. There was also a concern about buses creating a backup in traffic. These concerns were addressed. There will also be a right turn lane at Broadway and Pine northbound and it was felt this would not be compatible for the area. After having researched and looked at the future traffic growth for the area, it was felt that it will help with the capacity at intersections.

Since Kevin Hottman was currently in attendance, several neighbors had some concerns about the speed humps that had been installed on Maple St. N.E. and how it was felt that the bumps were actually not helping the area in the way it was understood it would as traffic has not slowed down. A new traffic study is being done and several others have been done in the area and once the results are compiled, Mr. Hottman has promised to return to the Highland Neighborhood meeting and give a more thorough report. This will probably be sometime around March of 2020 and once the board has been notified, he will be placed on the agenda.

Neighbor Concerns and Announcements – Issues not on agenda or previously discussed –

No neighbor concerns were expressed at this time.

There will be a Fall Leaf Haul on Saturday, November 16th and on December 14th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Brown's Island Demolition Landfill. They will accept residential leaves, grass clippings, and tree limbs but no commercial landscapers are allowed. They are also looking for volunteers and if you want more information, call 503-589-2195.

Other Business – Currently the Treasurer reports that the T & A account has a balance of \$ 1,956.85 and our Communications Fund has a balance of \$ 1,495.84. It was also announced that the city did match the donations that were contributed by Capitol Chevrolet of \$ 200.00 and Benjamin Clapa of \$ 100.00.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. and minutes were written by Mary Harp.

Next Neighborhood Association Meeting: November 14, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.