

September 29, 2022

HDOG GENERAL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: 2:00 PM

LOCATION: Awakening Coffee and Tap House

PRESENT: CAROL LATOURETTE, DAVE RICHARDS OSHIRO, JENNIFER SALVIA, KATHY WITKOWSI, GILLIAN EUBANKS, ANN SAUNDERS-WEBB, ED RIDDLE, ANATTA BLACKMARR, OFFICER SARA McCLURG, MARY AND PALMER KELLUM, KATE MOORE, AL SCOTT AND SUZANNE WOLF

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. The May 26, 2022 General minutes were sent out to members for their review one week prior to the September 29, 2022 meeting.
2. Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the March 31, 2022 minutes as written made by Dave Richards Oshiro and seconded by Gillian Eubanks. All in favor to approve minutes as written. Motion passes.

TREASURER REPORT: SUMMARY 7/29/22 - 9/29/22

Business Checking Balance: \$2,552.13

- i. Income: \$3,063.27 (PayPal Transfer and Donation)
- ii. Expenses: \$1,432.00 (TTF)

Trolley Trail Festival Balance: \$233.07

- i. Income: \$0.00
- ii. Expenses: \$0.00

PayPal Balance: \$0.00

- i. Income: \$0.00
- ii. Expenses: \$2,938.27 (Transfer to HDOG Account)

Note: Treasurer asks members if the TTF balance of \$233.07 should be transferred to the HDOG Checking account. Members agree to leave \$233.07 in TTF account.

Note: Treasurer recommends changing from PayPal to Venmo due to the fees associated with PayPal. Board will discuss at future meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW URBAN HIGH SCHOOL PARK UPDATE: Anatta Blackmarr, NCPRD-DAC rep for sub-area 2, shares information about the current status of the NUHS Park along with recommendations for HDOG. See merged copy below.

NEW BUSINESS

Trunk-or-Treat: HDOG in partnership with the Oak Grove United Methodist Church invite Oak Grove residents, businesses and organizations and beyond to be a sponsor for the Sixth Annual Oak Grove Halloween event. Beginning in 2017, it was known as Knock-or-Treat and, in 2020, became the first "Honk-or-Treat" due to COVID. This year, with the continued interest to respect CDC's guidelines for Clackamas County, we are holding our first "Trunk-or-Treat" which is an outdoor event.

The Oak Grove Trunk-or-Treat is a three-hour event being held on Sunday, October 30th, between 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM in the front parking lot of the Oak Grove United Methodist Church (14700 SE Rupert Drive). Awakening Coffee volunteers to serve hot chocolate/cider at the event. The church will hold a memorial candle lighting and accept donations of baby wipes for the needy at LoveOne Milwaukie and cash donations for the North Clackamas School District Winter Blitz project that distributes Christmas gifts to students and families in need.

Sponsors will be responsible for providing and passing out treats from the back of their car and also dressing their car and, if they choose, themselves in their Halloween best. They sign up and/or ask questions by emailing Stori Long at stori.long11@gmail.com.

Budget: HDOG received \$745 in donations. Thank you to the OLWSD (\$250), Awakening Coffee (\$120), Oak Grove Community Council (\$50), Anonymous Donor (\$125) and Bobbie Paredes (\$200) for their generous contributions.

Suggestions: 1) To hold a costume or trunk decorating contest. Members agree not to hold a contest. 2) HDOG goes to businesses first, in person, before making decisions regarding events.

Request: Suzanne requests help to edit HDOG website in order to add text/flyer about Trunk-or-Treat event. Ann will ask Greg and Suzanne will inquire with Fallon.

Winter Event: Members discuss ideas for a holiday/winter event. The following are shared . . .

- First consult with businesses about what they would like to see happen
- Ann, Joe and Bobbie will be purchasing lights to light up Bobbie's two buildings during the holiday.
- Ann will talk with Jeff Hogan about lighting the trunk of the Oak tree, fence and welcome sign.
- Invite children in the community to make ornaments to hang on the tree.
- Bobbie will hang an oversized wreath in the window of the former grocery store.
- Ann will talk to businesses about hanging twinkle lights in their windows. Awakening will provide the lights.
- Anatta suggests organizing an umbrella parade. See link below.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FaebYSE5WJI>
- Recruit volunteers to serve on a Winter Holiday committee.

CALENDAR: MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

2022 HDOG MEETING DATES

GENERAL: 11/17

BOARD: 10/27 AND 12/29

MEETING ADJOURNS: 3:30 PM

9/29/22 NUHS Park Update
NCPRD-DAC Report by Anatta Blackmarr

At the September Parks District Advisory Committee meeting, it was reported that a park at New Urban HS is funded for the coming fiscal year at one hundred thousand dollars.

At the meeting, Heather Koch, a key planning staff member at North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District, said the following about the future park at New Urban:

“[The] New Urban High School [park project] was waiting for our capital projects person [who was just hired] so we hope to start breathing some life into that project. That one starts a little bit differently [than the Jennings Lodge School park project] in that although we’ve had conversations with the school district [North Clackamas School District], we do not have an intergovernmental agreement [IGA] like we do for Jennings Lodge [School], so that [the project] would be a little farther out, even with all guns a-blazing. There’s still a lot of back-and-forth that has to happen in an IGA agreement, so that the first thing [the District Advisory Committee] would see from [NCPRD] besides just a [general] update is specifically the progress on the IGA.”

The hundred thousand that is currently budgeted for the coming year is for planning and preliminary design and for some preliminary community outreach about the park. You can’t build a park for that amount. The money will be used for staff time, paying design consultants, and paying public participation consultants. Outreach may eventually take the form of open houses, surveys, and post cards mailed to nearby residents.

My follow-up is to ask Heather about whether NCPRD plans to buy the land from the school district, or partner with the school district. If they buy the land, the park will be open all the time to the public. If they partner with the school district, it will only be open to the public during non-school hours. I’ve tried before to get this information from NCPRD but it’s never risen high enough on their to-do list for me to get an answer, but now that Heather is involved, I think it will finally be possible to get an answer. I emailed her just before the HDOG meeting, but NCPRD staff doesn’t work on Fridays, so I don’t expect to hear back till next week. I’ll let you know, Suzanne, as soon as I hear.

HDOG’s follow-up is to continue to demonstrate community interest in the park happening. Feel free to check in with Heather Koch for updates. hkoch@ncprd.com You can also kickstart a Friends of the Park at New Urban group. A Friends of a park group can be as informal as inviting neighbors and local business owners (and possibly high school students) to get together and discuss what visions you have for the park. Should the park host music events? have a playground? be a nature park? have things particularly geared to high school students? etc. How would the park lend itself to the Trolley Trail Fest? You can even set up a Facebook page for the group. You definitely don’t need it to be a 501C3, but it’s nice to let NCPRD know about it and cultivate a communication channel between NCPRD and the group. Heather would probably be a good one to reach out to for that.