



## **Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**Joint Advisory Committee (JAC) meeting**

**Date: 10/16/2019**

**Time: 6:30 p.m., regular meeting**

**Location: Fanno Creek Service Center**

### **Regular Meeting** of the Joint Advisory Committee

#### **In Attendance**

Committee Members: Margaret Hite, Laura Porter, Geri Scheerens, Sam Scheerens, Jack Shorr, Sheri Wantland  
Tricia Lance, Galit Pinker, Ken Ratterree, Mike Riedel, Pat Sheleny, Nanda Siddaiah  
Ralph Becker, Rebecca Cambreleng, Linda Sneddon, Shoshana Lansberg  
Board liaison(s): Heidi Edwards, Tya Ping, Wendy Kroger  
Staff: Bruce Barbarasch, Jon Campbell, Sharon Hoffmeister, Brenda Peterson  
(recording secretary)

#### **I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m.

#### **II. Approval of Minutes.**

The minutes from the July 17, 2019 meeting were presented to the committee. Rebecca moved to approve the minutes; it was seconded by Geri. Motion to approve the minutes carried unanimously.

#### **III. Staff Announcement**

- Committee Recruitment: application process closes October 25. Looking to add one youth member to each committee. Applicant pool is smaller than last year. Applicants selected for each committee will serve a 2-year term.
- Advisory Committee Grant Requests: dollars are available every year. Projects must be completed within the fiscal year (July-June) in which the grant was awarded. Please discuss in your committee ideas for projects.

*Excerpt from April Minutes [Advisory committee grants are a way for these committee groups to put ideas into action. Grant requests must be put toward purchasing capital items; must have a life expectancy of more than one year and be valued at least \$1,000. There is about \$30,000 available each year to award to Advisory Committee projects. If a committee would like to propose a project: 1) complete application, 2) present to Joint Advisory Committee, 3) receive approval from the committee to proceed with the project.]*

#### **IV. Presentations**

Parks & Facilities Advisory Committee (Ken Ratterree PFAC Chair).

- Meadow Way Park one year pilot project: pesticide-free park. Tamer Kiykioglu who is a neighbor of the park approached the PFAC in September, 2018 requesting Meadow Way Park become the first THPRD park to become pesticide free. Tamer said he had the support of about 30 neighbors, they would like to work with us in making it pesticide free. The one acre park is located in central Beaverton, has a small soccer field, play equipment, walking path, drinking fountain and benches,

some landscape beds and trees. A MOU (memorandum of understanding) was approved in January, 2019, the program did not start until the spring:

- THPRD staff will not spray pesticides at Meadow Waye Park during the pilot program.
- Tamer is responsible for managing the weeds & grasses in the landscape areas, along the fence lines, around tree wells.
- If standards are not being met, Jon will be informed by staff, Jon will confirm by visiting the site.
- Jon will contact Tamer, notify him of the deficiencies. Tamer will have up to two weeks to make sure the deficiencies meet standards.
- Jon and Tamer will meet on site each quarter to walk the site, talk about the program.
- We are currently about halfway into the pilot project (April to April), Tamer is doing most of the work at Meadow Waye Park, and he has consistently been meeting standards.
- Comments:
  - What will the process look like if this pilot is successful? What will be the criteria for additional parks and volunteers to support other like parks?
  - Nominate Tamer Kiykioglyu (neighbor initiating the project) for a citizen award.
  - Planting pollinator plants as an alternative or enhancement in parks.
- Dog Runs/Parks: the district is moving forward on adding dog runs to recommended parks throughout the district. After an extensive educational campaign for Love em' and Leash em', Jackie Husen will be the first to receive a dog run in the northeast part of the district. With continuing outreach and temporary pop-up dog runs, the next location will likely be at Schiffler Park and maybe more. The park neighbors of this park are hopeful that the dog run will help with lessening/eliminating graffiti and vandalism with increased traffic of patrons and dogs in the park.

#### Programs and Events Advisory Committee

- Sharon presented the new welcome banner that will include the top 18 languages in our area "welcoming" families to our facilities.
  - The committee is also working with the communications department to put a "new neighbor welcome packet" together to be distributed to the Chamber of Beaverton, Beaverton School District, and other partnering agencies. The committee expects to have a version of the packet ready for the January meeting.
  - The committee is also working on refining the registration process for choosing classes and activities. More details to come.

#### **V. Announcement(s)**

Representing the Board of Directors, Heidi Edwards invited the members of the community to two upcoming community action meetings/outings. Measure 25-203 will be on November's Special Election ballot. There will be a community meeting on Sunday, October 20 and a walk on Monday, October 21 (walk from the HM Terpenning Recreation Complex to Tualatin Hills Nature Park).

Thanks to the Nature & Trails advisory committee's grant project a crosswalk has been installed where the Fanno Creek Trail crosses SW 90<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

#### **VII. Next Meeting will be held on**

Next Meeting: January 15, 2020, Fanno Creek Service Center.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m. followed by individual committee meetings, as scheduled.

Respectfully submitted, Brenda Peterson (THPRD Staff)