



Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Nature and Trails Advisory Committee Meeting

Date: December 11th, 2019

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: Fanno Creek Service Center

In Attendance

Committee Members: Sam Scheerens (chair), Sheri Wantland, Gerri Scheerens, Margaret Hite, Jack Shorr, Laura Porter
Staff: Bruce Barbarasch
Board Liaison: Not present
Guests: None
Absent: Tosin Abiodun

I. Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 6:38 PM

II. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the October 16th, 2019 meeting were presented to the committee.
Laura moved to accept the minutes; Gerri seconded the motion.
The minutes were accepted by unanimous vote

III. Old Business

None presented

IV. New Business

Visioning Update: Sam and Bruce attended recent meetings regarding the visioning process, through which THPRD is updating its long-range plans, and shared highlights:

- Community outreach efforts reached 10,000 contacts and yielded 12,000 comments from various stakeholders, including schools, immigrant and refugee groups, and many other community members.
- Comments were grouped into several overlapping "goal areas" including:
 - Welcoming/Inclusive
 - Play for Everyone
 - Accessible and Safe
 - Preserving Natural Areas (where this advisory committee will focus its attention.)
- Advisory committee discussed several areas of concern, including how to include various ethnic and cultural groups in the natural spaces conversation, and outreach, including the question of whether community members know what THPRD offers.
- Visioning process is expected to continue through May of 2020.

2019 Goal Review: Sam presented a report on the Nature and Trails Committee's work throughout 2019:

- Compared projected time for goals to actual time spent, noting the committee spent more time than anticipated on discussing underserved audiences, the Jenkins Estate project, and North Bethany Trail #2.

- Committee provided feedback on the visioning process, Tualatin Hills Nature Park sewer project, natural area land acquisition strategy, and provided support for the Bethany Creek Trail #2 project at the Multnomah County land use hearing.
- Underserved audiences were kept at the forefront of conversations.
- Committee was informed and provided feedback to THPRD Park Patrol, and received updates from Metro, Washington County, and Hillsboro on trails and natural area initiatives.
- Grant project: Crosswalk on Fanno Creek Trail at 90th Ave was installed.
- Anticipated activities for 2020 were discussed, including visioning process, Natural Resources Functional Plan, Trails Functional Plan, trail maintenance, Beaverton Creek Trail, climate change, connectivity, herbicide use, disaster preparedness, homeless issues and other goals to be named by the committee or brought forward by THPRD staff or community members.

Board Presentation: In the case of an invitation to present to the board of directors in 2020, the committee discussed what is most important to share. Suggestions include both what committee has done and what is important to members:

- Graph of what committee spent most time on in 2019
- Natural spaces
- Emergency/disaster preparedness
- Campers/homelessness affecting THPRD properties
- Nature connectivity
- Trail connections
- Diversity and inclusion

V. Other: Members who are at the end of their terms and not returning to the committee, Jack Shorr and Gerri Scheerens, were thanked for their contributions and invited back to offer feedback as community members.

VI. Next Meeting will be held on: January 15th, 2020, 6:30 PM (Joint Advisory Committee Meeting)

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Hite

Recording Secretary