



Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Parks & Facilities Advisory Committee Meeting

Date: September 15, 2021

Time: 6:00PM

Location: Virtual Meeting via Zoom

In Attendance

Committee Members: Ken Ratterree (Chair), Carl Nelson, Alaka Sarangdhar, Nanda Siddaiah

Staff: Keith Watson, Support Services Manager; Brenda Peterson, Office Tech

Presenter: Tim Bonnin, Senior Park Planner, Design & Development

Board Liaison: Alfredo Moreno (absent)

Guests: Jane Leo, via Zoom invite

Jane introduced herself: she is a neighbor of Center Street Park and has interest in submitting an application to be a member of this committee.

Absent: Tricia Lance, Michael Riedel, Tiago Zuccari, Kristen Abele

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at: 6:06 PM
- II. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes from the July 2021 meeting were approved as written. (The regular meeting in August was an optional "meeting." Some members met for a site tours of Somerset West Park, Pio Pio Park and Unity Park. The members were joined by staff from the department of Design & Development.)
- III. **Public Comment:** Keith read an email submitted by Linda Evans on September 14, 2021, addressed to the committee regarding community gardens. Keith also read from an email shared 9/14/21 from staff to current gardeners on new changes to garden plot reservations beginning this fall. This patron would like the district to consider "renting" more than one plot per household.
Discussion & Questions: Can we add garden plots to other parks? Can we expand current garden sites? Maybe a good idea to divide some plots in half for new gardeners. Keith will add this topic to the October agenda and invite the staff coordinator to present; including an update on discussion with the City of Beaverton and their community garden sites.
Website: <http://www.thprd.org/parks-and-trails/community-gardens>
- IV. **New Business**
 - Park Services Division Update
 - With the adoption of the budget, there have been some organizational changes. The main change affecting our department is the creation of a Park Services division which now includes Planning, Design & Development; Maintenance Operations and Nature & Trails (departments that encompass the full "life cycle" of a park).
 - Aisha Panas (formerly director over parks and recreation), now director of Park Services, will be at the joint meeting next month.
 - Baker Loop Neighborhood Park (YouTube link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R9GNiv4pWUc>)
 - Tim Bonnin presented on the new park development, community engagement process and budget. The focus during the community engagement events was on "play for everyone."
 - Comments & Questions: parking concerns; possible larger multi-sport court
 - To Tim: Thank you for informing the committee on how the design ideas were brought to the community for their input.
 - Conestoga Rec & Aquatic Update

- Tim presented on the construction at CRAC.
 - From the website: *Beginning August 2, 2021 the Conestoga swimming pools will be closed until December 2021 for renovation. THPRD will be renovating the entire pool area to improve pool access with a new deck, handrails, and ADA lifts. A fresh coat of paint, new ceiling lights, and new underwater lights will also brighten the pool room. In addition, visitors will have more changing room options and enjoy radiant floor heating that will warm the entire hallway to the pools. Pools that are currently open are the Aquatic Center, Beaverton Swim Center and Raleigh Swim Center. [There is no current page on the website for updates.]*
 - Comments & Questions: look forward to seeing the completed project next year.
- New Committee Member Recruitment
 - Reminder that there is open recruitment for applying for a new term. If any or all of those whose term is expiring, submit an application. Due October 25. Interviews in November. <http://www.thprd.org/district-information/advisory-committees/>



- THPRD Visioning - National Award (YouTube link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e9pByaZGpLo>)
 - The plan is complete and will be used to influence the future decisions on comprehensive plans for the district. 2020 THPRD Vision Action Plan can be found in a PDF on the website at <http://www.thprd.org/district-information/visioning/>
- Joint Meeting Agenda Ideas
 - Feel free to email Keith or Brenda on thoughts for agenda topics (for October or future joint meetings).

V. Old Business

- Dog Run Coordination Update: The program is going to be managed/coordinated with the Design & Development team and they are currently working on timeline and budget estimates for the project at Ridgewood Park. There has been some delay due to the program changing departments.
- Challenge Grant Project Update: This will be a topic that is on the agenda to be discussed at the Joint Advisory Committee meeting next month. Volunteer services staff are working to recruit for an Eagle Scout project to add benches to the dog runs. There will be an update for the committee on this project later this fall. Another idea to consider is to build more “produce boxes” at the community gardens.

VI. Wrap Up

- No additional comments.

VII. Next Meeting: Joint Advisory Committee and Regular Monthly Meeting Wednesday, October 20, 2021

Meeting adjourned at: 7:30PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by, Brenda Peterson, THPRD staff