



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

**Parks & Facilities Advisory Committee Meeting**  
**Date: March 16, 2022; Time: 6:00 PM**  
**Location: via Zoom**

**In Attendance**

Committee Members: Carl Nelson (Chair), Nanda Siddaiah (Secretary), Nisha George, Jane Leo, Jacqui Orenda-Weber, Carla Fennell

Staff: Keith Watson (Support Services Manager), Nicole Paulsen (THPRD Park Planner), Kristin Preston (Administrative Specialist)

Board Liaison: Alfredo Moreno

Public guests: Colin Looi, Sorin Blebea, Diana Blebea, Jim Lawrence, Mary Green Zwemke, Lala Climaco, Robert Truong, Vincent Tran, Edmund Yuan, Tonya Halog, Anita Rockwell, Page Watts

Absent: Erica Soto, Kristen Abele, Alaka Sarangdhar

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Carl Nelson at 6:05 pm.
- II. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes from the February 2022 meeting were emailed to the committee. Jane Leo moved to accept the minutes as written and seconded by Nanda Siddaiah. Approved unanimously.
- III. **Public Comment:** No public comment was received.
- IV. **Welcome/ Member Check-In**
  - A. Committee members and staff shared any parks visited in the last month.
- V. **New Business**
  - A. Community Presentation
    1. Tennis/pickleball court challenges: Mary Green Zwemke presented before the committee on behalf of a group of tennis and pickleball players who use the Babette Horenstein Tennis Center.
    2. The tennis groups ask was to expand court availability for racquet sports by:
      - i. Add lights to public outdoor court locations in the THPRD service area
      - ii. Extend Babette Horenstein operating hours
      - iii. Create greater THPRD team practice court guarantee through lottery system at HMT
    - ✓ Keith Watson commented that current time of facility closure is 9pm, but staff are planning to extend the closure time to 10pm this fall. Staffing challenges are currently defining the operating hours.
    - ✓ Keith explained that court lighting replacement is typically funded through traditional capital replacement funds. However, adding new lighting is more likely a future bond project or system development charge (SDC) project.
    - ✓ Page Watts inquired if this could be funded through private sector. Keith will follow up.
    - ✓ Carl asked Nanda to research how other local tennis courts operate outdoor lighting and how this service is funded.
    - ✓ There was a question regarding plans for additional pickleball courts...Keith responded that yes, there are three new courts planned at Mt. View Champions Park.
    - ✓ Nicole Paulsen added that the district also has pickleball courts being developed in Highland Park in North Bethany.

3. Committee discussion

- i. Jane does not support lighted neighborhood tennis courts at this time. More information is needed.
- ii. Committee members expressed concern for surrounding neighbors and public access should lights be added to neighborhood courts.
- iii. Lighted courts create traffic, and any potential site needs to accommodate (i.e., parking).
- iv. Keith will research potential courts that meet basic requirements and that could be included in a recommendation for lighting.
- v. Keith will pass along information to tennis center staff regarding facility hours and proposed lottery system.
- vi. The committee will continue this conversation at their April meeting.

B. New Park Plan Review: NWQ11 at NW Eleanor Ave & NW Evelyn St.

Nicole Paulsen, THPRD Park Planner presented.

1. North Bethany area – north of 26 & east of PCC Rock Creek. A trail will connect new park near Sato Elementary.
  2. Updated concept plan was shared and included a dog run, gleaning garden, loop path, and on street parking.
  3. Timeline: Spring 2022 – community engagement on park themes, survey. Virtual meeting. Use information to take to BOD for approval; Summer 22- Spring 23- permits; Summer 23 – construction.
- ✓ Nanda asked who would maintain gleaning garden? THPRD Maintenance will maintain the park. The district would look for a possible volunteer partnership like the gleaning garden at Recuerdo Park.
  - ✓ Nisha asked if the developer determines the type of play equipment? Nicole replied that the community would drive that decision
  - ✓ Nisha asked if there will be shade over seating area and if there are any plans for splash pads? Nicole shared that at this site there will be shade trees and that there are no water amenities in the initial design
  - ✓ Jane mentioned drinking fountains. She shared that people let their dogs use the faucet when there is not a dog bowl. Nicole stated that lower bowls for dogs are the standard for fountains
  - ✓ Nicole will pass along the park webpage to Keith when she gets it.

**VI. Old Business:**

A. Community Garden IGA - Letter of Support

1. Update: Keith forwarded the letter to THPRD Management. It will be presented at the May BOD meeting as a recommendation to begin maintaining the two Community Gardens from the City of Beaverton.

**VII. Wrap-up**

A. Next meeting: Joint AC Meeting April 27, 2022 (6pm)

B. Followed by PFAC meeting (7:30pm)

**VIII. Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM;

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kristin Preston, THPRD staff