



Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District Nature & Trails Advisory Committee Minutes

Date: March 16, 2022

Time: 6:30-8:30

Location: Zoom virtual meeting

In Attendance

Committee Members: Heather AbuSneineh, Katy Brumbelow, Margaret Hite (chair), Shirley Hoffmann, Erik Lehr, Alison Rhea, Sam Scheerens, Eugenie Adamah-Tassah

Guests: Joanne Delmonico

Staff: Bruce Barbarasch, Nature & Trails Manager
Crystal Durbecq, Interpretive Programs Supervisor

I. Call to Order: 6:30pm

II. Approval of Minutes: Alison moved to approve February's minutes. Seconded by Erik and passed unanimously.

III. Business

A. Treekeepers presentation by Joanne Delmonico. This grassroots group's mission is to protect the urban tree canopy in unincorporated Washington County currently through advocacy, community engagement and education, and eventually through increased regulation.* Committee members asked questions and were encouraged to speak privately to Joanne about additional networking opportunities for her group.

B. Spring Maintenance Operations Presentation by Crystal Durbecq. Presented an overview of THPRD's maintenance plan for parks and natural areas (130 sites total) for the season.* Followed by discussion from members regarding maintenance use of resources internally (barkchipping trails vs. gravel, paved, etc.) and volunteer projects. Crystal welcomed volunteers to organize and help out, and stated that they can do so without previous clearance only in the area of litter (trash) removal

C. Climate Action Plan (CAP): Presentation by Bruce regarding THPRD's process for development of this. Currently Beaverton, Washington County (natural hazard plan) and the state of Oregon have climate change mitigation plans and THPRD is in the process of incorporating these suggestions and current trail and transportation plans into a cohesive CAP which will focus on sustainability, reduction in carbon footprint, planting of more vegetation (trees especially) and encourage an active, sustainable response. There are eight priority plan design elements. The process must begin with education and community input and a plan before action and evaluation.* Committee members comments focused on having measurable outcomes and annual review. They suggested tying outcomes to Vision Action Plan.

***Presentations (generally PowerPoint format) are available upon request and provide much greater detail than reflected in minutes.**

V. Next Meeting is a joint advisory session which will be held remotely on Wednesday, April 27th , 2022 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. (Zoom link available through website or by contacting Bruce Barbarasch)

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Katy Brumbelow, recording secretary