



Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

A meeting of the Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District Board of Directors was held electronically on Wednesday, June 15, 2022. Executive Session 6:45 pm; Regular Meeting 7 pm.

Present:

Tya Ping	President/Director
Heidi Edwards	Secretary/Director
Barbie Minor	Secretary Pro-Tempore/Director
Felicita Monteblanco	Director
Alfredo Moreno	Director
Doug Menke	General Manager

Agenda Item #1 – Executive Session (A) Personnel

President Tya Ping called executive session to order for the following purposes:

- To consider the employment of a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, and
- To conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to carry out labor negotiations.

Executive Session is held under authority of ORS 192.660(2)(a) and (d).

President Ping noted that the news media and designated staff may attend executive session. Representatives of the news media were directed not to disclose information discussed during executive session. No final action or final decision may be made in executive session.

Agenda Item #2 – Call Regular Meeting to Order

A Regular Meeting of the Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District Board of Directors was called to order by President Tya Ping on Wednesday, June 15, 2022, at 7 pm.

Agenda Item #3 – Action Resulting from Executive Session

Heidi Edwards moved that the board of directors accept the general manager's evaluation as presented and authorize a compensation increase of 2.75% of salary. Felicita

Monteblanco seconded the motion. Roll call proceeded as follows:

Alfredo Moreno	Yes
Heidi Edwards	Yes
Felicita Monteblanco	Yes
Barbie Minor	Yes
Tya Ping	Yes

The motion was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Agenda Item #4 – Election of Officers for Fiscal Year 2022/23

President Ping opened the floor to nominations for board officers for Fiscal Year 2022/23.

Felicita Monteblanco nominated Barbie Minor to serve as Secretary of the Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District Board of Directors for Fiscal Year 2022/23. Heidi Edwards seconded the nomination.

Tya Ping nominated Alfredo Moreno to serve as Secretary Pro-Tempore of the Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District Board of Directors for Fiscal Year 2022/23. Barbie Minor seconded the nomination.

Tya Ping nominated Felicita Monteblanco to serve as President of the Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District Board of Directors for Fiscal Year 2022/23. Heidi Edwards seconded the nomination.

Hearing no further nominations, roll call proceeded as follows:

Barbie Minor	Yes
Alfredo Moreno	Yes
Felicita Monteblanco	Yes
Heidi Edwards	Yes
Tya Ping	Yes

The nominations were UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Agenda Item #5 – Proclamations

A. Juneteenth

The board members read into the record a proclamation declaring June 19 as Juneteenth.

B. Parks and Recreation Month

The board members read into the record a proclamation declaring July as Parks and Recreation Month.

Agenda Item #6 – Presentation: Metro Parks & Nature Levy Renewal

President Ping welcomed Metro Councilors Juan Carlos González and Gerritt Rosenthal, and Mychal Tetteh, Metro’s Parks & Nature Community Services Director, to provide information regarding Metro’s Parks & Nature levy renewal effort.

Councilor González, Councilor Rosenthal, and Mychal provided a detailed update on Metro’s parks and nature work, including recent highlights of the 2019 parks and nature bond and Metro’s parks and nature local option levy, via a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was entered into the record. Set to expire in June 2023, the Metro Council is considering asking voters to renew the levy in 2022, which would make the funding available for five additional years without raising taxes. The presentation described the impact of the current levy across the region as well as the timeline for potential renewal. They encouraged the board to provide any feedback they’d like to offer, and offered to answer any questions that the board may have, as well.

Felicita Monteblanco commented on the voter enthusiasm seen for protecting natural spaces, especially since the peak of the pandemic after spending so much time outside. She asked for confirmation that people of color were oversampled in the polling conducted for the levy renewal.

✓ Mychal confirmed this.

Felicita advocated for the district’s partnership with Metro in managing the Cooper Mountain Nature Park, noting that the THPRD board and the community it serves desires to see the park grow in size, which is going to take a concerted, partnered effort to bring to fruition.

Heidi Edwards expressed support for Metro’s work in protecting natural areas, noting that THPRD is proud to be a partner in that effort. She is also appreciative of Metro’s work to honor Native Nations. She expressed agreement with Felicita’s comments regarding expansion of the Cooper Mountain Nature Park and appreciates Metro’s leadership and partnership in this effort.

Alfredo Moreno described the importance of storytelling and providing specificity in terms of impact on communities of color for the upcoming levy renewal campaign, as well as the need to continue to protect and care for these important natural areas and mitigating the impacts of climate change.

President Ping thanked the Metro Councilors and staff for the presentation this evening and emphasized the board's support for its partnership with Metro and its passion for preserving and protecting natural resources.

Agenda Item #7 – Budget Hearing: Resolution Adopting the Fiscal Year 2022/23 Budget, Levying Taxes and Making Appropriations

A. Open Hearing

President Ping opened the Budget Hearing.

B. Staff Report

Jared Isaksen, Finance Services director/chief financial officer, provided an overview of the memo included within the board of directors' information packet via a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was entered into the record, noting that there are no adjustments to the approved budget being proposed this evening. The total appropriation amount for Fiscal Year 2022/23 is \$154,223,866, and the ad valorem property tax amount provided for in the budget is at the rate of \$1.3073 per \$1,000 of assessed value and a property tax of \$8,504,143 for bonded debt. Board approval is being requested of the resolution to adopt the FY 2022/23 budget, make appropriations, and levy ad valorem taxes.

C. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

D. Board Discussion

There was no board discussion.

E. Close Hearing

President Ping closed the budget hearing.

F. Board Action

Barbie Minor moved that the board of directors approve Resolution 2022-07 to adopt the 2022/23 budget, levy ad valorem taxes, and make appropriations. Heidi Edwards seconded the motion. Roll call proceeded as follows:

Felicita Monteblanco	Yes
Alfredo Moreno	Yes
Heidi Edwards	Yes
Barbie Minor	Yes
Tya Ping	Yes

The motion was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Agenda Item #8 – Audience Time

Secretary Heidi Edwards read written testimony received, a copy of which was entered into the record:

Jason Hohnbaum provided testimony regarding THPRD boundaries not aligning with Beaverton School District boundaries. He stated that he moved within the McKay Elementary School boundary in March of 2017, and although within Beaverton School District boundaries, his home is outside of THPRD boundaries. The Tigard Tualatin Aquatic District aligns with the Tigard Tualatin School District, and THPRD aligns with the Beaverton School District, with the exception of parts of the district that lie south of Scholls Ferry Road, leaving these areas without a parks and recreation provider. He asked that THPRD formally consider aligning their borders with the Beaverton School District, which will give entire neighborhoods an opportunity to use THPRD facilities and enable all children attending Beaverton School District to join the same camps and activities as their fellow students, despite having a Tigard address.

Secretary Edwards requested a response from district staff regarding this testimony.

- ✓ General Manager Doug Menke confirmed that this area is outside of the district's ultimate service boundary and is not eligible for the district's voluntary annexation program. Based on our Urban Service Agreement with the City of Tigard, the district could consider annexing this area, but only with the invitation to do so from the City of Tigard. Although there have been many discussions with the City of Tigard on this topic over the years, no invitation has occurred.
- ✓ Aisha Panas, Park Services director, added that those outside of THPRD's service boundary can still participate in THPRD programs through paying the out-of-district assessment fee or an additional percentage of the program fee.

Heidi Edwards recognized that the board hears this complaint often from those residing within these areas without service and thanked staff for the reminder regarding the opportunities for annexation or participation for those who live out-of-district, noting that until any movement is made with boundaries, which likely won't be soon, there are still options for the public.

Agenda Item #9 – Board Time

A. Committee Liaisons Updates

Alfredo Moreno noted that the most recent Parks & Facilities Advisory Committee meeting included a presentation from Mark Pierce, Safety Services manager, regarding how the department handles certain scenarios and their partnership with local law enforcement.

Agenda Item #10 – Consent Agenda

Felicita Monteblanco moved that the board of directors approve consent agenda items (A) Resolution Authorizing System Development Charge Indexed Rate Annual Cost Adjustment, (B) Intergovernmental Agreement with Metro for 2019 Parks and Nature Bond Local Share Program, (C) Intergovernmental Agreement with Washington County for Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund Grant Washington County Park Restroom Improvements, and (D) Collective Bargaining Agreement. Heidi Edwards seconded the motion. Roll call proceeded as follows:

Barbie Minor	Yes
Alfredo Moreno	Yes
Heidi Edwards	Yes
Felicita Monteblanco	Yes
Tya Ping	Yes

The motion was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Agenda Item #11 – New Business

A. Resolution Appointing Audit Committee Member

There is one open position on the district's Audit Committee due to the expiration of the general public member's term. Audit committee positions are two-year terms. Notice of the vacancy was published and applications to serve on the committee were accepted from May 9-31, 2022. Five applications were received; one candidate was out-of-district and another candidate withdrew their application, leaving three remaining applicants.

President Ping noted that she and Alfredo recently conducted interviews of the three applicants who were all well qualified and ready to serve their community in this capacity. It was a difficult decision, but they both recommend appointment of Aysha Ismail to the district's Audit Committee.

- ✓ Alfredo expressed agreement and thanked the community for stepping up to help the district fulfill its work in an area that requires such a special skillset.

Alfredo Moreno moved that the board of directors approve Resolution No. 2022-09, Appointing Aysha Ismail to the district’s Audit Committee for a term of two years. Barbie Minor seconded the motion. Roll call proceeded as follows:

Heidi Edwards Yes
Alfredo Moreno Yes
Felicita Monteblanco Yes
Barbie Minor Yes
Tya Ping Yes

The motion was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Agenda Item #12 – Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Tya Ping, President

Heidi Edwards, Secretary

Recording Secretary,
Jessica Collins