



Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Parks & Facilities Advisory Committee Meeting
Date: June 14, 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, Erica Soto, Carla Fennel

Staff: Keith Watson (Support Services Manager); Mark Pierce, Safety Services Manager

Board Liaison: Alfredo Moreno

Absent: Kristen Abele, Alaka Sarangdhar

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Carl Nelson at 6:03 pm.
- II. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes from the May 2022 meeting were emailed to the committee. Nanda Siddaiah moved to accept the minutes as written and seconded by Jacqui Orenda-Weber. Approved unanimously.
- III. **Public Comment:** No public comment was received.
- IV. **Welcome/ Member Check-In**
 - ✓ Carl visited Somerset West Park and provided a photo of the disc swing at the park.
 - ✓ Nanda visited Hansen Ridge Park.
 - ✓ Keith visited Commonwealth Park with his dog.
 - ✓ Jane visited the Jenkins Estate and commented on the play structure and lack of wayfinding signs.
 - ✓ Nisha visited the new park in Highlands area of North Bethany. She commented on the shade structure.
 - ✓ Alfredo visited Meadow Waye Park and Hiteon Park with his children.
 - ✓ Jacqui visited park in Hillsboro and City Park in Beaverton.
 - ✓ Erica visited a 50M pool in Pasco, Wa. and the surrounding park area.
- V. **New Business**
 - A. **Safety Services Department Overview:** Mark Pierce, Safety Services Manager, shared with the committee an overview of the Safety Services department and the role they play with regard to security, ambassadorship, community education, and emergency management.
 1. **Questions/Comments**
 - a. Carl asked if THPRD partners with the Red Cross on providing sheltering when needed in our area. Mark confirmed that four of our facilities are considered “ready shelters” and have been approved by the Red Cross.
 - b. Carl also inquired about the effectiveness of our exclusion program. Mark indicated it is usually quite effective but at times it elevates to the next step of trespass... at which point we work with our partners at City of Beaverton and Washington County.
 - c. Jacqui asked for an example of common exclusions. Mark noted that most are generated by after-hours activity in our parks.
 - d. Nanda wondered if the vandalism and graffiti had slowed at Schiffler Park since the dog run was added two years ago. Mark answered that it has been a huge positive and that while we still have some unsavory activity, it has slowed considerably.
 - B. **Regional Flexible Funds and the Metro Trails Bond:** Keith provided an overview of two projects that THPRD has submitted for Metro grant funding (Westside Trail Bicycle & Pedestrian Bridge and

construction of the Beaverton Creek Trail from Hocken Avenue to the Westside Trail). He encouraged committee members to go online and provide their support. He also asked the committee if they would be interested in drafting a letter of support to submit. Committee members agreed and Keith will work with Carl to get a draft letter developed and to the committee for review. Deadline for the letter is June 21.

VI. Old Business:

A. Tennis Court Lighting Follow Up

1. Keith shared that he had connected Nanda with tennis center staff and that they will work with each other on next steps to identify possible locations for additional outdoor court lighting.
2. Nanda mentioned Camille Park might be a site to consider given it is THPRD owned and has four courts.
3. Nanda will follow up directly with tennis staff once he hears back from his group of tennis advocates.

B. Challenge Grant Ideas (deadline for finalizing proposals is approximately September for FY2023 budget)

1. Keith shared that he had emailed the information provided by Erica to park maintenance staff to evaluate if there might be some good sites to consider a disc swing.
2. Keith shared there might be an opportunity for a project when the Ridgewood dog run opens in the fall.
3. Keith also indicated he would check the status of new park developments to see if there are any opportunities in the horizon.
4. The group commented that with the September deadline for project requests, we will need to have solid ideas for consideration by our August meeting.

VII. Wrap-up

- A. Carl and Keith inquired whether the committee would like to take a tour of the Conestoga Rec & Aquatic Center in July, in lieu of an official meeting. The majority of the group was interested, and Keith confirmed that he would secure a time and date. Tentative date: July 20 at 6pm
- B. Next meeting: No official July meeting (optional tour of Conestoga Rec & Aquatic Center)

VIII. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by Keith Watson, THPRD staff